

# Parish of St. Mary's

## Mostrim



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*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 22<sup>nd</sup> June*

### This Weekend June 21<sup>st</sup> / June 22<sup>nd</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Jim McCormack (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.).

**Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June People of the Parish.

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June Mary Kate Fox (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) - Lisnannagh.

**Next Weekend: June 28<sup>th</sup> / June 29<sup>th</sup>**

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Alan O'Hara (Month's Mind).

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 14<sup>th</sup> / Sun 15<sup>th</sup> June - €1,060 - sincere thanks.

**Sunday Scriptures - First Reading** - When this was written Jerusalem lay in ruins and the plight of God's people was like that of a widow deprived of her children. It announces a joyful feast of God and his people.

**Second Reading** - St Paul tells us that, though there are many different gifts among us, they all come from God's Spirit, and should be used for the good of all.

**Gospel** - This relates the first of the signs given by Jesus, when at a wedding in Cana he changed water into wine at the request of his mother.

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

Since the Fourteenth Century the Church of the West has celebrated this feast in every place where she is established. It commemorated the institution of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist and so it is closely linked with Holy Thursday. It was felt that other elements of the celebration of the Easter Triduum tended to obscure the aspect of the Eucharist. Therefore it was considered that a special day outside the Easter season in which the focus on this aspect would be useful. And so today's feast.

St Paul's Sunday Missal.

### • Thought for the Day •

Our lives are often shrouded in mystery. Events happen (or don't happen) and we feel confused, bemused, amazed or anxious. What does it all mean? Life itself is a mystery. And a glorious one at that. Perhaps in the face of these mysteries we could simply - just for a wee while - rest in the mystery. Just let it be. Let life be what it is. Experience it for the highs and lows it brings. Don't try to explain it. Don't try to control it. Just 'be' in it. Acknowledge that we don't know it all and that we can't know it all. Resting here, I've a feeling we'll meet with God.

- INTERCOM

"Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." - Often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

### WEBCAM

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- Fr Tom Healy -

### Summer Solstice

21<sup>st</sup> June is the longest day of the year. It is called the Summer Solstice. For those living in the northern hemisphere, the Summer Solstice is the day on which the earth, spinning on its axis, has its North Pole 'tipped' as far as it will go to face the sun. Because of this 'tipping' towards the sun, the northern hemisphere receives the longest hours of daylight of the years.

### Let us pray:

Lord God, Creator of light,  
at the rising of your sun each morning,  
let the greatest of all lights - your love -  
rise like the sun  
within my heart.

- from the Armenian Liturgy

### • Points to Ponder •

The Vietnamese Cardinal, Francis Van Thuan, who died in 2002, recounting his experience as a prisoner in a Communist re-education camp, wrote:

*'In the re-education camp, were divided into groups of 50 people. We slept on a common bed, and everyone had a right to 50 centimetres of space. We managed to make sure that there were 5 Catholics with me. At 9.30 p.m. we had to turn off the lights and everyone had to go to sleep. It was then that I would bow over the bed to celebrate the Mass by heart, and I distributed communion by passing my hand under the mosquito net. We even made little sacks from the paper of cigarette packs to preserve the Most Holy Sacrament and bring it to others. The Eucharistic Jesus was always with me in my shirt pocket. In this way, the darkness of the prison became a paschal light, and the seed germinated in the ground during the storm. The prison was transformed into a school of catechesis. Thus, in prison, I felt beating within my heart the same heart of Christ. I felt that my life was his life and his was mine.'*

The moment of communion in Mass, when we eat the body of Christ and drink his blood, is the moment of greatest intimacy that can exist between Christ and us - as the testimony of Cardinal Van Thuan bears witness. However, we cannot be in communion with the Lord without being in communion with one another. As St Augustine used to remind the assembled congregation as he held up the Sacred Host: 'See what you are and become what you see, the body of Christ'. That is the constant challenge of the Eucharist.

- INTERCOM

### Pope Leo:

"A pope is nothing more than a humble servant... beginning with St. Peter and up to myself."

"God loves to communicate himself... not in the roar of thunder and earthquakes, but in the 'whisper of a gentle breeze.'"



"Help us... to build bridges - with dialogue, with encounter, uniting all of us to be one people always in peace."

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

**CASA** Longford group are holding their annual church gate collection next week end 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June. Your continued support allows us to provide monthly events for our members, for the past 44 years. We are a voluntary group and 100% of all monies raised is used to provide this service for adults with physical/intellectual disabilities.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - JUNE

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Ijeoma Eze-Ejikeme.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Yvonne Tuite.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - JUNE

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: John Cahill, Kathleen Dowler.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.