

THE SACRIFICE WE OFFER

NEWCASTLE PARISHES

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Those who have been raised to the **dignity of the royal priesthood** by Baptism and Confirmation **participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice** by means of the Eucharist.

The Liturgical Assembly

BECOME
ONE BODY
ONE SPIRIT
IN CHRIST



Crafting the Art of Liturgy
Act of the whole church

THIS PEOPLE IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

A people giving thanks in
Christ for the mystery of
salvation by **offering**
his Sacrifice

SACRIFICE

- What does the word **SACRIFICE** mean in our world today?
- What does sacrifice mean for you in the Catholic context?

A key to understanding what we mean by Christian Sacrifice ...

We can only experience sacrifice that is Christian in the flesh and blood of our human experiences ...

Christian Sacrifice

When in your life have you had an experience of deep love - either of knowing that you are loved, or of loving another?

Reflect on that event, person, experience of human loving, longing, moment of love, of delight

What is Christian Sacrifice?

When we talk about the way we respond to each other in **LOVE** we are talking about Christian sacrifice

The source of this love and its perfection is found only in God

Sacrifice but not Christian

- Something that we give up
- Enduring a situation that is harmful or unjust - justifying suffering
- ‘Self sacrifice’ that leads to loss of identity
- Giving up what you love
- Something that is done to or imposed

What is Christian sacrifice?

- A mutual self-giving loving event that is free and self-giving and takes place between two persons
- A love that is grounded in God

Christian sacrifice is Trinitarian

1. The Creator's love for the created is so abundant and bountiful that God becomes human in Jesus.
2. The Beloved offers a totally free and loving response even unto death.
3. When we love each other, through the power of God's Spirit we also enter into that divine Father-Son relationship that we call Christian Sacrifice.

Robert Daly sj: *Sacrifice Unveiled*



Comments and
questions

We offer gifts

- Bread
- Wine
- Collection for the poor

‘It is the sacrament of yourself that is placed on the Lord’s altar’

Augustine

Eucharistic Prayer II

‘Make holy these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon
them like the dewfall,
so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our Lord,
Jesus Christ’.

The rhythm of the week prompts us to gather up in grateful memory the events of the days which have just passed, to review them in the light of God and to thank him for his countless gifts, glorifying him 'through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit'.

John Paul II - Dies Domini 42

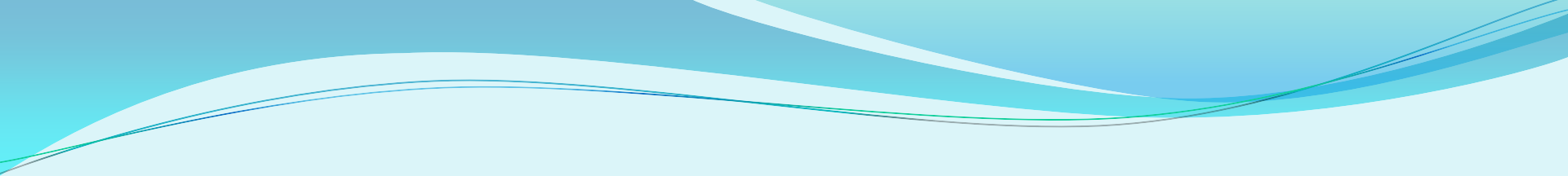
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*We who are the
Body of Christ
process to the
table*

'If, therefore, you are the body of Christ and His members, your mystery has been placed on the Lord's table, you receive your mystery.

You reply "Amen" to that which you are.

Be a member
of the body
of Christ so
that your
"Amen" may
be true.'

Augustine

