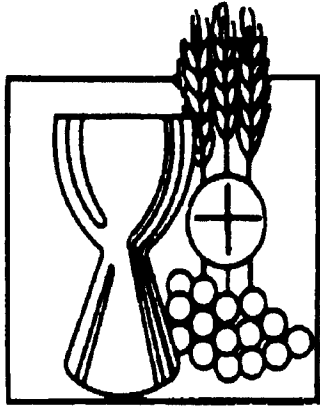


COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

At the Last Supper Our Lord gave the Eucharist to His Church in the twofold form of bread and wine and invited us all to partake in it by eating and drinking:

*"Take and eat, this is my body...
Drink this all of you, this is my blood."*



For 1,200 years all Christians received Communion under both kinds. Easter Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, still do, but in the West the practice died out, partly for theological reasons, partly for reasons of convenience. Theologically it was realised that the body and blood of Christ are present whole and entire under either form and that there was therefore no strict need for the laity to receive from the chalice; without it they would not be deprived of any sacramental grace and there would be less danger of accidents. After the Reformation, the Council of Trent considered restoring

the tradition but was reluctant to appear to be conceding a point to the Protestants who had already reintroduced it. 400 years later (1969) the Second Vatican Council shook off this inhibition and authorised the gradual restoration of the rite. While it agreed that Communion under either kind is sufficient and that the whole Christ is present under the appearances of either bread or the wine, it cannot be denied that it constitutes a limitation and an impoverishment of the sacramental sign given to us by Our Lord.

We have tended, perhaps, to identify Christ's presence and activity too exclusively with the bread, whereas both bread and wine symbolise his sacrifice (**FLESH** and **BLOOD**) and his presence among us, his presence precisely as **FOOD** and **DRINK**. In Communion under one kind we do not drink. We do indeed receive Christ's blood, because it is inseparable from his body, but we do not sacramentally drink it. Under both kinds, however, the sign is more expressive, more complete, we make a perfect memorial of what he did at the Last Supper, we demonstrate more clearly that the Eucharist is a meal, and a festive meal at that, and we associate ourselves more closely with Christ's pouring out his blood for us in the sacrifice of the new covenant. In the end, no matter what theological justifications can be elaborated for Communion under one kind, it can hardly be denied that the plain sense of Our Lord's words and his obvious intention was that we both **EAT** and **DRINK**.

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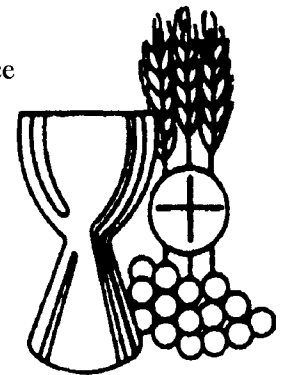


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5th November 1995 Year (C) Thirty-First Sunday of the Year.

Times of Services this week

Monday	9.30am:	Eucharistic Service
	7.00pm:	Mass
Tuesday	9.30am:	Mass
	Wednesday	9.30am:
	7.00pm:	Mass
Thursday	9.30am:	Mass
Friday	9.30am:	Mass
Saturday	9.30am:	Mass
	10.00am:	Confessions
	5.00 - 5.40pm:	Confessions
	6.00pm:	Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.00am:	Mass
	12.00noon:	Mass



November - The Month of the Holy Souls

EVENING MASSES DURING NOVEMBER To give as many of you the opportunity to offer up Mass for your beloved dead during this month of the Holy Souls, there will be two extra Masses each week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.

CEMETERY SERVICE Service for the Dead in St. Patrick's Cemetery, New Stevenson this afternoon at 2.00p.m

MASS FOR ALL THE BEREAVED OF THE PAST YEAR on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30p.m. followed by tea in the hall. More information nearer the time.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Women from the Ladies Guild will sell Christmas cards from the church stall.

MASS ATTENDANCE Last week's census showed the following results: *Vigil: 241, 10.00am: 253, 12.00noon: 286. Total: 780.* This weekend a census of Mass attendance will be taken throughout the whole of Scotland.

200 CLUB will be drawn this Sunday.

LOOP SYSTEM for the hard of hearing is now back in operation.

DAILY RECORD / SUNDAY MAIL CLIPPINGS Please do not hand in any more for the time being. This venture is now over and may re-start next time for Primary schools. On behalf of Cardinal Newman High School, many thanks to all who handed in these in.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES at all the weekday Masses (except First Fridays). More and more parishes have taken up the Bishops of Scotland's invitation to introduce the privilege of receiving Holy Communion under both species - the *Precious Blood* of the Lord under the *form of wine* as well as his *Sacred Body* under the *form of bread*. Beginning tomorrow, Monday 6th November we will offer this privilege to all those attending the weekday Masses. (See over page for fuller explanation)

SINCERE SYMPATHIES and the promise of our prayers to the family of John Sinclair, ex Mossend who died in Kincardine and was buried from Holy Family Church on All Souls day.

PLEASE KEEP THE CHURCH TIDY by returning your missalettes to the trays provided in the church porch and by replacing your hymn books at the end of the benches after each Mass on Sundays.

MASS IN CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.40am in the Oratory.

Fr. JOZO ZOVKO (Medjugorje) One of the priests associated with the repudiated visionaries of Medjugorje will visit Carfin Grotto on Monday 6th November. Beginning at 6.00pm with the rosary, Fr. Jozo will then speak before celebrating Mass at 8.00pm. At 9.00pm there will be exposition and Prayers for Healing.

RAFFLE TICKETS for the annual Innocents raffle have at last arrived. Those who wish to sell them, please call to the sacristy and uplift as many as you want.

FIRST CONFESSION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The parents of thirty seven children in our Primary school have requested that their children be enrolled for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist next year. The dates for the celebration of First Confession and First Holy Communion have now been set. The children will all prepare for the Sacraments together but will celebrate their First Confession and First Holy Communion in smaller groups (9 or 10 children in each group). The dates have been fixed as follows:

<i>First Confession:</i>	Groups 1 & 2:	Monday 25th March	7.00pm
	Groups 3 & 4:	Tuesday 26th March	7.00pm
<i>First Communion:</i>	Group 1:	Sunday 2nd June	10.00am Mass
	Group 2:	Sunday 2nd June	12.00 noon Mass
	Group 3:	Sunday 9th June	10.00am Mass
	Group 4:	Sunday 9th June	12.00 noon Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Those interested in forming such a group within the parish, please add your names to the list in the church porch. There will be a meeting of all those interested on Thursday 16th of November at 7.30pm in the church hall.

BULLETIN ITEMS & ANNIVERSARIES, MONTHS MINDS

Please post these through the presbytery letter box stating clearly on the outside of the envelope either 'BULLETIN' or 'ANNIVERSARY' etc.