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Corpus Christi

One of the highlights of my being a church worker at the Catholic Spirituality Centre was to see people visiting the perpetual adoration chapel at all hours of the day and night. They visit as individuals, as a family, and as a group to pour out their hearts to the Lord before his real presence.

I am even more fascinated by the story behind the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In 1263, a priest called Peter of Prague stopped in a little Italian town of Bolsena to celebrate Mass. He had been entertaining doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Just after the words of consecration, blood began to run from the host on to the corporal beneath. At first, he tried to hide the blood but soon he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken immediately to Orvieto, which was the residence of Pope Erbin IV. He confessed his sin of unbelief. The Pope was moved by the miracle of the corporal stained with blood. He inaugurated a new feast called Corpus Christi (the body of Christ).

The Pope then asked a Dominican Friar called Thomas Aquinas to compose a series of prayers and hymns for the feast. Thomas responded with one of the most beautiful poetic works of the Middle Ages. We still sing the Tantum Ergo (Down in adoration falling) which plays an important part in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Alphonsus, our patron saint was also a great lover of Eucharistic adoration. He explained it as follows: "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

Lord Jesus, on this great feast of Corpus Christi, I pray for the grace to renew my love for you in the Blessed Sacrament to allow you to find me, love me and make me your own.

Reflection by Edwyn de Souza

Novena notes



Feast of Corpus Christi
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 23rd June 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 23 June	Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17 You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.
Mon, 24 June The Nativity of St John The Baptist	Is 49:1-6; Ac 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80 I thank you for the wonder of my being.
Tue, 25 June	Gen 13:2,5-18; Mt 7:6,12-14 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Wed, 26 June	Gen 15:1-12,17-18; Mt 7:15-20 The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.
Thu, 27 June Our Mother of Perpetual Help	Is 7:10-17; Rev 12:1-6,10; Jn 19:25-27 Help me, O Lord, in my distress.
Fri, 28 June Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky and Companions	2 Tim 2:8-13,3:10-12; Mt 10:17-22 Those who lay down their life for the Lord's sake, will rise with the Lord.
Sat, 29 June SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles	Ac 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19 From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

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Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ, 23rd June 2019

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is also known as "Corpus Christi", which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday or on the Sunday following that feast.

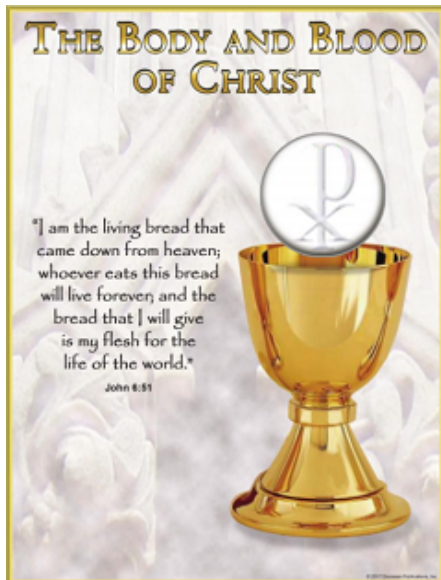
This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. Christ is really present in the Sacrament and in the people gathered to offer worship and thanks to God.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. We are also called to see the Body of in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with all of us. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of the human body in which He is the head and we are all his members. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

PIETA

Pieta is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next session would be held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019.

For further information, you can contact us at pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook : <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>



New Evangelisation Conference 2019

Come and find out what evangelisation is and is not!

This conference will equip Catholics with new and innovative ways to tell others about Jesus.

Speakers include Rev Fr Terence Pereira & Rev Fr Gino Henriques CSSR.

Date: 27 Jul 2019

Time: 9.30am - 4pm.

Venue: PSB Academy @ Marina Square, 6 Raffles Blvd

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation

For more information, please visit: www.one.org.sg/events

RCIA Chinese Programme

The New Chinese RCIA programme (2019/2020) for Adults will begin on 29th June 2019. Application forms can be obtained at the Church Office.

Novena in preparation for Annual Procession 2019

The Novena in preparation for our Annual Procession will begin on Saturday, 6th July 2019. The Theme for this special Novena is: "Completely Yours". All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

6 July - Completely Yours

13 July - Completely Yours: In Devotion

20 July - Completely Yours: In Worship

27 July - Completely Yours: In Mind

3 Aug - Completely Yours: In Heart

10 Aug - Completely Yours: In Service

17 Aug - Completely Yours: In Communication Through Technology

24 Aug - Completely Yours: In Beyond Borders

31 Aug - Completely Yours: In Youthful Passion

Peter's Pence Collection

There will be a second collection at Masses on 29th and 30th June for Peter's Pence.