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The Gospel:

The Fourth Gospel was written about the end of the first century. Already by then there were some people taking part in the Eucharist, without an adequate grasp of who Jesus is and what happened for us in his death and resurrection. Into that concrete situation, the evangelist shaped his writing to challenge and enrich. Earlier, in chapter 6, while the Eucharist is certainly in view, each story "lands" on a teaching about the identity of Jesus. Again, he teaches that the Eucharist presupposes a deep faith in Jesus, the word made flesh, the saviour of the world. Without such faith and without such consequences, our taking part in Eucharist would make little sense. The two issues faced by the evangelist have never really gone away...

Liberia and the Catholic Church

Fr. Luigi is grateful for the appreciation he received from the people of Wilton parish and is also grateful that we have agreed to support the work of his brother in Liberia.

A video of Fr. Luigi speaking about his experience of his kidnapping is also available.



Our support for the SMA Fathers in Liberia to date amounts to €1,455.

International Day - Sunday 8th September

The parish is gearing up to celebrate our annual International Day. It's an opportunity for us as a parish to acknowledge that we are a **Family of Nations**. Already we have various nations committed to supporting the event. Some groups will take to the stage and show us some cultural delights but at least individuals can be part of the day and fly their flag by just cooking some local delight of their country.

So far we have received commitments from India, Philippines, Ukraine, Brazil, Eritrea, and Ireland.

The more the better! Even if it is just to share with some cuisine from your country.



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Volunteers Needed For Our International Day

Each year we appeal to our members to assist in the smooth running of our International Day. It is also an opportunity for our members to get to know each other.

We need volunteers to assist in the following roles: Staff for the information desk; Tea and coffee stall; supervision of food and display tables; supervision of games for children; supervision of the stage area; supervision of toilets.

In the church on tables are forms where we ask members to sign up with their names, preferred area of assistance and phone number. If a person does not wish to leave their phone number they can give their details to Fr. Michael or leave them in the sacristy. We appreciate your support.

World War One - The Irish Story

The SMA Folklore Project present their exhibition "World War One - The Irish Story". Commemorating the 110th anniversary of the "Great War", the exhibition puts a spotlight on how the war unfolded from an Irish perspective, particularly focusing on Cork. The exhibition can be viewed in the Coffee Dock, in the Parish Centre.

There is a story of a student who approached his master with the question, "Master, what does it mean to be enlightened?"
"It means knowing that you are going to die", said the Master.

"But master, everyone knows that they are going to die".

"Ah, yes but not everyone lives with that knowledge".

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

THE GLORIA

Glorify God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The companionship of Christ is "food for the journey". He is the one who strengthens us to live in his love and according to his gospel. His food is food for everyone- rich and poor. His church is the church where everyone - rich and poor - are equal in his sight.
11th August 2024

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS. 33: 2-9

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around
those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R)**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 30-5:2

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as

readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6. 41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

Pray, brothers and sisters.....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

