

Are you 100% Eucharistic or just 50%?

Fr Dan Crosby gave his talk to a packed lecture hall. He called us all into question with regard to the Eucharist. Are we 100% Eucharistic or just 50%? Are we sacrificing ourselves in the Eucharist as Christ did? He stressed that we need to be fully converted to the Eucharist.

Jesus said: "Do this in memory of me." He sacrificed himself for us in the Eucharist, so he calls us to sacrifice ourselves in memory of him. Fr Dan said we must become the Eucharist we celebrate. Instead of just participating, we must be the Body and Blood of Christ that we then bring to others.

Fr Dan stated that the Eucharist must not just be a devotion, but a way of living. The great Amen is the highpoint of Mass, and the priest and the people say together 'Amen' to the mystery before them. Then after receiving communion we say yes individually. If we lived the 'Great Amen' in the true sense of what it means, the world would be a very different place to live in.

Fr Dan continued that we come to the Eucharist to receive, we see the Eucharist on the altar, but we do not see it in one another. It's only when we embrace both the Eucharist and the other person in the same way, only then are we truly doing this in memory of Him.

Opening greeting – 50th International Eucharistic Congress

Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin – Archbishop of Dublin (extract)

Gaudet Mater Ecclesia: Our Mother the Church rejoices. These were the first words of the homily preached at the opening of the Second Vatican Council by Blessed Pope John XXIII, almost fifty years ago.

Today the Church in Ireland rejoices. It rejoices not in triumphalism or external festivities. It rejoices in the gift of this Eucharistic Congress which has been attentively prepared through prayerful reflection on the great Mystery of our Faith: the sacrificial death and the life-giving resurrection of Jesus, present in the Church wherever the Eucharist is celebrated and worshipped.

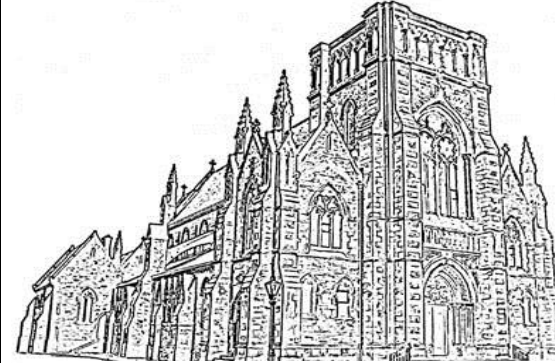
Above all the Church in Ireland rejoices in the gift of the Eucharist itself, the presence among us of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, given for us, poured out for us, in a sacrifice of love.

We pray that young Irish people will be led to know the happiness and fulfilment, the joy and the hope, the call to love and commitment that comes from an encounter with Jesus Christ.

The Church in Ireland is on the path to renewal. The Church is not ours to redesign; it is gift that we receive from the Lord with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and following the example of Mary and the saints. Gaudet Mater Ecclesia. May the Church in Ireland rejoice, as Lord renews in us the joy of our calling to Communion with Christ and communion with one another.

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th June 2012

“Corpus Christi Procession” next Sunday from Saint John's to Saint Mary's beginning at 2.30 p.m. sharp

For obvious reasons, the Corpus Christi procession is later than the actual date this year. Therefore, the Diocese of Ossory is holding its traditional *Eucharistic Procession* through the streets of Kilkenny City next Sunday, 24th June.

Bishop Freeman will carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession from *St John's Church at 2.30pm to St Mary's Cathedral for Solemn Benediction.*

The four city parishes will organise '*prayer stations*' along the route, i.e. St John's, Canal Square, The Parade, The Town Hall and The Cathedral, with choirs from the city parishes, along with the Castlecomer Male Voice Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir providing the sacred music at the various stations. A decade of the Rosary (*The Mysteries of Light*) will also be recited at each station.

All are asked to assemble at St John's Church at 2.15 for a 2.30pm start.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Declan Wyley, Castle Road
Frank O’Dwyer, Kilsheelin Heights
Brigid Murphy, Archers Avenue
Patrick O’Neill, Stockton, England

Month’s Minds: Gerard O’Brien (Sun 10.30am)

Anniversaries: Patrick Fogarty (Sat 6.30pm); Simon & Greta Brennan (Sun 10.00am); Richard & Mary Hennessy (Sun 11.00am); Michael Brett (Sun 12 noon); Richard Bergin (Sun 7.30pm); Margaret Anderson; Mary Harris; Michael & John Barry; Bridget, Sheila, Maureen & Michael Dowling; Mary & John Joe Gilmartin; Thomas & Bridget Grace; Alice & Jim Healy; Tim Hickey; Michael Larkin; David Murphy; May Shortis; Thomas Sullivan; Justin Wall.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

New rota for St John’s Ministers is now available in Sacristy.

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30pm	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell	Kevin & Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O’Gorman & Liz O’Gorman

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 9, 11, 18, 26. Bonus No. 12. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next weeks Prize Fund €20,000

Johnswell Fun Run

The Johnswell Annual 10K/5K *Fun Run* in aid of the Johnswell Community takes place this Sunday, beginning at 1.00 p.m. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun and excitement for all the family.

Bennettsbridge Field Day

A Field Day in Bennettsbridge will take place next Sunday 24th June from 2pm to 5pm. Lots of fun for all.

A HAPPY FATHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR VISITORS!

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A Parish Pastoral Council meeting takes place, Wed. at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Memorial Chalice and Paten

To mark the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland a commemorative Chalice and Paten will be presenten and blessed in our three parish churches this weekend. Beautifully hand-crafted at Jerpoint Glass, Stoneyford, County Kilkenny, they will serve to be a fitting memory of the historic Congress and of our devotion to the Eucharist.

St John’s Parish Annual Outing

The Annual Parish Outing will take place next Thursday, 21st June. Itinerary is as follows: Leaving O’Loughlin Gaels GAA Club at 11am sharp. Visiting Mount Congreve Gardens, Kilmeaden. Lunch in Tramore followed by recreation time. Depart Tramore at 4.30pm and head to Mount Juliet for tea and scones and time to relax. Names please to Pat Hickey 087 1279306, Maura Hickey 086 8758798, Anne Marie Walsh 087 2271136. Tickets: €20 each.

Cemetery Masses – Getting Near

The annual Cemetery Mass in St. Kieran’s Cemetery will be celebrated on Friday 29th June at 7.30pm. The Cemetery Mass in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will be celebrated on Friday 6th July at 7.30pm.

Eucharistic Congress Tree

Thanks to all who joined us for the conclusion of the 12.00 noon Mass last Sunday to plant a tree in memory of the *Eucharistic Congress 2012*. The “Vagus Sylvatica” (Copper Beech) was planted with the aid of many parishioners near the Bell Tower. Photos (digital only) available on request. We hope it will stand for future generations as testimony to the faith of our parish – the ‘Body of Christ’ – in the Blessed Eucharist. We thank Owen and Breda Phelan for presenting the tree, and to Shane for preparing the ground.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #30

“The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed ”

Christ has sown the seed of your vocation within you. Might it be to grow in holiness as a priest? Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Good Works Opera

Black Abbey Fund-raising Concert in aid of the Black Abbey 1225 – 2012 renovation fund. will take place on Friday 6th July at 8.00pm. It includes Caccini, Purcell, Bach, Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelsohn, Malotte, Britten. Tickets available from Stonehouse bookshop, Kieran Street, or the Priory.