

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Worshipping ‘the bread of death’

This article was prompted by an item that was posted to Facebook by **MARTINA PURDY**. Those living in Northern Ireland will know that for a number of years **MARTINA** was a reporter and political commentator for BBC Northern Ireland TV. Then in 2014 she resigned from that job and entered a religious order as a novice. You can read how the BBC reported this on this link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-29548729>

The order she joined, along with a friend, **Elaine Kelly**, was the **Sisters of Adoration** situated on the Falls Road in Belfast. However, in 2019, before they could take their final vows, the convent closed due to declining numbers as you can read on <https://www.catholicireland.net/ex-bbc-journalist-among-nuns-forced-leave-religious-order/>

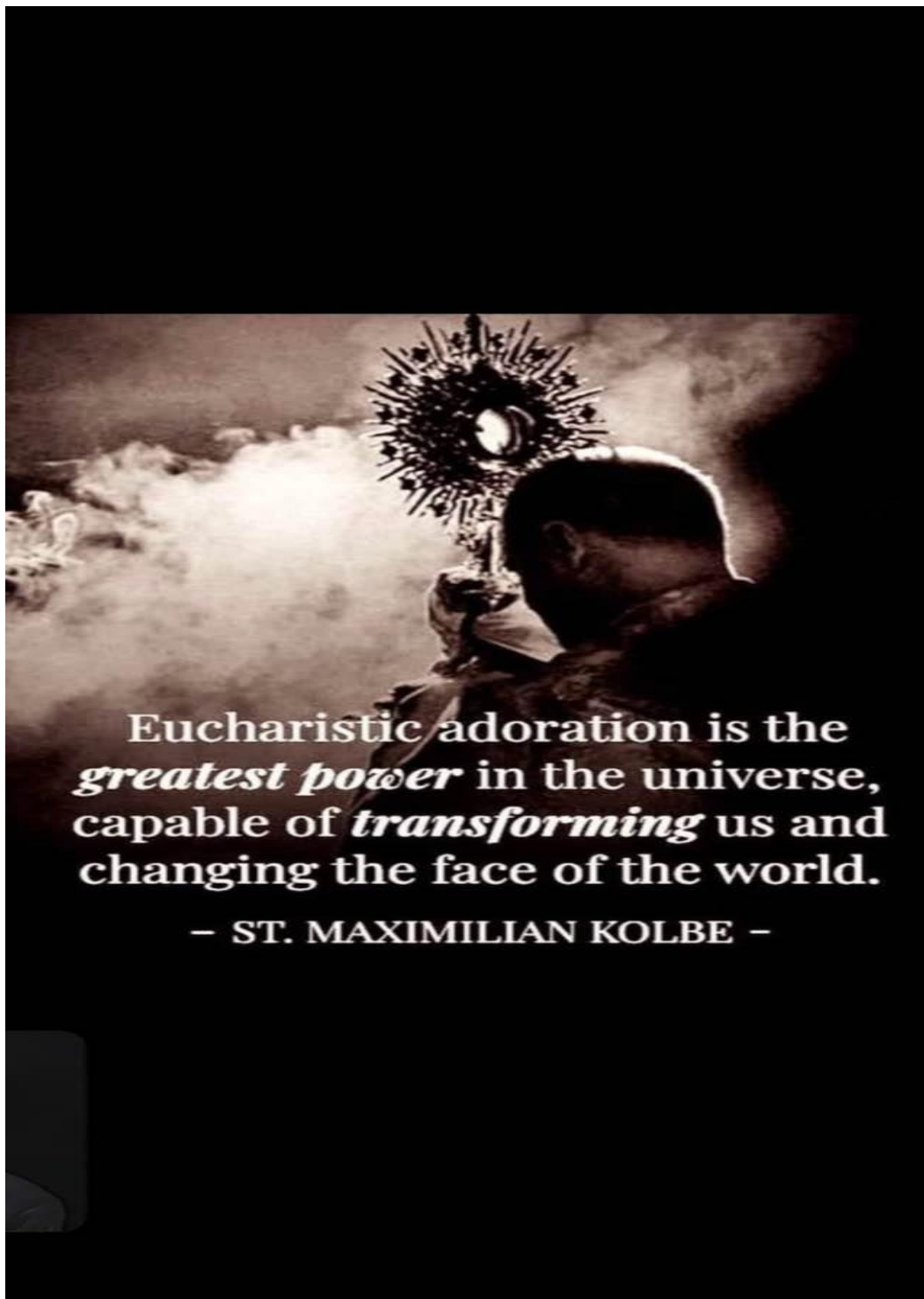
A **'key phrase'** from that article states – **'The Adoration Sisters make altar breads at their bakery in Belfast.'** Clearly, **'Eucharistic Adoration'** was very important in the religious life of **MARTINA**.

