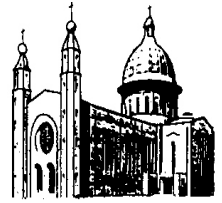


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Corpus Christi Sunday (B)

6th June, 2021

Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Together we remember

Together with beautiful sunshine, budding trees, colourful flowers, new growth, the gradual relaxation of pandemic restrictions has released a hopeful spirit of freedom and a healing renewal of human bonding. Family gatherings blossom and we promise ourselves to prioritise them in the new normal.



Social and professional groups, neighbourhood and community groups, peer and faith groups eagerly and anxiously await meeting up again. It is almost as if we did not always fully appreciate how important we are to each other not only in time of need but for enriching fulfilment every week. Technology has enhanced our communication opportunities but does not replace the togetherness that sharing a meal does.

Jesus realised the potential of a shared meal to heal differences, to nurture friendships, to mould hearts, to awaken love and to create lasting memories. So it was that on the night before He died, He gathered His disciples in the Upper Room for a meal. It was time for the Passover meal, celebrated by the Jews faithfully every year with the potential to bind people together as God's family. This time Jesus intended it to be that and much more. He gave His Body and Blood to the disciples and promised the same gift to each of us every time we gather to celebrate Eucharist. This Corpus Christi Sunday we do as He asked. *Do this in memory of me.*



As we eagerly await to do so again with fuller communities, with richer rituals and song, we can promise ourselves to prioritise the Eucharist in our hearts and in our communities, immersing ourselves in it prayerfully and emotionally, treasuring each other as God's family. Together, we are His beloved.

Fr. Tom Clancy.

A 'Meitheal' for the Meadow

We are establishing a parish **Mini Wildflower Meadow** on the grassy area adjoining the Parish Centre, contributing to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

Come and join us on Wednesday, 16 June, from 2.30 – 3.30pm to find out what is happening, and to help with weeding and tidying, and some planting.

If possible, bring an implement with you for weeding. No expertise needed.

Please text or phone Máire (086 152 2729) or Theresa (086 600 8013) to let us know you're coming, so that, if we need to change plans due to weather, we can let you know.

Faith in Action Group