

# Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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The feast-day that is commemorated today is one that has retained its Latin title and is still generally known as 'Corpus Christi'. Its full Latin title is 'Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi'. It celebrates what we sometimes call the 'Real Presence' of Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. The processions of other days that used to mark the feast-day in Ireland are the subject of much reminiscing by those old enough to have watched, taken part or prepared their homes for the occasion.

The Mass and the Eucharist are described in the Catechism as the 'source and summit' of the Christian life. In Ireland, devotion to the Mass has been famously fervent in past times. As we were deprived of Mass with a congregation during the lockdowns and with serious limitation even yet, echoes of what we call the Penal Laws were invoked by some. The Mass was introduced to our country in the fifth century and for a millennium it was celebrated without interference of law. In 1548, following the reformation, laws began to be applied that banned the Mass and outlawed those that celebrated or organised it. Laws were issued by an Act of Uniformity that tried to replace the Mass with the Service Book of the Church of England. Most of the Irish clung to the Mass even when this led to loss of all worldly possessions and position.

It is the Mass that matters. It is the Mass that makes the difference. It is the touch-stone and foundation of faith. It holds primacy among the defining virtues. It is a treasure beyond price. These are the observations of those who handed on their culture and faith-practice to us. In the Mass we praise and glorify God. We give thanks for favours and for freedom or redemption from the finalities of death. Attending Mass is reparation for sin and an opportunity for intercession. In the many Irish language prayers for Mass-going, there is a strong emphasis on welcome. We still sing 'Céad míle fáilte romhat' at communion time. Before and after Mass, there was a strong emphasis on human companionship with gatherings of neighbours and shared activities 'after last Mass'.

Pray For:  
 Marie Bowhan R.I.P.  
 Jean Wright R.I.P.

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> 7 30 p.m. Av	Séan and Nuala Faulkner Breda Murtagh
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> 10 30 a.m. Av	Kathleen and Jem Nevins Alice and Paddy Henry and Henry/Halligan fam.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> 11 30 Av	James (Jim) Lynch 1 <sup>st</sup> Av Brian Lynch Larry Roche
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Patrún 12 noon Av	Patk Crehan Pádraig and Kitty Faulkner. Fr J Murphy
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. Av	Bernard and Mary Sands Frank and Eithne Sands B Rem Nancy Gallagher
Sat June 25 <sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Av	Rose and Pat Kieran Anne and Richard Kieran Gretta O Brien
Sat June 25 <sup>th</sup> 7 30 Av	Damian MC Gahon
Sun June 26 <sup>th</sup> 10 30 Av	Joan King King/Mulholland Fam Dec'd. John and Anne Durnin Pat and Joe Durnin Martin Durnin
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> 11 30 Av	Lil McCabe Ellen Edward and John Rogers Liam Gaughran Paul Matthews Harry and Mary Doyle MM Teresa Newman