



Prayer

God our Father, we know how much our world needs the witness of good priests who imitate the Good Shepherd and know how to share the love of the Sacred Heart.

Accompany your people through the ministry of priests in which Jesus himself sanctifies, embraces, feeds, heals, teaches and leads his people...

Assist young men amid the noise of daily life to hear God speaking to them within their hearts and to generously respond to the call of Christ to share in his sacred ministry. Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us. St. Joseph, Protector of Priests, pray for us.

Adapted from the text of a letter written by Pope Francis for this special year.

Prayer before Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.

Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, I love and adore you.

You're a special friend to me.

Welcome Lord Jesus, O welcome, thank you for coming to me.

Thank you Lord Jesus, O thank you, for giving yourself to me.

Make me strong to show your love, wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay, close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all of us children, in your loving care and bring us to heaven, to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, to show how much I care.

I'm ready now to give your love, at home and everywhere.

Amen

St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

June 2023



**Holy Communion/The Body of Christ/ The Bread of Life/
The Eucharist/Corpus Christi/Corp Christ.**

Of His Immense Love: (Immensae Caritatis) Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, Rome, 25 January 1973. Instruction on Facilitating Sacramental Eucharistic Communion in Particular Circumstances.

'Christ has left to the Church, his spouse, a testament of his immense love. **This wonderful gift of the Eucharist, which is the greatest gift of all**, demands that such an important mystery should be increasingly better known and its saving power fully shared. With the intention of fostering devotion to the Eucharist – the summit and source of Christian worship....

.....while the utmost reverence to such a Sacrament is constantly maintained, greater access to Holy Communion should be made possible so that the faithful, by sharing more fully in the fruits of the sacrifice of the Mass, might dedicate themselves more readily and effectively to God and to the good of the Church and of mankind'.

The Instruction issued norms in regard to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Receiving Holy Communion Twice in the Same Day – The Eucharistic Fast – Communion in the Hand.

In 2023, we give thanks for 50 years of these gifts to the Church:

1. The ministry of Extraordinary Ministers for the distribution of Holy Communion in churches, hospitals, nursing homes and in bringing Holy Communion to the sick confined to their homes.
2. The privilege of being permitted to receive Holy Communion twice in the same day.
3. The relaxation of the Eucharistic Fast for the sick and elderly.
4. The privilege, the honour, the joy of having the Eucharist, the Body of Christ placed in our own hands, while showing it all the necessary reverence with a sincere and fitting thanksgiving

'.....that their familiar attitude (the faithful) reveals reverence, fosters that intimate union for the Father of the household who gives us 'our daily bread' and leads to a living relationship with Christ of whose flesh and blood we partake.' (Based on Of His Immense Love (Immensae Caritatis), see heading)

“I Would Like to Say Mass.”

‘I would like to say Mass’ Dominic Tang, the courageous Chinese archbishop, was imprisoned for twenty-one years for nothing more than his loyalty to Christ and Christ’s one, true Church. After he had spent five years of solitary confinement in a windowless, damp cell he was told by his jailers that he would leave it for a few hours to do whatever he wanted. Five years of solitary confinement and he had a couple of hours to do what he wanted. What would it be? A hot shower? A change of clothes? Certainly, a long walk outside? A chance to call or write to family? What would it be? The jailer asked him. ‘I would like to say Mass.’ replied Archbishop Tang. [Mgr Timothy M. Dolan, *Priests of the Third Millennium* (2000), p.216]. The Vietnamese Jesuit, Joseph Nguyen-Cong Doan, who spent nine years in labor camps in Vietnam, relates how he was finally able to say Mass when a fellow priest-prisoner shared some of his own smuggled supplies. ‘That night, when the other prisoners were asleep, lying on the floor of my cell, I celebrated Mass with tears of joy. My altar was my blanket, my prison clothes my vestments. But I felt myself at the heart of humanity, and of the whole of creation.’ (ibid., p.224). Today’s feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus constantly calls us beyond ourselves to sacrificial love for others. To die by becoming one with each other and to die by sharing ourselves are at the heart of the Eucharist. If those elements are missing, our rubrics and actions are meaningless.

-Fr. Anthony Kadavil Intercom July 2023

Exam Students’ Prayer

Lord, as I prepare to study (sit my exam)
Send your Holy Spirit to guide me.

Keep me calm.

Help me to do the best I can.

Give me peace, understanding and wisdom.

Be with me today and always. Amen.

Prayer for Students at Exam Time

Everlasting God, pour out your Spirit of wisdom on students.

R/ Give them your blessing.

Help them to remain calm and to attend carefully to the questions asked. **R/** .

Help them to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well. **R/** .

May they reflect the best of the work they have done, and the best of the teaching they have received.

R/

May your love be upon them O Lord, as they place all their trust in you. **R/** *Intercom, June 2018*

9th June: Feast of St. Columba /St. Colmcille.

Be thou a bright flame before me,
be thou a guiding star above me,
be thou a smooth path below me,
be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
today, tonight and forever.



13th June: St. Anthony of Padua (1195 – 1231).

Ferdinand Bouillon was a native of Lisbon, Portugal. As a Franciscan, he took the name Anthony. He taught and preached throughout southern France and northern Italy. Great crowds, sometimes up to 30,000 came to hear this ‘Hammer of Heretics’ who brought many people back from false ways to the true faith. **Anthony died in Padua on June 13th, 1231.** He was declared a saint a year later and a Doctor of the Church in 1946 – an honour given to those saints whose learning benefits the whole Church. He is a patron of the poor and is often called to help find lost things.

Prayer to Saint Anthony.

Almighty, ever-living |God, you gave St. Anthony of Padua to your people as a preacher of great power and a helper in their needs.

Grant that with his help, we may follow the Christian way of life and know your help in all our needs.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

At the End of Each Day (Pope Francis)

‘.....It is a matter of *rereading the day with Jesus, rereading my day: opening the heart to him, bringing to him people, choices, fears, falls and hopes, all the things that happened; to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not just our own.....*

We can begin today, to dedicate this evening a moment of prayer during which we ask ourselves: how was my day? What were its joys, what were its sorrows, what were its mundanities, what happened? What were the pearls of the day, possibly hidden, to be thankful for? Was there a little love in what I did? And what are the falls, the sadness, the doubts and fears to bring to Jesus so that He can open new ways to me, to lift me up and encourage me? May Mary, wise Virgin, help us to recognize Jesus who walks with us and **to reread- the word: re-read – every day of our life in front of him.....**’

(From Pope Francis’ Regina Coeli Address, Sunday, April 23rd, 2023.)