

A reflection by St Peter Julian Eymard

Why is Jesus Christ in the Eucharist? We might make several answers to this question. But that which comprises them all is this: He is there because He loves us, and because He desires that we love Him. Love – that is the reason of the institution of the Eucharist. Without the Eucharist, the love of Jesus Christ would be for us a dead love, a past love, which we should soon forget, and which we should be almost pardonable in forgetting. Love has its laws, its demands. The Eucharist alone fully satisfies them. By it, Jesus Christ has every right to be loved, because He testifies in its infinite love for us.

Now, natural love, such as God has put into our hearts, demands three things: The presence of the loved one, or social life; community of goods; and perfect union. Absence is the pain of friendship, its torment. Distance weakens and, if it is too prolonged, ends by putting the firmest friendship to death. If our Lord is away from us, removed from us, our love for Him will undergo the dissolving effect of absence. It is in the nature of man’s love to require, in order to live, the presence of the object loved. If our Lord had left us with no other pledge of His Love than Bethlehem and Calvary – poor Saviour! how quickly we should have forgotten Him!

Love wishes to see, to hear, to converse, to touch. Nothing takes the place of the beloved one, neither souvenir, nor gifts, nor portraits. All that is without life. Our Lord knew it well. Nothing could have taken the place of His Person. We need Our Lord Himself. Could Jesus have wished to reduce us to so sad a state of living and struggling without Him? Oh, we should be too unhappy without Jesus present with us! Exiled, alone upon earth, obliged to deprive ourselves of terrestrial goods, of the consolations of life, while the worldling has all that he desires – life would be unsupportable!

But with the Eucharist! with Jesus in the midst of us ... by day and by night, accessible to all, waiting for everyone in His ever-open house, admitting the lowly, calling them with marked predilection – life is less bitter. It is a social life with Jesus. And what society! Society that makes us better, that elevates us! Love desires community of goods, common possession. It wishes to share happiness and unhappiness. To give is its nature, its instinct, to give all with joy, with pleasure. And so, Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament gives with profusion, with prodigality, His merits, His graces, yes, even His glory! Oh, how eager He is to give! He never refuses. And He gives Himself to all, and always. He covers the world with consecrated Hosts. He wishes all His children to possess Him. There still remain twelve baskets of the five loaves multiplied in the desert. All must have some! Jesus Christ would wish to envelop the world in His sacramental veil, to fertilize all nations in the waters of life that are losing themselves in the ocean of eternity, but only after having slaked the thirst, and strengthened the last of the elect. Ah! it is well for us, for all of us, O Jesus Eucharistic!

Love tends to union, the union of them that love, the fusion of two into one, of two hearts into one heart, of two

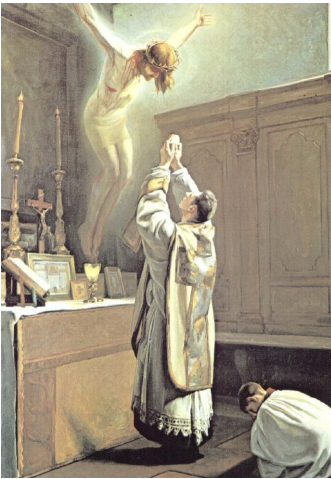
spirits into one, of two souls into one. Jesus submitted to this law of love, which He had Himself established. After having shared our state, our life, He gives Himself in Communion, He absorbs us into Himself. Divine union of souls, always more perfect, always more intimate in proportion to the vivacity of our desires! He in me, and I in Him. We abide in Him, He dwells in us. We make but one with Him, until heaven consummates in eternal and glorious union, the ineffable union commenced here below by grace, and perfected by the Eucharist! Love lives, then, with Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. It shares all the riches of Jesus. It is united with Jesus.

