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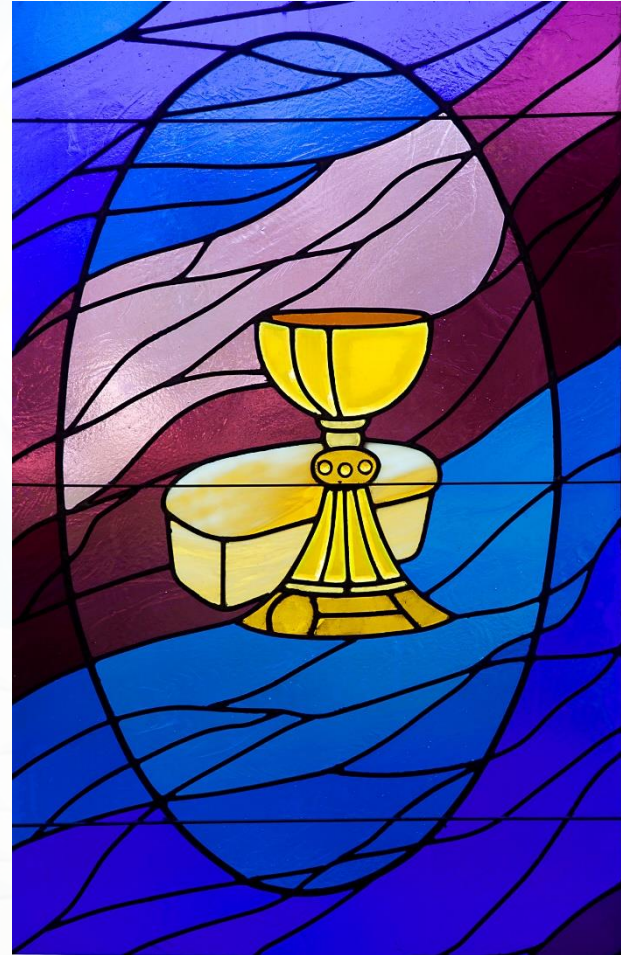


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Corpus Christi is a festival celebrated by Roman Catholics and other Christians.

The name Corpus Christi comes from Latin, which means 'the body of Christ'.

The festival celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ.

