

June: Month of the Sacred Heart

Just as the Month of May is dedicated to Mary the mother of God, June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart (of Jesus.) One of the ways we show our devotion for Christ is on **The Feast of Corpus Christi** and our participation in The Corpus Christi procession. While the feast falls on Thursday 11 of June, it is celebrated on the Sunday after (June 14th)

Corpus Christi means the **Body of Christ**, words that you hear every week when receive _____. It is a celebration of the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** and the real presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Can you name the sacraments you have received so far in your life?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



The Corpus Christi Procession

This has long been a tradition in the Catholic Church in Ireland and in many other countries. Churches, homes, streets, towns and villages would all get an extra cleaning and makeover. This is because The Blessed Sacrament is carried through the streets, in a **monstrance** before returning to the church. It is the church community walking with Jesus. It is a solemn procession. The priest carries the Eucharist underneath a canopy, which is carried by four canopy bearers. They remain outside the canopy.

The canopy protects the Blessed Sacrament from rain etc and creates a sacred place.



The Canopy

Protects the Eucharist

The Monstrance

Holds the Eucharist

Many people join the procession from children who have made their First Holy Communion, to youth groups such as boy scouts and religious groups.

You may have watched the procession or have even taken part in one.



Write a few lines about the time you watched or took part in the Corpus Christi procession.





