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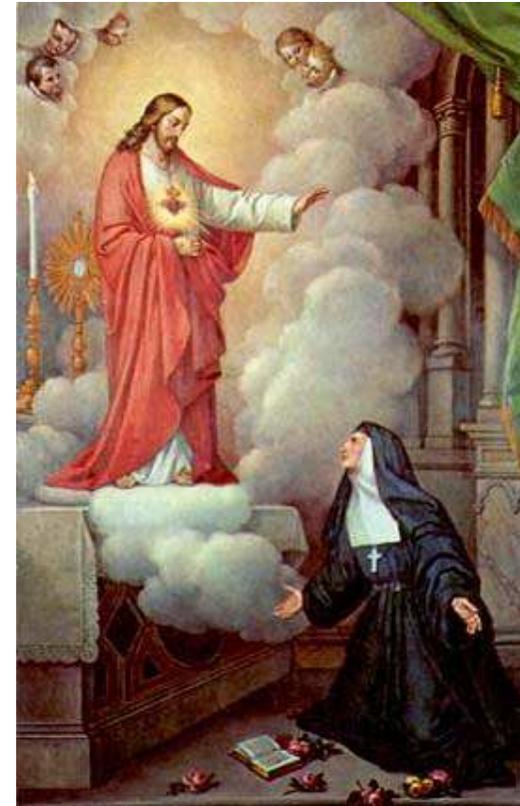
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St John's Bulletin

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June 2007
Month of the Sacred Heart

Devotions & Activities at St John's

Rosary daily at 6 pm
Every Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.30 am
Every Thursday: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Miraculous Medal Novena after the 6.30 pm Mass (except First Thursday)
First Thursday: Apostolate of Prayer for Priests. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 11 am Mass, adoration until 6.30 pm Mass.
First Friday: Benediction after the 6.30 pm Mass
First Saturday: Monthly day of Recollection (See details on next page)
Confessions: Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays
Missa Cantata: Fourth Sunday of the month
Doctrinal Conference for Adults: Tuesdays at 7.30 pm
St John's Schola and Choir: Mondays at 7.30 pm
St John's Circle: Sundays after 11 am Mass

Devotions & Activities in Athlone

Rosary daily at 7 pm
Every Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
First Friday: Benediction after Mass
First Saturday: Benediction after Mass
Confessions: Half an hour before Masses on Saturdays and Sundays
Missa Cantata: Third Sunday of the month
Children's Catechism: Sunday after Mass. Catechism Day once a month See announcements
Doctrinal Conferences for Adults: Thursdays at 7.30 pm

Devotions & Activities in Cork

Fourth Sunday: Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
First Friday: Holy Mass at 7.30 pm and Benediction after Mass
First Saturday: Holy Mass at 9.30 am and Holy Hour after Mass
Confessions: Half an hour before every Mass
Missa Cantata: First Sunday

Sunday 2nd Collection

1st : For the Seminaries of the SSPX
2nd : For Insurances (buildings, car, health)
3rd : For Utilities (heating, electricity, petrol, phone)
4th : Building Fund (renovations of churches & priories)
5th : For the Missions of the SSPX

SSPX Groups and Pious Associations in Ireland

Eucharistic Crusade: Contact Fr. Biérier

Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Boys: Contact Fr. Gonzales

St John's Circle: Contact Fr. Anglés

Youth Group: Contact Fr. Bufé

Third Order of the SSPX: Contact Fr. Bufé

St Philomena's Rosary Association: Contact Kay Cronin

Mass Stipends

1 Mass intention: 16 €
Novena of Masses: 160 €
Gregorian: 640 €

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
we need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of friendship,
we seek them when tasting life's woes.
At the altar each day we behold them,
and the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their
greatness; their dignity stands all alone;
And when we are tempted and wander
to pathways of shame and sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve
us - not once, but again and again;
And when we are taking life's partner,
other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite
us is the beautiful hand of a priest.
God bless them and keep them all holy
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better than
to ask Him to guide thee and bless?
When the hour of death comes upon us
may our courage and strength be increased.
By seeing raised over us in anointing
the beautiful hands of a priest!