The following article details how **MARTINA** and her friend, **Elaine**, found a new 'niche' by organising walking trips to visit sites near Downpatrick that are claimed to be associated with St Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint - <https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20220206-a-discovery-of-northern-irelands-lost-holy-relic>

The article also tells how both of them were admitted to another religious order in 2022 the **Sisters of Poor Clare** but, even though they have joined that order, they are still involved in the walking trips linked to the St Patrick's Centre in Downpatrick.

**This was the item posted to Facebook by MARTINA on
14th August 2023 and her own covering comment was
'So true'**

My own response to that would be **'So sad.'**



There is no doubt that '**Eucharistic Adoration**' appears to have a mesmerising effect upon people who are deeply entrenched in Roman Catholicism and for them it is their '**BREAD of LIFE.**' In stark contrast, the **LIVING** Lord Jesus Christ said "**I am the BREAD of LIFE. He that COMETH to me shall never hunger, and he that BELIEVETH on me shall never thirst**" (John 6: 35)

Former Roman Catholic, **Tim Kauffman**, in his book '**GRAVEN BREAD**' made some interesting comments concerning both the title of his book and the practice observed

'The Catholic reader can be assured that GRAVEN BREAD was not written to make a mockery of Transubstantiation (although) I strongly disagree with the Roman Catholic belief which holds that Jesus meant the bread literally became His body and the wine literally became His blood' (p 19)

'Eucharistic Adoration – whether manifested in the form of a brief genuflection before the tabernacle where the Eucharist is kept, or in the form of perpetual worship – is a common form of veneration today and is practiced by faithful Catholics all over the world' (p 24)

In his 1980 letter of instruction "On Certain Norms Concerning the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery" Pope John Paul II wrote "The venerable practice of genuflecting before the blessed sacrament, whether enclosed in the tabernacle or publicly exposed, as a sign of adoration, is to be maintained ... the genuflection must be neither hurried nor careless" (P 25)

'The teachings of the Catholic Church have encouraged this practice to this day, the popes have practically mandated it, and the faithful have obeyed ... WORSHIP of the Eucharist is a very common practice in the Catholic Church' (p 26).

In the last quote I highlighted the word **WORSHIP** by using capital letters – this is because this is what Roman Catholics are guided to do. The **Council of Trent** stated – **'There is, therefore, no room for doubt that all the faithful of Christ may, in accordance with a custom always received in the Catholic Church, give to this most holy sacrament in veneration the WORSHIP of *latria*, which is due to the true God.'**

In his book, **'ECUMENICAL JIHAD**, (which received favourable endorsements from amongst others **J I PACKER** and **CHARLES COLSON**), Roman Catholic, **Peter Kreeft** wrote **'The power that will reunite the Church and win the world is Eucharistic Adoration.'** No wonder I used the term **'mesmerising effect'** earlier in this article!

