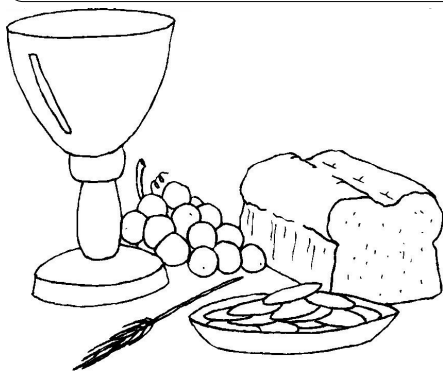




## Corpus Christi Sunday C

6<sup>th</sup> June 2010



*Fortunately, the heart is not logical. Although it knows that Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil are the highest Eucharistic celebrations, although each Sunday is in itself a Eucharistic feast, as though it was afraid to get into a routine, it rekindles the flame, revives it. Then this burning heart exposes the Body of Christ, adorns it with flowers, shows it to the whole world...*

### A bit of history

In the Middle Ages, around the year 1200, the faithful were not allowed to receive communion as they pleased. There were special conditions to fulfil in order to receive it and very few times in the year when the faithful could partake in the Eucharist. It is at that time that the priests started elevating the Body of Christ and the Cup of the Blood of Christ during the consecration, so that the faithful could compensate the lack of receiving by looking at the Eucharist! It is also at that time that the first monstrances were used to expose the body of Christ to the faithful for adoration.

The feast of the Holy Eucharist (Corpus Christi) was first established in Belgium under the impulsion of a mystical nun, Julienne de la Retine, in 1246, before being extended to the Universal Church in 1264. For many centuries, on the Thursday following Holy Trinity Sunday, Catholics everywhere organised processions with the Blessed Sacrament in the streets. They so expressed their faith in a pilgrim Church, marching to the Celestial Jerusalem (Heaven) led by its Shepherd.

Weekend masses: **SATURDAY 5 pm** and **SUNDAY 10.30 am**  
Confessions: **SATURDAY 4.30 pm** or by appointment  
Weekday masses: **TUESDAY 9 am** and **WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm**  
First Friday of the month: **ADORATION 6.15 pm** and **MASS 7.30 pm**

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For **Mass intentions** and **appointment** with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9.30 to 13.00  
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.  
For **Sick calls**, please contact  
**Clive Padayachee** on 011.852.6691 or 072.493.4773  
For **Funerals**, please contact **Vivian Patel** on 011.854.8523 or **Cynthia Thomas** on 011.854.5490  
In case of emergency only, **Fr. Philippe's** cell is 082.729.3758

### Join in the following activities...

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall.  
Contact Edgar 011 852 4960  
**INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP**: every Friday 10 am - 24  
Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523  
**PRAYER GROUP**: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Church.  
**MAINTENANCE**: contact Brian 011 854 4688  
**LITURGY**: contact Mandy 082 770 6655

### Eucharist... just a symbol ?

Most of the Christians issued from Protestantism will affirm that the Eucharist presence is just a symbol. But we Catholics believe that it is much more than a symbol. "This IS my body", says Jesus. He is really present in the piece of bread we call a host. On the other hand, we must avoid to imagine too much of a materialistic presence. The Christ of the Eucharist is a Christ of glory, He is risen. He is present through His Holy Spirit. We are not cannibalistic by eating the Body of Christ and by drinking His Blood! At the time the Gospels were written, the "body" meant the "person", and the blood contained "life". When we received the Eucharist, we receive the "person of Christ", we receive "His life".

### The Eucharistic Prayer... Highest moment in mass

Recently in St Thomas, we started kneeling again during the Eucharistic Prayer. That is because we want to express our extreme humility in front of what is being done in front of us, but also because, in the liturgy, with an extreme audacity, we offer again and again the sacrifice of Christ to the Father. Consider these words that come straight after the consecration of bread and wine in the Eucharistic Prayer nr 3:

*"Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice."*

The Church disposes of Christ as of her own possession and therefore her prayer, as poor as it may be, her intercession, filled with our sinful thoughts and demands, are rich of Christ himself!

Knowing that, who wouldn't hold his breath and feel his heart beat in Christ's own heart?

### Who has the right to receive communion?

Generally, all the baptised should receive communion, as long as they have been well prepared, so as to understand clearly what they are receiving, the person of Christ, his life. Unless they have committed some serious sin, in which case they would have to receive the pardon of Christ in the sacrament of reconciliation. What about ecumenical communion? Well, there are two problems: what is the faith of the other Christians concerning the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and secondly, the partaking into the Eucharist should precisely express our communion.

### Altar Servers Roster

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>: *Adrian, Sonam, Mitchell*

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>: *Kyle, Nathanie, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece*

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: *Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Sasha-Lee*

### Flower List

*Gregory & Cecelia Groenewald, Brian & Magdeline Jackson, Colleen Jackson, Gordon Jackson*

### Mass Intentions

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>: *Vacant*

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>: *All parishioners*

Tue 8<sup>th</sup>: *Queenie Moses RIP*

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>: *Dennis Morgan RIP*

### Novena to the Holy Spirit

During mass this week end, we ask you to fill out the feedback form on the Novena to the Holy Spirit, as honestly as possible.

### Catechism Level D

The retreat this year will be a "Life in the Spirit Seminar", which will take place at St. Thomas on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of July, from 8am to 6pm. It is compulsory for all the candidates and catechists of that level.

In spite of contradictory announcements, the Sunday evening mass is part of the catechism lesson every second week for all candidates of Level D.

This year's candidates to Confirmation will receive very soon from father a list of questions to help them prepare for an interview with him.

Fr Guido is slowly recovering from his stroke. He is still paralysed on the right side, but has started producing a few words. If you would like to visit him, he is at Riverfield Lodge, Southerwood Road, Nietgedacht (Randburg), residence 4. Not far from the Lion's Park.

The Parish Office will be closed this coming week as Shantha has to undergo an operation. Let us keep her in our prayers.