Author Unknown

LASTLY, *Corpus Christi* is our Feast, we who are adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. The Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament together with its affiliated societies exists for the sole purpose of honoring Jesus Christ with a continual Feast of *Corpus Christi*. To prolong this Feast throughout the entire year is the object of our life and happiness. We leave to other children of the Church the care of the poor, the healing of the physical and moral ills of afflicted humanity, and the administration of the Sacraments. We are called only to perpetuate the Feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is therefore the special feast of us religious. It is also your Feast, my dear brethren. Have you not consecrated yourselves entirely to the service of the Most Blessed Sacrament? [An act of consecration is recited by persons who join the Eucharistic societies founded by Blessed Peter Julian.] At night you withdraw and leave us to watch with our Lord. The proprieties demand it. But you leave your hearts at the feet of the Divine King, and we can say that you spend your life here. Besides, when you receive Communion, do you not really celebrate *Corpus Christi* in your hearts? Oh! You know the joy and happiness Jesus brings with Him! I will go further and say that for souls who know how to receive Communion, there is only one feast day, that is, Communion day. They find therein the object of all the mysteries, the Being Who makes these mysteries and in Whose honor they are celebrated, whereas most Christians recall them only in a vague manner.

More than that! I say that if our Lord were not living in His Sacrament, all our Catholic feast days would be nothing but a series of funeral services. The Eucharist is the sun that gives light, life, and joy to the feasts of the Church. Someone has rightly called the soul that communicates well and often a perpetual banquet, *juge convivium*. To live with Jesus in us, to live of Jesus and through Jesus is to be a tabernacle and a precious ciborium. Oh! What a joy is that of these souls, a pure and unchanging joy!

Come! Learn how to single out these days from all the others. Our Lord has His royal feast days; today is one of them. A king is a bounteous giver. Pay homage to our Lord, and He, in return, will give you everything; He will give you His very Self with a greater abundance of His graces. He discriminates among His friends; He knows those who are more deserving of His favors. My desires and wishes for you on this beautiful day are not that you become Saints weighted down with magnificent and extraordinary virtues----when would that ever be?----but that you be very happy in the service of God, and also that our Lord give Himself to you with more of His kindness and love. If you feel that He loves you more, you will give yourself to Him more entirely; and the result of these two loves will be perfect union. Therein lie holiness and perfection. Pray with confidence to attain it. Give Him your whole heart. Jesus is a tender Father; act towards Him as loving children. He is a tender Friend; delight in His love. Ah! I fear for the salvation of the one who has never tasted the goodness of God! Penetrate into that infinite goodness! *Sentite de Domino in bonitate*. "Think of the Lord in goodness."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RETREAT FOR MEN** preached by Fathers Anglés and Biéer at Orlagh Retreat Centre, August 20-24. Contact Fr. Biéer at (01) 280 9407. Book before August 10th. Price 300 €. More details on our website ireland.spx.net
- **CORPUS CHRISTI:** Patronal Feast of our church in Athlone.
- **EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION** on Sunday following Corpus Christi after 11 am Mass in the churches.
- **PILGRIMAGE to Croagh Patrick** on Saturday 18 August.
- **CATECHISM FOR TEENAGERS** (10-18 years old) at St John's in Dun Laoghaire on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11.45 am by Fr. Biéer. Next meeting: Saturday 9 June
- **CONFERENCES FOR ADULTS** at St John's on Church History, Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. In Athlone, they are on Sacred Scripture, Thursdays at 7.30 pm. They stop at the end of June.
- **SUMMER CAMPS** in Co. Cavan for girls July 16-22 and for boys July 22-28. Contact Fr. Biéer. You will find in the churches and chapels the application form and information leaflet. All children and teenagers are welcome.
- **EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE Meeting** in Athlone on Saturday 16 June, starting with Mass at 11 am until Benediction at 3.30 pm.

Monthly Day of Recollection in St John's Every First Saturday May through December Saturday, June 2nd

10.30 am	Rosary. Confessions
11 am	Holy Mass
11.50 am	Veni Creator. First Conference. Angelus
12.45 pm	Lunch with spiritual reading (bring your own lunch). Free time
1.30 pm	Visit to the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross
2.15 pm	Veneration of the relic of the True Cross. Second Conference
3.15 pm	Rosary & Benediction. Distribution of Holy Communion
4 pm	Holy Mass

Next day of recollection, Saturday, July 7th

Letter from Father Anglés

THE GIFT OF GOD: THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Society in Ireland,



The devotion to the Sacred Heart, to Whom the month of June is dedicated, is essentially the devotion of all Christian times. It is a devotion for today as well.

