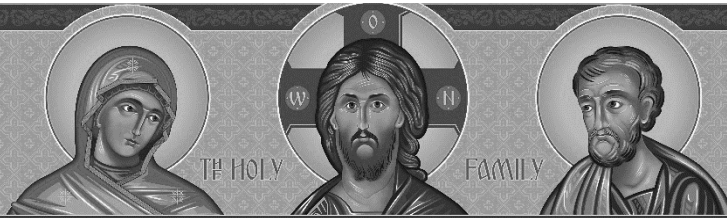


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MOST HOLY TRINITY

YEAR A

4th JUNE 2023

FIRST READING : Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Daniel 3:52-56



R: *Glory and praise for ev-er.*

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. R:

Blest your glorious holy name. R:

You are blest in the temple of Your glory. R:

You are blest on the throne of Your kingdom. R:

You are blest who gaze into the depths, R:

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. R:



SECOND READING : 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL : John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'





PARISH *Conference*

Guest speaker

DR PETER HOLMES

Lecturer in Theology & Scripture at Notre Dame University



Thursday	29 June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified World Living a life of sexual integrity: being the lover God calls us to be.
Friday	30 June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	Life Hacks for a Happy Marriage Practical skills and daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages
Saturday	1 July 2023	10am - 5pm in the Parish Hall	The Mission of Masculinity Authentic masculinity in a time of crisis (4 Talks)

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Thousands travel to see ‘incorrupt’ remains of Sister Wilhelmina

Lancaster

*Hugh Kerr
May 31, 2023*



Thousands of pilgrims have travelled to see the “incorrupt” remains of the body of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, which were yesterday placed inside a glass case inside the monastery she founded in Missouri.

Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster died aged 95, four years ago, but when exhumed by the Benedictine Sisters of Mary on April 28 2023 in Gower, her body and habit, which lay in a simple wooden coffin, were surprisingly intact.

The sisters said that their original intention was to keep the discovery quiet, but after a private email mentioning the news mistakenly went public, it “began to spread like wildfire”.

This has since prompted worldwide media coverage, attracting a vast number of pilgrims to the abbey in Gower, a city about an hour’s drive from Kansas City, Missouri.

Volunteers and local law enforcement have been thanked by the sisters for their help in managing the large crowds in the town, as people have been visiting from all over the country to see and touch Lancaster’s body.

Jack Klein, owner of Hixson-Klein Funeral Home in Gower and issuer of her death certificate, attended Sister Wilhelmina’s funeral, and confirmed to the Catholic News Agency that the religious sister’s body was not embalmed, and that the wood coffin was not placed into any outer burial container.

Klein expressed his own surprise at the discovery and said he “can’t understand” how Sister Wilhelmina’s un-embalmed body is in the condition it’s presently in, four years after her burial.

“The condition of the remains of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster has understandably generated widespread interest, and raised important questions,” the diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph said in a statement.

“At the same time, it is important to protect the integrity of the mortal remains of Sister Wilhelmina to allow for a thorough investigation.”

“Incorruptibility has been verified in the past, but it is very rare. There is a well-established process to pursue the cause for sainthood, but that has not been initiated in this case yet,” the diocese added.

Sister Wilhelmina was born in St. Louis as Mary Elizabeth Lancaster on April 13, 1924, the second of five children of Oscar and Ella Lancaster.

According to her autobiography, she took her First Communion when she was nine, later writing that she experienced a vision in which “Our Lord asked me if I would be His”.

It was this early-life experience that led her down the path of becoming a nun. On March 9, 1944, she took her vows with the Oblate Sisters of Providence and selected the new name “Wilhelmina”.

After 50 years, in 1995, Sister Wilhelmina left the Oblate Sisters of Providence, to found the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles.

A traditionalist and devotee of Gregorian Chant and the Latin Mass, Sister Wilhelmina disapproved of a number of changes to religious life brought about after the Second Vatican Council. She made particular efforts to preserve the religious habit, even making her own when unable to attain one elsewhere.

In the 1990s, Sister Wilhelmina was in contact with the traditionalist Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP) in order to help establish a traditional community of nuns. Subsequently, her new convent in Scranton, PA undertook to worship according to the 1962 Breviarium Monasticum; the Divine Office in Latin.

In 2006, the sisters relocated to Gower, Missouri. Today, the sisters follow the Rule of St Benedict with its strict emphasis on contemplation and silence. They participate in the “Extraordinary Form” of the Mass and follow the Monastic Office dated to before Vatican II, singing Gregorian Chant and worshipping in Latin.

Lancaster died on May 29, 2019, and was buried by hand on the ground of the convent.

Expecting to find only bones, her fellow sisters exhumed her remains in April of this year (2023) intending to reinter them in a newly completed St. Joseph’s Shrine, only to discover her body bewilderingly well-preserved.

On Monday, the body of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster was placed inside a glass display case after a ceremonial procession led by members of the community.

