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21st Sunday of YearRosary Church
Broadcast

Good morning; and welcome to join in spirit with the people now gathered here in the Rosary parish church this Sunday morning. In a moment or two the Mass for today will be beginning, when the priest and assistants come to the altar in the middle of the sanctuary here. For those of you who may be ill, at home/in hospital, or for some other good reason are unable this morning to join with your fellow-believers in Christ in offering prayer and worship to God, we hope this broadcast may 'keep you in touche', help you make your own prayer in union of spirit with the people here. Today, in the first part of the Mass you'll hear a reading from the O.T. Book of Joshua, from the N.T. Letter of St Paul to Ephesus, and from the famous 6th chapter of St John's gospel continuing the readings from that chapter that have been, these past few Sundays, the Gospel reading for Sunday. Before the scripture readings, however, the Mass begins with a rite of repentance, of prayer and of praise to God. As the priest and assistants enter the church, the choir sings an Entry song

CHOIR**INTRO: Kyrie: Gloria: ORATIO**

The formal Assembly Prayer for today's celebration. After the prayer, all now sit down to listen to the first of the scripture readings; and this is followed by a responsory psalm, Ps 33.

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After the word of God in the scripture and in the homily given just now by Fr Cyril Barret, celebrant of this Mass, all now stand together to recite the profession of faith the

Creed

OFFERTORY:

The Prayers of General Intercession which you've just been listening to conclude the first part of the Mass in prayers of response to God's word and His message we've heard this morning. At the altar now the priest begins the liturgy of the Eucharist with the preparatory rite of the Offertory: he takes the offerings of bread and wine brought to him by the people here on behalf of all taking part in this Eucharist; and he says a blessing-prayer over the offerings.

PREFACE:

The prayer over the Gifts for today's celebration, ending the Offertory rite; the central Prayer and Action of the Eucharist now begins, first with an invitation to join, and then the special Sunday preface-prayer.

PER IPSUM:

The conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer; ~~now, in preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist, the Lord's prayer, Our Father, is recited by everybody.~~

COMMUNION:

At the altar, the priest is now receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist, taking the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. As he does so, and pauses for a moment or two of personal prayer and thanksgiving, people in the congregation here who wish also to share in this Holy Communion with Christ and each other in Christ begin to approach the sanctuary area, where the celebrant and other priests of the parish will go to share the Blessed Sacrament with them. As each in turn makes their profession of faith in Christ's presence and receives Him, returning then to their places in the church, there are some minutes which the Order of the Mass suggests be given to silent prayer and songs of praise and thanksgiving. A communion time hymn is now sung by the choir.

CHOIR

These past number of Sundays this year, the Gospel readings we've heard at Mass have all been taken from ch. 6 of St John's gospel: Jesus the Bread of life, come down from heaven. During the Communion time, in particular, it's appropriate and helpful to reflect again on those Words of God and on the Eucharist we celebrate and share in. This morning, though, there's another source of eucharistic reflection in the section of the letter of St Paul that we heard: about the love of Christ for the Church, His body. It's a piece that's more directly referred to the sacrament of marriage, speaking as it does of the relationships of husbands and wives: but it can be also referred to the Body of Christ that is the Eucharist, and so give us a perhaps novel insight into the meaning, the love and the presence of Christ in both sacraments: also, to the connection between these sacraments and the ordinary day-by-day living of Christian life, where Christ is present too.

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END The giving of Holy Communion now over, the priests have gone back to the altar, putting ~~away~~ in the tabernacle the Sacred Hosts that remain over. After a short pause for his own personal recollection & prayer, the priest will next recite the final Thanksgiving Prayer and then give the Blessing.

The Blessing & Dismissal conclude the celebration of Mass for this 21st Sunday in the ordinary time of the Year. As the people begin to leave the church and the choir sings a Recessional, we also end