

WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BELIEVES ABOUT THE MASS

CCC 1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

CCC 1327 In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

CCC 1336 The first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. "Will you also go away?": the Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has "the words of eternal life" and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself.

CCC1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner. . . this sacrifice is truly propitiatory."

CCC 1373 "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But "he is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic species."

CCC 1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

CCC 2042 The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the Mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

PREPARE FOR COMMUNION - Parents of Children preparing for the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion are invited to register with the Parish Office in early September. Please bring with you a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and their Birth certificate. The **PREPARE FOR COMMUNION** programme is a parish based programme for adults to help them engage with their children about their faith in the year prior to 1st Holy Communion. Parents will meet with parish representatives to discuss their commitment to the weekly Mass. This programme is designed to assist families discuss with each other the Mass and its meaning. Every family with a child for 1st Holy Communion is expected to make a commitment to join their parish community for weekly Mass on either Saturday night (Vigil Mass) or Sunday. An essential element of Communion is missing if families only join the community of believers from time to time. If families are not ready or prepared to make this commitment they are invited to postpone if necessary their child's 1st Holy communion till they have the necessary commitment. Each week from September till June a dedicated **FAMILY FRIENDLY** Mass is celebrated in St Canice's at 12 noon. Contact the Parish Office at 01 834 3110 Mon-Fri 0930-1230.

ÍOSA AG TEACHT - Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí na bpáistí atá ag ullmhú don Chéad Fhaoistin agus don Cheád Chomaoinéach clárú in Oifig na Paróiste go luath i mí Meán Fómhair. Le do thoil beir leat cóip den Teastas Breithe agus den Teastas Baiste.

Is clár é atá bunaithe ar phobal na paróiste a thugann cabhair do thuismitheoirí an creideamh a roinnt lena bpáistí. Buailfidh na thuismitheoirí le ionadaithe ón bparóiste le cinntiú go bhfuil siad iomlán dáiríre faoi shacraimint beannaithe an Aifrinn. Iarrtar mar sin ar thuismitheoirí a chuid páistí a thionlacan chun an Aifrinn a cheiliúradh le pobal Dé ar an Domhnach nó ag an Bhigil oíche Shathairn. Níl ciall ag baint leis an sacraimint muna bhfuil an chomaoin á cleachtadh leis an bpobal go rialta gach seachtain. Níl aon fadhb ann má cheapann thuismitheoirí nach bhfuil siad iomlan dáiríre faoin Chomaoinéach Naofa. Más maith leo tá cead acu fanacht siar bliain nó dhó go dtí go bhfuil siad réidh. Ó mhí Meán Fómhair go mí an

Mheithimh tá Aifreann Clainne i mBéarla ar 12 nóin anseo le pobal Naomh Cainneach, agus Aifreann Gaeilge i teach pobal Mhuire na nDólás, Glas Naion ar a 9am.

ST CANICE'S LITURGY PREPARATION GROUP

The Liturgical Preparation Group is a co-ordinating body in the parish to prepare the liturgy for the months ahead. It consists of the priests of the parish, the heads of the Choir, Folk Group, Music Group, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, and church decoration teams plus occasional guests as the need arises. The Group meets to plan Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time up till Lent, Lent, Easter, Eastertide, Ordinary Time after Easter, and Ordinary Time before Advent. At least eight meetings are held annually. This group is most important as it acts as a vehicle to communicate how our parish expresses its faith in the Liturgy of the Church. Please contact Fr Pádraig Ó Cochláin for details at 01 834 3110 Mon-Fri 930am-1230pm