Already St. John, the first apostle of the devotion, points towards the Heart upon which he had rested during the Last Supper. Privileged witness at the foot of the Cross, he writes in his gospel: "But one of the soldiers with a spear opened his side: and immediately there came out blood and water. And he that saw it hath given testimony: and his testimony is true. And he knoweth that he saith true: that you also may believe.[...] And again another scripture saith: They shall look on him whom they pierced" (John XIX, 34ss). The prophecy of the evangelist has been fulfilled every century since the Golgotha; the Church has never omitted to pay homage to that Heart in which we adore the humanity and the divinity of Jesus Christ. St. Anselm, St. Bernard, St. Gertrude, St. Mechtilde, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. John Eudes, St. Francis de Sales are only a few names among the many saints who found in the Sacred Heart their inspiration and strength.

St Gertrude, who died in 1302, is said to have had a vision of St. John the Evangelist on his feast day, where he told her that devotion to the Sacred Heart was reserved for subsequent ages, when the world would need to be reminded of His infinite love. When Jansenism was freezing the hearts of the French Catholics, Our Lord himself visited St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; He appeared to her on the feast of St. John, 27 December 1673, while Margaret Mary was a nun in the Visitation convent at Paray-le-Monial. These are His words: "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself to prove to them its love. In return, I receive from the greater number nothing but ingratitude, contempt, irreverence, sacrilege, and coldness in this Sacrament of my love. But what I feel still more is that there are hearts consecrated to me who use me thus. Therefore I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of the Blessed Sacrament be kept as a special festival in honour of my Heart, to make reparation for the indignities offered to It and as a Communion day, in order to atone for the unworthy treatment It has received when exposed upon the altars. I also promise that my Heart shall shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine love on all those who shall honour It or cause It to be so honoured."

In three different occasions, **Our Lord made to St. Margaret Mary the following promises** to those who give particular honour to His Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

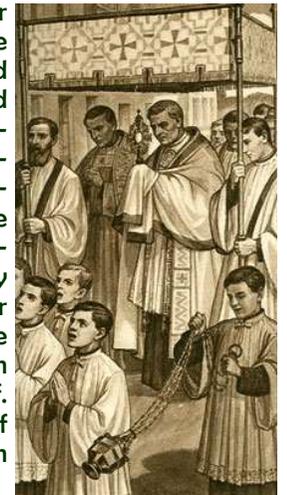
our Lord: *Corpus Christi*. Through this Body we touch Him; through it He is our Food, our Brother and our Guest. Feast of the Body of Jesus Christ: a name as full of love as it is unpretentious and well adapted to our misery! Our Lord asked for this Feast so as to draw still closer to us, just as a father is desirous of being wished a happy birthday by his child in order to have a reason for giving him a more ardent proof of his paternal affection, and of granting him some special favor.

Let this Feast therefore be one of joy, and let us expect from it the most abundant blessings. All the hymns and canticles of this solemnity express the thought that on this day our Lord will show Himself more gracious than ever. The Church, it seems, should have celebrated *Corpus Christi* on Holy Thursday, since the Eucharist was instituted on that day. But she could not have duly expressed her joy on that day of mourning; the Passion begins in Holy Thursday, and it is impossible to rejoice at the thought of death which predominates during the solemn days of Holy Week.

Corpus Christi was also postponed until after the Ascension because sad farewells had still to be bidden and a painful separation effected. It was put off until after Pentecost so that, filled with the graces and joys of the Holy Ghost, we might be able to celebrate with all possible splendor the Feast of the Divine Bridegroom Who dwells among us.

CORPUS CHRISTI is the most solemn Feast of the Church. The Church is the Bride of our Lord in all His risen glory, not of Jesus Christ at His birth or His death; when these last two mysteries took place the Church was not yet in existence. Of course she follows her Divine Bridegroom to the Crib and accompanies Him in His sufferings, but of these mysteries she has only the remembrance and grace. But Jesus Christ lives with His Church in His Sacrament.

