

Homily 32 Sunday (C)

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Life is good. Just to be alive is good. The sun shines upon us, the rain that waters the earth, the air we breathe - it is all good.

Sex, marriage, having children are all good.

Bacon butties are good. Eating pigs' flesh is good.

But what I believe the readings are telling us today is that there is one thing that is more important than any of these. And that one thing - if we can call it a 'thing' is God.

Being with God, being in God, is more important than anything else.

God is so important, in fact, that he is worth dying for.

Whether I personally would have the courage to die for God, I don't know. But what I do try to do is to live my life in and with God, here and now.

I call this living in and with God prayer, the Eucharist, walking with Jesus, embracing the Cross, gaining a glimpse of the resurrection, waking up and being filled with the glory of the Lord.

The sacraments are not just the icing on the cake - the sacraments are life - life in and with God for ever and ever.

"May the Lord turn your hearts (and mine) towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ."

Fr Michael