But what proofs of His love has Our Lord given in the Eucharist? In the first place, Our Lord has given us His word to that effect. He tells us that He loves us, that He has instituted His Sacrament only for love of us. Then, it is true. We believe an honourable man on his word. Why should we put less faith in that of Our Lord? Another undeniable proof of the love of Our Lord is the persistence of that love in the Most Blessed Sacrament. How touching is this thought to the soul that understands! Numberless Masses are daily celebrated all over the world. They succeed one another almost without interruption. And how many of these Masses, in which Jesus offers Himself for us, are unattended, how many without assistants? While, on this new Calvary, Jesus is crying for mercy, sinners are outraging God and His Christ. Why does Our Lord renew His sacrifices so often, since we do not profit by it? Why does He remain day and night on our altars, to which no one comes to receive the graces that He is offering with full hands? Because He is loving, He is hoping, He is expecting! If Jesus came on our altars only on certain days, He would fear that some sinner, impelled by a desire to return to Him, might come seeking Him and, not finding Him, would go away without waiting for Him. So He prefers to await the sinner long years Himself rather than make him wait an instant, rather than discourage him, perhaps, when he wants to escape from the slavery of sin. Oh, how few have even a remote idea of the love of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament! And, nevertheless, it is true! Oh, we have no faith in the love of Jesus! Would we treat a friend, would we treat any man, as we do Our Lord?

(The Real Presence)



Last week, with the permission of Pope Leo, it was announced by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints that Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised together on September 7th this year. The canonisation of Bl Carlo was postponed due to the death of Pope Francis and Bl Pier Giorgio was to be canonised on August 3rd. Joining them together in the one ceremony recognises the unique and powerful example of these two young men; one who died in the 20th century and the other in the 21st century (Bl Pier Giorgio in 1925 at the age of 24 and Bl Carlo in 2006 at the age of 16).



Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: ‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’ And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 109:1-4

R: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master: ‘Sit on My right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **R.**
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath He will not change. ‘You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and He said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of Me.’ In the same way He took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to His death.

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Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent for pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God’s true children meant, That may

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not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, and in the ancient paschal food, and in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, Good Shepherd, Bread Divine, still show to us Thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us Thine; So may we see Thy glories shine in fields of immortality; O Thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, our present food, our future rest, come, make us each Thy chosen guest, co-heirs of Thine, and comrades blest with saints whose dwelling is with Thee.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and He cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to Him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But He said to His disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, raised His eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then He broke them and handed them to His disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Never let me be separated from Thee. From the malignant enemy defend me. At the hour of my death, call me; and bid me come to Thee. That with Thy saints and angels, I may praise Thee for all eternity. Amen.



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Administrator: Fr Paul Chandler
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Parish Secretary: Peter Turner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Lloyd Fleming, Yvonne Mowle, Denise Hills,
Stephenus Wainamo.

the sick:

Chris Perceval, David Miron, Sue O'Brien, Julie Daley,
Pat Gurr, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville
Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Elizabeth
Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker,
and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to
the homebound and the sick.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you **please**
quote your surname and envelope number for the
reference.

Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned
giving program, please contact the parish office.

JUNE - THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

MONDAY 23rd

Feast Day of St Paulinus of Nola, bishop (Pg. 1804)

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 24th

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (Pg 1807)

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Confessions at HTS - 10.10am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 25th

Wednesday of the 12th week in Ordinary Time (Pg 630)

Holy Mass - 6.30am

THURSDAY 26th

Thursday of the 12th week in Ordinary Time (Pg 632)

Holy Mass at McLean - 10.00am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Home Rosary - 4.30pm, 11 Diamond St, Tingha

Alpha Program - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 27th

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Pg 1759, Yr C)

Rosary - 8.45am

Yr 5F Holy Mass - 9.30am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

SATURDAY 28th

Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Pg 1770)

Rosary - 7.30am

Holy Mass - 8.00am

Baptism of Parker Brennan - 10.00am

Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.00pm at Tingha

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 29th

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES: McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

From the Parish Finance Committee: At both Sunday Masses of
June 28th and 29th, the Finance Committee will present the
annual statement of the parish finances.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR JUNE

Holy Trinity Team

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Liturgy Committee - Sat 21 June 2025, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 9 July 2025, 5.00pm

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 13 July 2025, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 13 August 2025, 5.00pm

Welcome Bishop Peter Murphy

We welcome Bishop Peter Murphy as he comes to bestow
the Sacrament of Confirmation on our candidates at the
5.30pm Mass on Saturday. Please pray for all those to be
confirmed this weekend and their families.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Fri 27 June

An important Solemnity for our parish, The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus is a day on which we may particularly honour
the great mercy and love shown to us by God through the
sacrifice of His Son. Let us strive to accept Christ's invitation
to draw close to His gentle and humble heart.