People who have never set foot inside one of her churches think she is widowed. They look upon her as a corpse, and upon her temples as places where only death and suffering are spoken of. But today the very ones who never attend her solemn festivals will see her in all her wealth and beauty, in a natural attractiveness which God, her Bridegroom, will enhance with His presence. What magnificence in the processions as they pass by! What reverence in the faithful as they kneel down! ! The Church shows to everyone her Bridegroom in the radiant monstrance. Ah! Who today will presume to say she is widowed? Her friends are in adoration and her enemies tremble. Jesus shows Himself to all men; He gives His blessing to the good; He looks on sinners with compassion; He calls them and draws them to Himself. The Council of Trent calls this Feast the triumph of faith, and rightly so. It is also the triumph of the Church through her Divine Bridegroom.



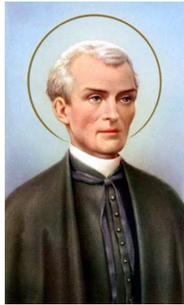
Spirituality

CORPUS CHRISTI

From the book "THE REAL PRESENCE"
By Saint Peter Julian Eymard,
Founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers

Haec est dies quam fecit Dominus.

This is the day which the Lord hath made. (Psalm cxvii. 24.)



EVERY day comes from God. They unfailingly succeed one another through His loving kindness. God allows man six days of the week for his labor and his needs, but the seventh He reserves for Himself. Sunday is therefore more particularly the day of the Lord. But of all the days there is one which is, in a more excellent manner, the day of God and is called the day of God: *Fête-Dieu*, as the French put it, which, done literally into English, would read God's Feast Day. That is truly the day which the Lord has made for Himself, for His own glory, and for the manifestation of His love. *Corpus Christi! God's Feast Day!* What a beautiful name! God's Feast Day and ours also! Let us see in what way.

THIS feast day of God, which the Church calls *Festum sacratissimi Corporis Christi*, "Feast of the most sacred Body of Christ," is the only day dedicated exclusively to the honor of His adorable Person, of His living presence in our midst. The other feasts commemorate some mystery of His past life; they are beautiful; they glorify God; and they are a rich source of graces for us. But after all they are only reminders, anniversaries of an already distant past, which relives only in our piety and devotion. Our Savior is no longer personally present in those mysteries; He accomplished them once for all and left only His grace in them. But *Corpus Christi* is an actual mystery; the object of this feast is our Lord's Person, living and present in our midst. That is why the celebration of it has a character all its own. No relics or symbols of the past are exposed, but the very object of the feast, which is living. In the countries where God is free, see how all the people proclaim His presence, how they prostrate themselves before Him! The impious themselves tremble and bow the head; God is there! How glorious for our Lord's presence is this feast, on which all men acknowledge His presence and adore Him!

Corpus Christi is also the most lovable of feast days. We were not present at all the mysteries of our Saviour's life and death which we celebrate in the course of the year. We find joy in them because they are sources of grace. But on the feast of *Corpus Christi* we participate in the mystery itself, which takes place under our eyes. This mystery is for us.

There is a relation of life between Jesus living in the Sacrament and ourselves living in the midst of the world: a relation of body to body. For that reason this feast is not called simply the feast of our Lord, but the Feast of the Body of

2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. The Great Promise: I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

The popes –especially in the last two centuries– confirmed and recommended the devotion in enthusiastic terms, writing a number of precious encyclicals, of which Pius XII's *Haurietis Aquas*, 15 May 1956, is the masterpiece. Only recently Pope Benedict XVI wrote to the General of the Society of Jesus: "Gazing at the side pierced by the lance, where shines God's boundless will for salvation, cannot then be considered as a passing form of veneration or devotion. The adoration of God's love, which found historical-devotional expression in the symbol of the pierced Heart, remains irreplaceable for a living relationship with God." And in the *Angelus* message of 5 June 2005 the pope said: "The heart that resembles that of Christ more than any other is without a doubt the Heart of Mary, His Immaculate Mother. Responding to the Virgin's invitation at Fatima, let us entrust the whole world to her Immaculate Heart, so that it may experience the merciful love of God and know true peace."

But let us clarify the value of the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Pope Pius XII insisted that a genuine understanding of it must exclude all manner of sentimentalism and naturalism. The contemplation of the Sacred Heart must be approached not as a form of false mysticism which looks suspiciously like a devotion to our own heart instead, but as **an apostolic enticement and an antidote against the modern errors:**

- The falsification or the open denial of the divine Person of Jesus Christ. How many today consider Him a legendary character? Or just a Jewish philosopher who, with greater fortune than others, founded a school of thought called Christianity? Some will see in Him a revolutionary, a political and social reformer, like those Marxist "theologians of liberation." Not to mention the blasphemous delirium of the *Da Vinci Code* which has caused untold damage in uneducated minds. In its devotion to the Sacred Heart, the Church provides us with the exact, authentic, and evangelical figure of the Word of God made flesh for our redemption. To honour the living Heart of Jesus is to honour the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, in opposition to the naturalist and rationalist lies fostered by the Masonic lodges. Is not then a most opportune and fundamental apostolate to

propagate nowadays the devotion to the Sacred Heart?

