

PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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June 13th/14th 2020 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

❖ *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi*

This is the feast of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. St. Paul says that we are the Body of Christ. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, the Body of Christ becomes visible. The Eucharist celebrates and strengthens our unity in Christ.

❖ *First Reading: (Deut. 8:2-3; 14-16)*

The author exhorts the people to remember that they are God's people who need to nourish themselves on his word.

❖ *Second Reading: (1Cor. 10:16-17)*

In the Eucharist we all share the same bread, and so, however many we are, we form one Body in Christ.

❖ *Gospel: (John 6:51-58)*

As food and drink nourish the body, so Christ nourishes us for this life and eternal life.

Reflection - Blessed are the Hunry

‘Blessed are the hungry; they shall have their fill.’

It is in our emptiness that we are filled

It is in our confusion that we are guided

It is in our weakness that we are strengthened

It is in our sins that we are forgiven

It is in our hunger that we are fed

We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us

Where all hungers will be satisfied

And all hopes will be fulfilled

This conviction makes it possible for us

To travel onwards with an ache in our hearts

And a longing in our soul.

Re-Opening our Church

We hope to be in a position to re-open our Church at the end of this month. However, in order to do this, we need **YOUR HELP**. We need stewards to assist parishioners entering or leaving the church and to direct them to the available seats.

If you can help out in any way please either email your name and contact details to glacey@laurellodgeparish.ie or text/'phone 087 6344248 as soon as possible.

There is a lot of work to be done before we can re-open safely and we have already started on this but **Your Help** will be of tremendous assistance. Thank you. Fr. Brendan

❖ *PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF:*

John Byrne RIP (*husband of Deirdre, Bramley View*)

Olive King RIP

Joe Lee RIP

Rita Murry RIP

Joe Thompson RIP

and all those who died recently in Ireland

Also, those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

**John, Mary and Patrick McManus, Gerrardine Collins,
Michael Hannon, Nicholas Hennigan, Kathleen O'Meara,
Br. William Morgan, Thomas and Patricia Coyle and
Stephen Nangle**

❖ *May they rest in peace.*