

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be on Tuesday, 2nd July at
8pm, for Baptisms on Sunday, 7th
July.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Anthony (Tony) Lawlor (M. Mind) Diarmuid MacIonraic (Anniv.) Colm Traynor (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Con O'Driscoll (Rec.Dec.) Thomas Collins (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Bill Moore (Rec.Dec.) Brian Sheehan (Rec.Dec.) Tony Barron (B.Rem.)
	11.30am	Brian Sheehan (M.Mind) Ann O'Neill (M.Mind) Nancy and Dinny O'Connell (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Health Intentions
Wed	10.00am	Ciaran Lambe (Anniv.)
Thur	10.00am	Mass of thanksgiving for the Birth of Samuel.
Fri.	10.00am	Health Intention.

The Deep End • The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Pope Benedict XVI once described today's feast as 'a day on which heaven and earth work together.' He said: 'Corpus Christi is an expression of faith in God, in love, in the fact that God is love. Love does not consume: it gives and, in giving, receives.'

This is a wonderful way to approach Holy Communion. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we keep this gift for ourselves, and do not give in return, that is not love. The disciples in today's Gospel have a small amount of food, five loaves and two fish – maybe enough to feed themselves, at a stretch. But Jesus had a very different idea. Notice that Jesus hands this gift over to them to distribute among the hungry crowd. It is the disciples' responsibility to feed the hungry, to give to those in need, and to love the very crowds that they had earlier suggested sending away. The Feast of Corpus Christi reminds us of our need to be in communion with the whole body of Christ. There is room for everyone at the banquet, especially the poor and the hungry, and it is up to us to help those in need. Having received this gift of love, we are expected to pass it on. There is more than enough for everyone.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world. We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless, at the same time, we give the bread of life to those in need, wherever and whoever they may be.' (Pedro Arrupe SJ)

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FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

To mark the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 28th June, the Dublin Diocesan Council of the Pioneer Association is organising a Mass at 7pm in the Redemptoristine Convent Chapel, St. Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra (beside Iona Road Church).

The celebrant will be Fr. Tony Reilly, Parish Priest and Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Pioneers. All are welcome to attend. Ample car parking is available in the chapel grounds..

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon 24th: Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 28th: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 29th: St Peter and St Paul, Apostles

The second collection at all Masses next Sunday, June 30th, will be replaced by the annual collection in aid of Peter's Pence - the pope's charities. You are encouraged to give as generously as possible.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Antoinette Stanbridge, Philomena Paige and Elizabeth Coyle who died recently. May they rest in the loving arms of our merciful God.

**READINGS Next Sunday
(13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Psalm 15
Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Luke. 9:51-62