So, this **'greatest power in the universe,'** namely **'Eucharistic Adoration,'** has it always been observed within Roman Catholicism? In the recently published book, **'A Gospel Contrary,'** jointly authored by **Rob Zins** and **Tim Kauffman**, there is a chapter on **'The Eucharist'** written by **Tim Kauffman**. On pages 280-281 we read –

'Although Madrid (a Roman Catholic apologist, Patrick Madrid whom Tim Kauffman is responding to) does not raise the issue of Eucharistic Adoration, it is important that Protestants understand the implication of the Roman Catholic belief in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the bread and wine ... the consecrated bread is to be worshipped ... by among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord (Catholic Catechism para. 1378) ... Josef Ratzinger, before he became Pope Benedict XVI, wrote in 2000 that "(a) liturgy no longer familiar with kneeling would be sick at the core." And yet the medieval eucharistic liturgy not only omitted kneeling from the Sunday liturgy for more than a thousand years but actually prohibited it.

Canon 20 of the Council of Nicaea (325 AD) prohibited kneeling on Sunday and on any day from Easter to Pentecost, and as late as the 4th Council of Constantinople (870 AD) the assembled bishops declared “that we are preserving and maintaining” the canons of Nicaea. The *Catholic Encyclopedia* even acknowledges that the “practice of kneeling during the Consecration (of the bread) was introduced during the Middle Ages” originating “in the same period” as the elevation of the host which “is not known to have existed earlier than the close of the twelfth century.” It is for this reason that “most scholars trace ... the practice of Eucharistic Adoration ... back at least to the early thirteenth century” and possibly even “to the eleventh century.” ...

If the early church believed in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and kneeling is the way Roman Catholics “express our faith in the real presence,” and a liturgy that omits kneeling is “sick at the core,” how on earth did the church go twelve hundred years with a liturgy that was so “sick” at its “core” that it rejected kneeling to the “source and summit” (Catholic Catechism para. 1324) of its faith? How could the ancient and medieval church *forbid kneeling ... Why is it so difficult to find evidence for this “apostolic practice” of Eucharistic Adoration before the eleventh century? ... Not only did the early church understand the consecrated elements of the supper to be *symbolic* of Christ’s body and blood, but their understanding of their symbolic nature was so indelibly etched in their minds that it did not occur to them for more than a thousand years to kneel before it or worship it as Roman Catholics do today.’*

The statement that prompted this article was made by **Maximilian Kolbe**. The article on this link gives details of his life and tragic death - https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=370 As often happens with leading Roman Catholics (Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, would be another example) the course of his life was changed by a claimed ‘vision’ of the ‘Virgin Mary’ when he was aged 12. I am fully persuaded that these ‘visions’ and ‘apparitions’ are demonic in nature and source.

I developed that assertion in much greater detail in my 2017 article located on this link <https://www.takeheed.info/pdf/2017/January/eucharistic-miracle-in-amsterdam.pdf>

The upshot of directing people to fervent ‘**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**’ is quite simply to direct them to one of the many “**false Christs**” that the Lord Jesus Christ gave advanced warning of in **Matthew 24: 24** “**For there shall arise false Christs ... and shall shew great signs and wonders**”.

In the preceding verse He also warned “**Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ or there** (as in for example ‘consecrated bread’ whether ‘elevated’ or in a ‘tabernacle’ or in a ‘monstrance’) **BELIEVE IT NOT.**”

The true Lord Jesus Christ who, in His risen, glorified body and who is seated in heaven “**at the right hand of the Majesty on high**” (**Hebrews 1:3**), does not continue to die during the ‘**Sacrifice of the Mass**’ on Roman catholic altars because “**Christ being raised from the dead DIETH NO MORE**” (**Romans 6: 9**)

The true and living Lord Jesus Christ is, as He stated in **John 6:35**, “**THE BREAD OF LIFE**” - in consequence, any ‘**counterfeit Christ**’, such as the one supposedly really present in a ‘**consecrated wafer**’ can only be ‘**THE BREAD OF DEATH.**’

Since her departure from the BBC and her entry into religious orders there have been cordial email changes between myself and **MARTINA**. Sadly, by the evidence of this post on Facebook concerning **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**, it is clear that **MARTINA** is still firmly gripped and mesmerised by **ROME’S EUCHARIST**. I would invite all fellow-believers, who read this article, to join with me in praying for the salvation of **MARTINA** and her fellow-nun, **Elaine**.

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