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Sunday, 6 June 2021 - The Body and Blood of Christ

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



Direendaragh: Sat. Mass 6.30pm / **Templenoë:** Sun Mass: 10.45am.

Holy Cross Church, Kenmare. Mass Intentions this week.

Sat	8.00pm	Billy Godfrey Anniversary
Sun	9.30am	Special Intention
Sun	12noon	James Palmer, Fustane 1 st Anniversary
Mon	10.00am	Mary, Denis & Con O'Shea, Faungorth Anniversary
Tues	10.00am	Michael Hallissey, Gort-na-Curra Anniversary
Wed	10.00am	Antoinette Fleming Anniversary
Thur/Fri	10.00am	

Fr Ted Harrington, Ordained 8th June 1952.

Warm congratulations to Fr. Ted on the celebration of the 69th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Shrewsbury where he served for 50 years before his retirement in 2002. AD MULTOS ANNOS, may its blessings of the person and priesthood continue to grace us and our world.

Today's Sacred Scripture



1ST READING: This reading describes the solemn ratification by Moses and the people of the covenant God made with them on Mount Sinai.

PSALM: The cup of salvation is offered in the spirit of thanksgiving.

2ND READING: Christ is the high priest of the new covenant, sacrificing not animals but his own body, and sealing of the covenant with his own

blood. **GOSPEL:** This describes the preparation, and the celebration of the Passover meal Jesus ate with his disciples the night before he died.

Questions to Ponder: • Covenant implies a closeness and friendship with God:

• How do I show gratitude for God's love? When do I feel closest to God?

Farthest away? How can I grow closer? • Do I offer myself completely to God?

Message of Bishop Ray Browne for Corpus Christi Sunday (abridged).

We're glad to be able to gather as a congregation in church again, even with restricted capacity, and unable again this year to have THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION. Still the mood is one of heartfelt gratitude for the gift of gifts that is the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's sacrifice and presence.

It has been a tough 15 months virtually 'fasting from the Bread of life.' The live-streaming has been a rich blessing but still a pale shadow of being able to be together at Mass.

The ongoing postponement of First Communions and Confirmations, and the severe restrictions regarding funerals and weddings continue to hurt and disappoint. We so crave for the richness, depth and meaning of all the sacraments: children meeting Jesus in the Bread of Life for the first time, older children receiving the life-long gift of the Holy Spirit, the altar symbols of eternal life at the funeral, ('*dying Christ destroyed our death*'), - the altar symbols of faithful love at the wedding ('*The Love of Christ unto death*')

Has the absence of the 'Bread of life' increased in our heart's appreciation and love of the Mass e.g., being together as people of faith, finding hope and light in the Word of God, offering Christ's sacrifice to our Father, receiving 'the Bread of life' for life's journey.

It's time to think and talk through this with one another, to encourage one another in the faith, and in returning to regular Sunday Mass as the possibility allows.

It's time to value and give priority to all that a Christian Sunday is meant to be:

- A day of rest, a day for family.
- A day to have time to turn to God in prayer.
- A day to gather round the altar to offer Mass together.

May 'the Eucharistic famine' we have endured renew in us an appreciation of the loving-kindness of God and of his gift to us of the Mass. May getting back to Mass be a source of light, solace, and love for those struggling. Be a good neighbour and let us pray for one another.

Bishop Ray Browne.

Benediction: TANTUM ERGO is a short hymn, sung at Benediction expressing adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. GOOGLE: 'Divine Praises'.



Exam Students ... We pray for all those sitting exams at this time, Come, Holy Spirit, Bless their efforts. Help their minds to be clear and their memories and bodies strong.

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