The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sat 28 June

A significant Marian feast day, The Most Immaculate Heart of
Mary reminds us that Mary's heart is uniquely linked to that
of her son Jesus. It was in her heart that God fashioned a fit
dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, and it is in her Immaculate
Heart that all sinners may find a perfect guide to lead them
back to Christ.

Peter's Pence Collection

Peter's Pence Collection will be held at the Sunday Masses on
June 28 and 29. This is the annual collection that assists the
Holy Father for his charitable works.

Thank you! Thank you!

Fr Paul wishes to express his deep gratitude to those who
came to clean out and clean up the church and house at
Bundarra last Wednesday. Although a small band, the work
was all done and now the properties are in their best
condition for the auction. Thank you for your generosity with
your time.

Welcome to our newest members

At the 9am Mass next Sunday, Nicole Ridley, Courtney
Fleming, Jaide Daniels, Erin Muggleton, Jack Jeffery, Ricky
Muggleton, and Chloe de Gunst will receive the Sacraments
of Initiation and be received into the Catholic Church. They
have been preparing for this great day for a couple of months
but for each of them it has been a longer journey whereby
the Holy Spirit has guided them and brought them to the
Church. We welcome them with great joy and give thanks to
Almighty God that they have found a home with us.

The Blessed Sacrament - from Fr Paul

The highest expression of our life in Christ is found in the
sacred liturgy, which is the supreme act of worship that
humanity gives to God. It is the Church's greatest treasure. It
is not of our invention but has been given to us by divine law
and command. We receive what Christ our Lord gives us
through His Church, from the time of the apostles until now.

Divine worship and the sacred liturgy allow us to enter into the
right and just relationship with the Blessed Trinity that is God's
desire for us. Simply put, it brings us real and lasting happiness.

At the centre of the sacred liturgy, and the enduring fruit of it,
is the real, true and full presence of Christ in the consecrated
elements of bread and wine, the Blessed Sacrament. This is
Christ's abiding presence with His Church.

The great Feast of Corpus Christi is a yearly reminder of how
we should treat this beautiful and awesome sacrament. Hence,
some reminders for us:

- ♦ the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is unique
and raises the Eucharist above all the other sacraments.
- ♦ the Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of
consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species
subsists; and so prayer after Holy Communion is important.
- ♦ genuflection (going down on the right knee) is the way to
show honour and respect to the presence of Christ; bowing is
done to the crucifix, statues, and relics.
- ♦ a double genuflection (going down on both knees) is the way
to show honour and respect to the Blessed Sacrament when
exposed in the monstrance.
- ♦ when passing in front of the tabernacle from one side of the
church to the other, a genuflection is required.
- ♦ only a baptised Catholic in the state of grace may receive
Holy Communion; one who is conscious of grave sin should
not receive without going to sacramental confession.
- ♦ a fast from food and drink (except water and medicine) for
one hour is required before receiving Holy Communion
- ♦ the reception of Holy Communion kneeling and on the
tongue is a right given to each of the faithful both by law as
well as by tradition.
- ♦ the reception of Holy Communion standing and on the hand
is an exception granted by the permission of the Apostolic
See (i.e. the Pope).
- ♦ any Catholic who is not prevented by law must be admitted
to Holy Communion.
- ♦ non-Catholics and non-Christians may not be admitted to
Holy Communion.
- ♦ Catholics should receive Holy Communion at the Mass they
attend, and should do so at least once a year between Easter
and Pentecost.
- ♦ permission is granted to receive Holy Communion twice on
the same day when attending another Mass e.g. a funeral
- ♦ it is recommended that exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
take place in churches for an appropriate time at least once a
year or more often.

Sources: "Redemptionis Sacramentum" (2004), Code of Canon Law,
Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you are using a Sunday Missal:

- * Proper of Mass, Page 861
- * Preface I of the Most Holy Eucharist, Page 46
- * Eucharistic Prayer No. 1, Page 61
- * Daily Missal uses Year One (weekday Mass)