

Sunday 6th June 2021—MASSES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year B



The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN PRAYER**

Ann Hebel

Joan Gleisner

Antonio Catalano

Madge Williams

Kathleen, Michael, Patrick &

Anthony Griffin

Paddy Burke

Bernard Larkin

Margaret Lawrence



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.



Have you thought?

You are what you eat

Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish kosher and Islamic halal restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden: pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

JUNE: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

6th St Norbert

7th Stervant of God, Joseph Perez

8th St William of York

9th St Ephrem

10th St Getulius

11th St Barnabas the Apostle

12th St John of Sahagun



Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus, truly present in the
Holy Eucharist,
I place my trust in you.



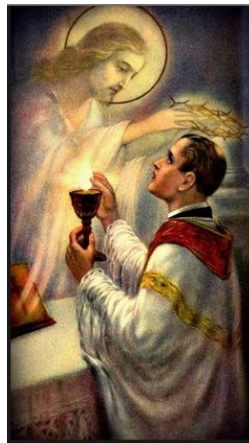
**THERE WILL BE
NO MASSES
DUE TO THE VICTORIAN
COVID LOCKDOWN
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Pray & hope for reopening next weekend.

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way--better
for each other
because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci



Loving God,

Help us
to focus on what we have
not on what is removed or
changed.

Strengthen us
when we feel discouraged
or overwhelmed.

Embrace us
so that us we know your loving
presence
within us and among us.

Walk with us
as we bring your love,
and carry your light,
into our world.

Amen.

- Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC

*The community of St Finbar's invites
everyone to the celebration of the
45th Anniversary of
Priesthood Ordination of
Fr Ian W Ranson*

*All welcome for tea, coffee and nibbles in the
Marion Room. Helpers welcome.*

*Date to be confirmed
once covid restrictions are lifted.*

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

*St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people
as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.*