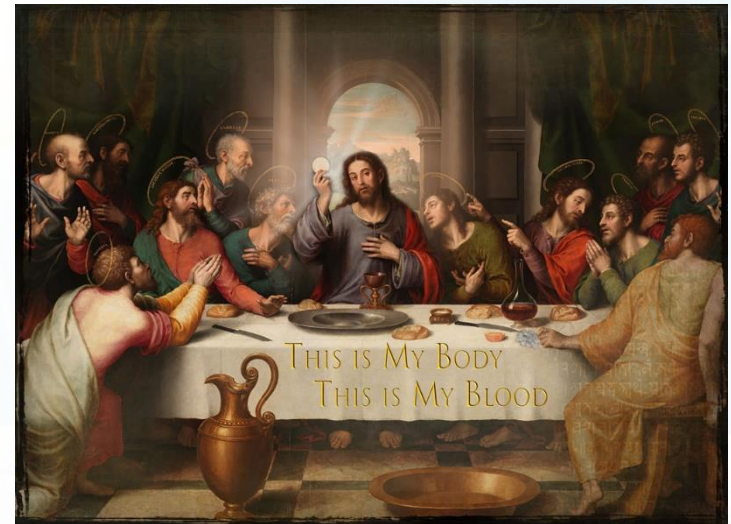


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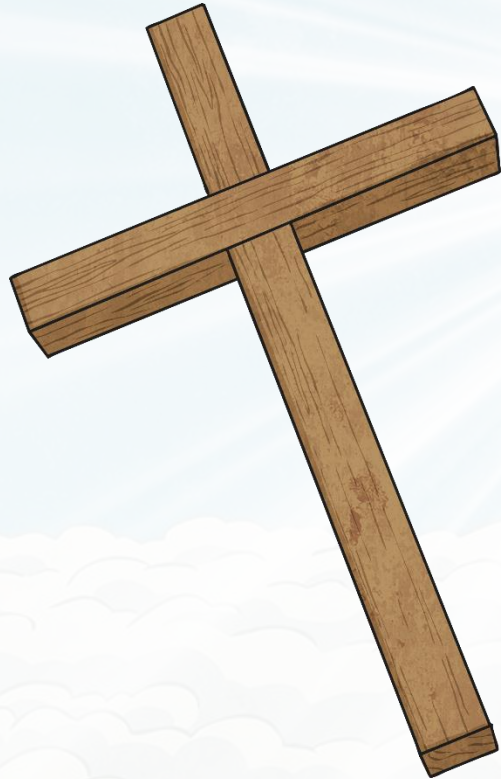
The festival affirms the belief that Catholics and other Christians have in the **transubstantiation**.

Transubstantiation is the belief that the bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist.

The festival also celebrates the belief that Jesus sacrificed his life to save the world.



When Is the Feast of Corpus Christi?



The Feast of Corpus Christi normally takes place on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday (60 days after Easter)

Processions often take place in certain countries around the world. The 'body of Christ' is carried out of the church and into the public for people to see.

Corpus Christi Procession in 2010

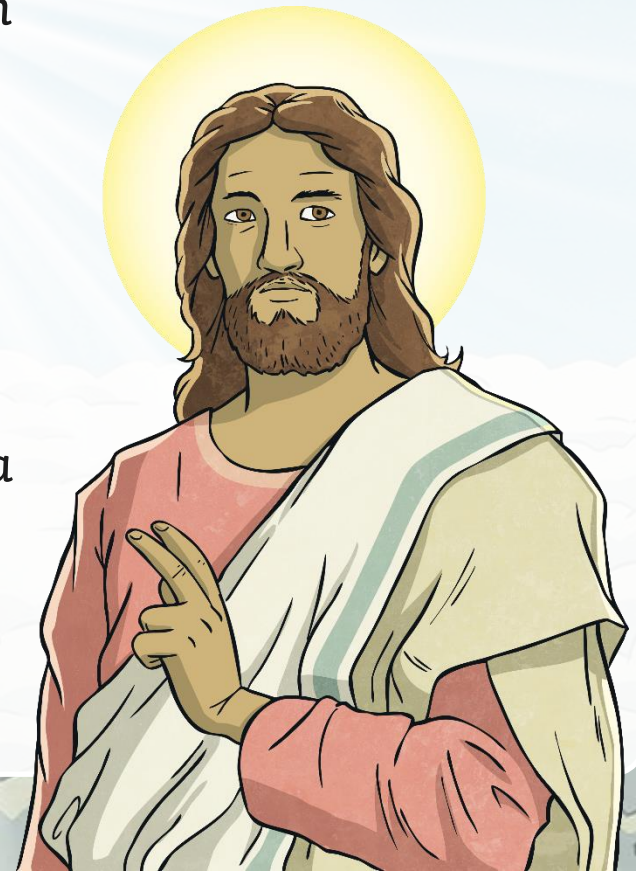


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The History of Corpus Christi

It is reported that a Belgian nun called Juliana had a strange dream in which a full moon appeared with a black spot. The dream was explained by Jesus in a vision who said the black spot on the full moon showed how there were no festivals to celebrate the Eucharist – the most important part of a Roman Catholic service.

She spoke of her dream to her local Bishop and, in 1246, the Bishop started a festival in their local area.



The History of Corpus Christi

In 1264, Pope Urban IV set up the festival throughout the Church.

In 1311, Pope Clement V announced that Corpus Christi would be an obligatory, annual feast day for Roman Catholics.



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The University of Oxford and University of Cambridge each have a college called Corpus Christi.

There is a Corpus Christi College, Church and Youth Club in Belfast.

The feast day of Corpus Christi is on 15th June 2017.