- Descending from the intellectual errors to those in the moral domain, the tendencies of the modern man can be exemplified by a truly satanic pride: man will serve neither God nor his neighbour. Brutal egoism, leading to an idolatry of the individual, is not seen as a defect but as a doctrine, formulated as a system under the name of positivism. The abdication of all noble and spiritual aspirations, of all hope which is not fixed on material things. Sacrifice, charity, self-denial, have no place in our materialistic societies. The Heart of Jesus interpellates the modern man and calls him to elevate heart and spirit towards the things of Heaven.
- Pain and suffering make no sense in today's world. Hence despair, suicides, euthanasia, and the culture of death. The suffering Heart of Christ, pierced on the Cross, gives sense and hope to those with infirm souls or bodies who look upon Him with confidence.
- Never as today has man spoken about freedom, peace, rights and dignity, about the emancipation of countries, of women, of the youth. And yet, we are inundated by the filth of pornography, by immodest dress and degrading speech. Look at the destruction of the social order starting with the family, look at the killing of innocent babies in their mother's bosoms, see the imminent dangers menacing our societies by terrorism and religious fanaticism. Satan promises freedom and brings about destruction of everything man holds dear. The model of the Sacred Heart raises mankind from this sad condition and teaches, like an open book, lessons of abnegation, of respect for life, of charity, of the beauty of chastity, of obedience, of sacrifice, and of so many other things of which the modern mind seems to have forgot even the name by which they are called.
- The estimated current monthly average of reported "legal" abortions worldwide is 1,202,000, almost 56 "legal" abortions per minute against 250 births per minute; from 1922 to 2006, over 804 million abortions are documented and almost 929 million estimated -the current world population being estimated at 6.68 billion by the United Nations Population Information Network. (Source on abortion statistics: William Robert Johnston, from the University of Texas at Dallas, U.S.A., who updates regularly a very meticulous [report on abortion](#)). The devotion to the Heart of Jesus, once a beating Heart inside a Mother's bosom, is a powerful deterrent against the greatest massacre of history.
- The very notion of love has become a joke, oftentimes a blasphemous one. Couples divorce "because they do not love each other anymore," the youth fornicate "because they are in love," the old and the sick are killed on hospital beds and too many call it "an act of love and mercy," the general population becomes used to the idea that sodomites can marry "because they love one another;" and there is always a liberal Catholic around to label the condemnation of evil as a "lack of charity." Only the attraction of a Heart at once human and divine can raise mankind from the sewer of its own depravities; centre of all hearts, only the Heart of Jesus can rescue us from misery and take us to the most noble regions of what true love is, the reflection and participation of the supreme love within the Holy Trinity. In the Incarnation, God has shortened the distance by becoming one of us for all eternity; it should not be so difficult to bring souls to the fountain of love by being apostles of the Sacred Heart.

gland. These missionaries brought with them the Celtic Rite, which differed in some minor respects from the Roman Rite followed in southern England and elsewhere. In Great Britain the abbot of Iona also founded a number of monasteries staffed by monks from his Irish monasteries and churches. He gave to each new church a hand-copied book of the Gospel. He is said to have made three hundred copies himself.

St. Columba worked in Scotland for 34 years. He returned to Ireland more than once, and on each occasion wielded a remarkable influence in matters of Irish church and society. Iona remained his center, however, and there people of all classes visited him as a leader, miracle-worker and prophet when they needed physical or spiritual help.

If in his youth Colm had expected his disciples to equal his own austerity, he mellowed with the passage of the years. Says his biographer, "He appeared loving unto all, serene and holy, rejoicing in the joy of the Holy Spirit in his inmost heart." Though he had renounced worldly authority, Colmcille was a man of truly kingly bearing. A striking figure of great stature and athletic build, this monk with "the face of an angel" was of attractive personality, "polished in speech, holy in deed, great in counsel." His voice was "so loud and melodious it could be heard a mile off."

