

The Easter Garden at St. Jude's Parish Church

April 2012

The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another.

In this year of the Eucharistic Congress we look at how we can be transformed through the Eucharist. When we receive holy communion we unite ourselves with Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us go out and with Jesus within us, together transform our homes and communities into the people of God and the Body of the Lord. blood abide in Me, and I in them". Do we who was crushed and died for us and could live and have hope in our new me and I live because of the Father, so



"Those who eat My flesh and drink My rose again at Easter so that we lives. "Just as the living Father sent whoever eats me will live because of

The Symbols

A Butterfly - As we saw in our "Life in the Eucharist" retreat we can like our life to that of the caterpillar and the butterfly. We need time and Jesus to grow from the caterpillar slow moving (living its life crawling around the world likely to being trodden on or crushed by passers by) to being transformed into the free colourful butterfly with all possibilities, bringing joy and happiness to all who witness it.



A Crown of prickly thorns - was made at a moments notice from thorny bushes nearby to crown Jesus and humiliate Him in front of his followers.

A cup - "Father", Jesus said "if you are willing take this cup away from Me". Of course we know the Cup was merely a methopher for the horrendous suffering He was about to endure. We can also ask for our burdens to be taken from us.



Thirty Pieces of Silver - Judas is alleged to have betrayed Jesus in return for money. Are there times in our lives when we have betrayed people? **A Sandal** - as Jesus was dragged roughly away He may have lost his sandal and a Handkerchief spotted with blood "and His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood"

A sponge on a reed - as He suffered on the Cross the Roman Soldiers held up a sponge with a pain killing mixture of herbs and vinegar but Jesus refused to take it. When are the times we have held out a helping hand to other people. Think of all the people who have helped us along our way.



Brightly coloured flowers - around the tomb a symbol of joy that Christ has Risen from the Dead. In the same way today we bring flowers to a funeral as we believe our loved ones who have died have now reached the Joy of Eternal Life.

Red Daisies - under the cross represent "His sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood"

Boxthorn Plant - is believed to have been the hedge from which the Crown of Thorns was made.

Peace Lily - "Peace I leave you, my peace I give you " a symbol of the peace that comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Daffodils and Crocuses. - each year when we see the heart gets excited because spring is coming and we darkest days, little birds still fly and sing.



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