



The Eucharistic Procession in Cork

Celebrating 100 years!

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork City, which was held in 1926. People wanted to build unity and reconciliation after the hurt of the Civil War. The idea was that people would walk together and pray together, bringing Jesus in the Eucharist through the streets, asking Him to bless the people and the city. That tradition has continued and generations of Cork people have fond memories of walking in the Eucharistic Procession down through the years.

What is the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is another name for Jesus in Holy Communion. In the picture on the right Bishop Fintan is carrying the Eucharist in a monstrance. A monstrance is a special vessel for carrying Jesus. The word 'monstrance' comes from the Latin verb 'monstrare' meaning 'to show'.



What is a procession?

A procession is when people walk (process) together from one place to another. A Eucharistic Procession means that people walk with Jesus in the Eucharist.

What happens on the day of the procession?

People gather at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne from about 2:30pm onwards. Parishes, schools and groups are allocated a particular place in the procession. There is a great atmosphere with prayer and music. It is a wonderful day for the whole diocesan community to gather together and witness to our faith.



Who will be there?

People of all ages, from all parts of the city and diocese will be there. There will be people from different parishes, schools and groups. Everyone is very welcome!

You, your school community and your family are invited to join Bishop Fintan and people from all over the city and diocese in walking in the procession. Join us at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne from 2:30pm on Sunday 7th June 2026.

Name:

Class:

Questions

1. In what year did the first Eucharistic Procession in Cork City take place?

2. What is the Eucharist?

3. What is a Eucharistic Procession?

4. What anniversary is being celebrated this year?

Research

1. What is the full name of the current Bishop of Cork and Ross?

2. What is another name for a 100th anniversary? (One word)

3. Ask someone in your family or parish about their memories of the Eucharistic Procession. Write about what you find out.