St. Colmcille died at Iona on June 9, 597. Up to the end, he was engaged in making one final transcription of the bible. His prestige after death was so great that some 60 Scottish, Irish and Norwegian kings eventually chose to be buried near his tomb. Among those Scottish kings, Shakespeare reminds us, were King Macbeth and King Duncan, "carried to Colmkill/The sacred storehouse of (their) predecessors/And guardian of their bones." Thus did this Prince of Tirconnell, one of the "twelve apostles of Ireland" die as the revered apostle of Scotland and England's Northumbria.

The Month of June sanctified

Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Recite every day the litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Offer 1st Friday Communion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Offer 1st Saturday Communion in honour and reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On the 5th starts the Novena of St Anthony of Padua

On the 7th starts the Novena of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the 13rd starts the Novena of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Patron Saint of the Youth

On the 16th starts the Novena of St John the Baptist

On the 19th starts the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

On the 21st starts the Novena of Sts Peter and Paul

On the 23rd starts the Novena of Our Lady's Visitation

Suggested resolution for the month :

I will learn and repeat during the month of June the prayer for the dying:

O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls; I pray Thee by the agony of Thy Most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thine own Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and are to die this day. Amen. Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have pity on the dying.

100 days Indulgence each time.

Irish Saints

St Columba of Iona

Feastday: June 9



Columba, mighty in word and deed, was one of the princely O'Neills of Ireland's province of Ulster. On both his father's and mother's side he was a descendant of Irish kings. He was baptized Columba, or in his native tongue, Colum or Colm. History also refers to him as Columcille, apparently because of the many monasteries (cille) that he was to establish.

Though born to leadership, Colm chose the Church rather than the secular life. He became a monk and priest, and subsequently an abbot (but he would decline out of humility, to accept promotion to the bishopric). In preparation for this career, he studied at the great Irish monastic schools at Movilla and Clonard, and for a time, too, he was a pupil of an ancient bard. The bards, composers of poetry, were also the recorders of Irish history. Columba himself became an able poet.

For fifteen years thereafter, the young monk went about Ireland founding monasteries. The most prominent of them were at Derry, Durrow and Kells. He set an example of austerity to his monks. But the monasteries were also centres of culture. Colm, a great lover of books, spent much of his spare time making handsome hand-lettered copies of important volumes.

In 563, when he was 42, Columba decided to take up the career of a missionary. He and twelve monk-companions (all of them his relatives) sailed to the island of Iona, north of Ireland and off the west coast of Scotland. There he founded the monastery of Iona; and from this headquarters he began to work not only among the Irish who had already settled in the vicinity, but also among the Picta who lived farther north; and he preached the Gospel at least as far as Loch Ness. His followers extended their efforts down into northern En-

- Now that ecumenism is the leitmotiv among many religious people, let them be reminded that God became a man, suffered for us on the Cross, and left us His only Church to teach, sanctify, and govern us in the way to Heaven. We are told by mitred heretics that we all adore the same God. There is no Sacred Heart of Allah or of Buddha; just as Our Lady is not the Mother of the Buddha; just as in the Most Blessed Sacrament we do not adore the real presence of Allah, but the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ our Saviour, born of Mary ever Virgin and present in all the tabernacles of the world. With the Psalmist, the adorers of the Sacred Heart proclaim that "all the gods of the gentiles are demons" (Psalm XCV,5).

I could not end this letter of June without making reference to a **very practical manner of honouring the Sacred Heart: the Pledge of Abstinence**. The Pioneer Movement was founded in 1898 by the Reverend James Cullen, S.J., in the Jesuit church at Upper Gardiner Street in Dublin, to address the problem of alcohol abuse, which was rampant in Irish society at that time, and to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Cullen recognised that it was only through devotion to the Sacred Heart that the scourge of alcohol could be destroyed. In spirit of reparation and to obtain graces for those struggling with the addiction, pioneers commit themselves for life -the "Heroic Offering"- or for a determined amount of time to abstain completely from alcohol and to say twice a day the prayer: "For thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for thy sake to give good example, to practise self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain (for life, for three months, one year...) from all intoxicating drinks." Others add as well the following prayer for the recovery of drug addicts: "We commend to Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, all whose lives have been broken through the misuse of drugs. We ask Thee, O Lord, to protect them from harm and restore them to health, so that they can live out the years Thou hast given them in serenity and joy. Praise to the Heart of Jesus, our King and our God!" It would be very encouraging if some of our senior Pioneers organize local chapters in our chapels, and to see young people taking at least a temporary pledge.

