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EUCCHARISTIC FLESH AND BLOOD

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 for our immortal soul. Jesus ascended into heaven in Human Bodily Form but returned to earth in a new Bodily Sacramental Form, which enables us to be spiritually fed. His Body now appears to us in the new Form of Bread. A Consecrated and Holy Bread that conceals and hides His Risen Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is the sacramental edible Flesh and Blood He is talking about today. He could have gone into a more detailed explanation on how He intended to do this, but didn't. That detailed explanation is reserved for us, in our time, because we know the meaning of the Last Supper (First Mass), His Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and 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. It was not the earthly human Body of Jesus that He was offering them to eat, but the New Divine Sacramental Risen Body which contains His New Eucharistic Flesh and Blood.

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 Bread of Life* (after the Holy Spirit enters it). At the Annunciation, the same Holy Spirit overshadowed and entered Mary's womb and Life too, was 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 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 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 the Transfiguration process from Death to Life! Human nature to Divine Nature. God bless, Fr Brendan.

OPENING HYMN

SWEET HEART OF JESUS

Sweet Heart of Jesus! Fount of love and mercy,
Today we come thy blessings to implore;
Oh touch our hearts so cold and so ungrateful,
And make them Lord, thine own for evermore.

*Sweet Heart of Jesus! We implore,
Oh, make us love thee, more and more.*

OFFERTORY PROCESSION THE BELL OF THE ANGELUS

The Bells of the Angelus, Are calling to pray
With sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave

Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

RECESSIONAL HYMN HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

Dublin Diocese Evening Prayer

to celebrate the Opening of WMF 2018,
taking place in Hall 8 of the RDS
Simmons Court Building
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st August.
There are 8 tickets available
First come first served
Contact the parish office

Vincentian Family Pilgrimage

KNOCK SHRINE
Saturday , 8th September, 2018
Celebrating the Year of the Family
All are welcome
Please contact any of the Sisters
Or the parish office

FUND RAISING FOR SIDE CHAPEL OF REMEMBRANCE FOR OUR DEAD

From next Winter, as a cost cutting exercise on electricity bills, we will use the side Chapel of St Agatha's for future **10am Weekly Daily Masses**. Funerals will be held in the main Church as will weekend Masses. The proposal is to professionally fit an adjustable Partition & Door, in the Archway & to carpet & paint area. Access will still be from the main Church. To finance this transformation, everybody is invited to make a donation & in return, the Names of your Loved ones will be placed on the walls of this Remembrance Memorial Chapel which already has the names of deceased past parishioners on the walls. Your support on this will be gratefully appreciated & pleasing to God. Thank you.