Many of religious sisters of the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, carried her on a platform around the property of the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus with some of the thousands of pilgrims, who visited the abbey over the three-day Memorial Day weekend following behind.

The procession culminated with the nun’s body being placed into a specially made glass case where it will remain open to viewing for pilgrims.

(Photo: A pilgrim venerates the apparently incorrupt body of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, OSB, on May 20, 2023. Lancaster was recently exhumed in Gower, Missouri. Credit: Kelsey Wicks/CNA)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Firmly I believe and truly,
 God is Three and God is One;
 And I next acknowledge duly,
 Manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully,
 In that Manhood crucified;
 And each thought and deed unruly,
 Do to death, as He has died.

Simply to His grace and wholly,
 Light and life and strength belong;
 And I love supremely solely,
 Him the holy, Him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
 For the love of Him alone;
 Holy Church as His creation,
 And her teachings are His own.

And I take with joy whatever,
 Now besets me, pain or fear;
 And with a strong will I sever,
 All the ties which bind me here.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
 Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
 All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
 All in Heaven above adore Thee;
 Infinite Thy vast domain,
 Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel
 choirs above are raising,
 Cherubim and seraphim,
 In unceasing chorus praising;
 Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train Joins thy sacred
 Name to hallow; Prophets swell the
 glad refrain, And the white robed
 martyrs follow; And from morn to set
 of sun, through the Church the song
 goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
 Though in essence only One,
 Undivided God we claim Thee;
 And adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery.

*English Translation - Anima Christi
 Soul of Christ, sanctify me.*

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Separated from Thee let me never be.

From the malignant enemy, defend me.

At the hour of death, call me.

To come to Thee, bid me,

*That I may praise Thee in the company
 Of Thy Saints, for all eternity. Amen.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Most Holy Trinity,
 You have created me,
 and redeemed me;
 You have made Your home
 within me and graced me;
 Now You call me from within,
 to love me.

What then can I give You?
 I have but two small coins to live on;
 They are nothing yet I see they please
 You; My body and my soul, I give You.

O Jesus, grace my gift,
 just as You graced the gift of Mary,
 when You gave to her
 Your Blood and Your Body,
 You who give Yourself to me,
 receive me.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Faith of our fathers!
 living still in spite of
 dungeon, fire and sword:
 O how our hearts beat high with joy,
 when'er we hear that glorious
 word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
 shall win all nations unto thee; and
 through the truth that comes from
 God, mankind shall then indeed be free.
 Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till
 death.

Faith of our fathers!
 we will love both friend and foe in all
 our strife: and preach thee, too, as
 love knows how, by kindly deeds and
 virtuous life.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till
 death.



Look after them the way
 they looked after you.

There are certain people in life who shape who you are.
 Special people who were always there to give you advice,
 support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid
 them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.
 Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.

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NEXT SUNDAY:

11th June 2023

**The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD
 of CHRIST**

Corpus Christi (Yr A)

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17;

Jn 6:51-58;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: L. Ahio, T. Molloy

Prayers of the Faithful: G. Lao

Offertory: Leifi Family

Special Ministers: P. Capundag

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Fakava Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Tongan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

4 June: Bernadette McCormick

6 June: Harold Gillespie, Riki Cash

7 June: Joyce Barlow

8 June: Lynette Thomson, Gilbert Fernandez

9 June: John Ah Loo

10 June: Vaifale Vaituliao, John Sumich

PARISH FINANCES

Parish \$2,680.27

Priests \$1,340.13

Total AP's and Cash \$4,020.40

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Pentecost Food Festival – Thank you to
 all those who bought dishes for everyone
 to try last weekend. It was a great time
 and so much food for all. God bless.

DIOCESAN NOTICES**MIHA MĀORI – MASS IN TE REO MĀORI
 AT HĀTO PETERA CHAPEL, NORTHCOTE.**

A monthly Miha Māori is held at the Hāto
 Petera Chapel, 103 College Road,
 Northcote. The Mass for June will be
 celebrated on Saturday 10th June at
 5.00pm with Rosary at 4.30pm. All are
 welcome. For more information, contact
 Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori via email
 ManuelB@cda.org.nz Piki mai, hono mai,
 nau mai, haere mai. Kia inoi, kia mahi.

**MIHA MĀORI – MASS IN TE REO MĀORI
 AT WHAIORA MARAE, ŌTARA**

A monthly Miha Māori is held at Whaiora
 Marae, 14 Ōtara Road, Ōtara. The Mass for
 June will be celebrated on Sunday 11th
 June at 1.00pm followed by a shared kai. All
 are welcome. For more information,
 contact Manuel Beazley, Vicar for Māori via
 email ManuelB@cda.org.nz Piki mai, hono
 mai, nau mai, haere mai.

**Understanding Divine Mercy with Fr
 Chris Alar MIC**, Sunday 11 June, 5pm to
 8am. Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 16
 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. 5pm Holy
 Mass followed by talks and Holy Rosary.
 Contact: Fr Rory on 093764303