The month will end with a very special gift from the Sacred Heart: the **priestly ordination of our Irish deacon David Sherry**, at the seminary of Ecône, Switzerland, June 29 at 9.00 am. Many of us will be there to share the joy of his family. Father David Sherry will spend part of his summer in Ireland and we will have the opportunity to attend his mass and receive the first blessing of the newly ordained priest. We recommend him, along with our Irish seminarians and religious, to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, while asking for many more vocations from our country, from your families.

As of today we have not one booking made for the **Men's Retreat at Orlagh, August 20-24**. Do not let this opportunity pass! On the other hand, it is reassuring to know that this year we have a record number for the summer **Eucharistic Crusade Camps**.

Your priests in Ireland bless you and pray for you, always grateful for your own prayers, affection, and material support.

Fr. Angles

Intention for the Eucharistic Crusade for the month of June

For vocations

Results for the Treasure of March



Treasure Sheets	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example
			Sac.	Spirit.					
32	929	246	215	850	1614	4611	51	46	990

Liturgical calendar for June 2007

SSPX Masses in Ireland - Locations and Times

						St John's	Athlone	Cork	Belfast	Newry	Kesh	Tralee	Galway	Cashel
Friday	1	Ember Day in the Octave of Pentecost, I class	<i>Abstinence</i>	FIRST FRIDAY	1	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am	7.30 pm						
Saturday	2	Ember Day in the Octave of Pentecost, I class		FIRST SATURDAY	2	11 am	11 am	9.30 am						
Sunday	3	Feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, I class	<i>St Kevin of Glendalough</i>		3	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	4.30 pm	5 pm		
Monday	4	St Francis Cracciolo, III class			4	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	5	St Boniface, III class			5	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	6	St Norbert, III class	<i>St Jarlath of Tuam</i>		6	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	7	Feast of Corpus Christi, I class	<i>St Colman of Dromore</i>	FIRST THURSDAY	7	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	8	Ferial, IV class	<i>Abstinence</i>		8	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Saturday	9	Our Lady on Saturday, Sts Primus & Felician, IV class	<i>St Columba of Iona</i>		9	11 am	11 am							
Sunday	10	Second Sunday after Pentecost, Solemnity of Corpus Christi, II class			10	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am				5 pm
Monday	11	St Barnabas, III class			11	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	12	St John of San Facundo, Holy Martyrs, III class			12	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	13	St Anthony of Padua, III class			13	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	14	St Basil the Great, III class			14	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	15	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I class	<i>Abstinence</i>		15	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Saturday	16	Our Lady on Saturdays, IV class			16	11 am	11 am							
Sunday	17	Third Sunday after Pentecost, II class			17	9 am & 11 am	11 am	5 pm	11 am	8.30 am				
Monday	18	St Ephrem, Sts Mark & Marcellian, III class			18	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	19	St Juliana Falconieri, Sts Gervase & Protase, III class	<i>Ded. of Cathedral of Limerick</i>		19	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	20	Ferial, St Silverius, IV class			20	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, III class			21	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	22	St Paulinus, III class	<i>Abstinence</i>	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral of Cashel</i>	22	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Saturday	23	Vigil of St John the Baptist, II class			23	11 am	11 am							
Sunday	24	Nativity of St John the Baptist, I class			24	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am				
Monday	25	St William, III class			25	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Tuesday	26	Sts John & Paul, III class			26	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Wednesday	27	Ferial, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, IV class			27	11 am & 6.30 pm	11 am							
Thursday	28	Vigil of Sts Peter & Paul, II class			28	6.30 pm	11 am							
Friday	29	The Holy Apostles Peter & Paul, I class	<i>Abstinence</i>		29	6.30 pm	11 am							
Saturday	30	Commemoration of St Paul, III class			30	11 am	11 am							
July	Sunday	1	Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I class		1	9 am & 11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	8.30 am	4.30 pm	5 pm		

Please note change:
Mass in Cork on June 17 at 5 pm.
No Mass in Galway

Holy Mass is celebrated in
Co. Mayo once a month.
Please contact Priory in
Athlone for time.