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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 18th August 2024.

Reflection:

The Holy Eucharist had been a source of unrelenting controversy in Christendom from the Middle Ages and even today among non-Catholics and Catholics alike. The controversy had centred around the question of the *real presence* of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

The Catholic Church has based her position on biblical texts like the one we have as our Gospel passage today. Jesus had been saying some quite shocking things about people having to eat his body and drink his blood. Unfortunately, many of his listeners objected. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” One would have thought that Jesus would offer an explanation but instead, he insisted, “*If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*”

When at the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and said, “Take it, eat it. this is my body,” and then wine, and said, “This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant “, his disciples realized that he was giving them what he had promised on the earlier occasion as recorded in today’s Gospel passage. They realized that the bread had become his true body and the wine his true blood. Jesus did not say, “This is a sign of my body” or “This is a sign of my blood” but rather he said, “**This is my body,**” “**This is the cup of my blood.**” And went on to add, “Do this in memory of me.”

With those words, Jesus empowered his Apostles to make his body and blood present through a spiritual transformation (transubstantiation) of bread and wine during the Eucharistic celebration. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaching, “The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with his Soul and Divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine.”

Pray for the Sick and Housebound.

Eileen Tiernan, Joyce McLean, Delia Regan, Mia O’Connor, George O’Connor, Becky Lester, Patrick Rogers,, Ray Sweeney, Rob Stuart, Lucy Murphy, John Maskell, Alisha Malone, Maise Callaghan, Damien Hegarty, John Tunney, John Reynolds, Mary Callaghan, Sarah & Stacey Todd, Bryne Lynch, Kathleen McGuigan, Maureen Kennedy, Margaret McAteer, Frank Kelly, Jackson Giles, Judy Miller, Alan Smith, Christine Jackson, Irene Rice, Karen Rice, Keith and Linda Marshal, Mary Brennan, Louise Marshal, Jim McGlynn, Declan Coyle, Paul and Kath McIlvenny, Maria Morrissey, Anne Leavey, Lee Hegarty, John Coyne. Elizabeth Brennan. Veronica Curran. John Monaghan. Patricia McGuire. Winnie McDermott. Mary Reilly. Mary McGlade. Joe Furey. Pauline Flynn. Michael Cassidy. Fr David Egan. Paul Roberts. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Eileen Toth. Alison Briceland. Catherine Hennessey. Liam Toland. Jean McLean. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Jean Angus. Sr Edith.

We pray the Good Lord will strengthen and comfort them and we pray also for all who care for the sick and elderly.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently.

Molly McGoldrick. Yvonne Brown. John Jordan. John Hennessy. Danny Gunlay

Thank you for your offerings, have a blessed week everyone