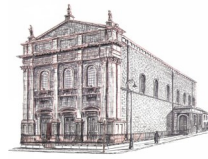




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### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The discussion of Jesus as the Bread of Life continues again this Sunday, because of its importance for the salvation of our souls. It is the Spiritual Food for our spiritual journey to feed our immortal soul. Jesus ascended into heaven in Human Bodily Form but returned to earth in a new Bodily Sacramental Form for the sole purpose to physically feed us. He asks us to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood in this holy and sacred way. His Body now appears to us in the new Form of a Living Bread. A Consecrated and Holy Bread that conceals and hides His Risen Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is the sacramental edible Eucharistic Flesh and Blood that He is referring about today. He could have gone into a more detailed explanation on how He intended to do this, but didn't. He leaves us to work out the Mystery ourselves by using the Divine Wisdom He gifted us in our Confirmation. As His new disciples, we now have the advantage to know and ponder on the meaning of the Last Supper (First Mass), where He instituted His Eucharistic Presence in today's world.

#### SHOCK!

Naturally the Jews were shocked listening to Jesus, as it seemed like a primitive recipe for cannibalism, but the real reason for doubting Him was their lack of faith in Him. The Disciples stood by Him because they knew He talked with authority from Heaven and so did not abandon Him, yet. However, we now know that Jesus was preparing the world for the coming of His Eucharistic Presence in the sacramental form of Living Bread from Heaven. It was not the earthly human Body of Jesus that He was offering them to eat, but the New Divine Sacramental Risen Body which is clothed in this New Divine Eucharistic Flesh and Blood. We do not believe this by reason but by faith.

#### BREAD OF LIFE

At the Offertory in every Mass, the Priest explains before the Congregation, that there is natural bread before us on the Altar, which will be offered up to God. Almighty God, in return and in His Goodness, will transfigure the offering, which was made from the work of human hands, but now passing through the work of Divine Hands, changing it into the Body and Blood of His Son on the Cross, and then coming to us in Holy Communion, as His Eucharistic Risen Body. *Blessed are You Lord God of all creation, for in Your Goodness we have received the bread we offer You, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the Living Bread of Life* (after the Holy Spirit possesses it). At the Annunciation, the same Holy Spirit overshadowed and entered Mary's womb and Real Life was also miraculously created, when *the Word was made Flesh*.

#### AND SPIRITUAL DRINK

Again, in the Offertory of the Mass, the Priest continues to explain what is before the Congregation. *Blessed are You Lord God of all creation, for in your Goodness we have received the wine we offer You, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us our Spiritual Drink*. This life-giving miracle of divine creation occurs after the Holy Spirit makes Holy these Gifts, by descending upon them from Heaven, in a silent and invisible way. The Holy Spirit descends changing the Gifts of bread and wine from their Earthly Substance into their new Divine Substance (trans-substantiate), which Jesus tells us today, is His New edible divine Flesh and Blood for us to eat. If we understand this then we can understand the concept of Resurrection (old to new), when our own dead bodies will enter into a Transfiguration process from Death to Life! Human nature to Divine Nature. At the Offertory of the Mass, we too offer ourselves to God lifting and offering our hearts up to the Lord. We too, should feel a new increased spiritual change in our hearts after every Mass enabling us to love and forgive each other. To become who we have received. God bless, Fr Brendan.