

**A Celebration of Mary Ward  
24th Jan, 2021**



**FEEDBACK**

**Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to respond  
to our liturgy together:**

Thank you for another beautiful event.

*I have been meaning to come for some time. Lovely service and great to see so many people there.*

I enjoyed the Liturgy yesterday. The format and shape was a Mass (even if it wasn't) but the language used was beautiful and refreshing. I found it very moving. It was as if the formal language of Mass was underpinned by a very creative and poetic music and it brought home to me what the familiar but clunky language really meant. I was rather surprised that some people were critical and felt we shouldn't have the Bread and Wine. I was interested in the comments about Catholic or open to all. Personally I think there are so many different Christian groups that it seems odd to stay in the Church rather than join a Christian group which is more open to women if your beliefs are so different. I value Catholic theology and

attitudes to meaning, sacraments, Body of Christ..... it's the male dominant authoritarian management I think is wrong, and not Christlike.  
It was lovely to have a smaller group today.

*I found the gathering and eucharistic celebration meaningful and faith filled.*

We are living witnesses today, revisiting and modelling ourselves on early Christians lifestyles and following Jesus teachings and mentoring . We pray the Spirit lead and guide us to true gospel values and living the truth and mission he called us to.

*Thought yesterday went v well and was a v moving liturgy. Always amazes me the women in the litany of Saints who we follow. I'm sure they are smiling down on us and praying for us!*

The Eucharist in Avila has been a good space for the community to pray and chat over the cuppa tea.

I wish Root and Branch every success as you prepare for your synod later this year.

Thank you for your welcome to your Eucharist community. It is a special place of prayer, spiritual nourishment and community.

*Zoom has turned out to be the 'miracle saviour' of the Covid pandemic!*

I would just like to say how inspirational I found yesterday's lovely service.

*Just a quick line to say how much we enjoyed today's chat cafe, even though we did not say much, being more in listening mode. We do support the point you made that Root & Branch should be open to all. For what it's worth, we feel that most fair minded religious people see Pope Francis as, arguably, the principal spokesperson for Christianity, not just Catholicism and, to that extent, they will and do care about what happens in our Church.*

Thank you so much, Katharine, for your service, your beautiful homily, and for the kind and encouraging words that you share with us. You are indeed an inspiring group, rich in diversity, and one in mind and heart, and it is a real joy and privilege for me to be connected with you.

*It was very interesting and the sharing of bread and wine was moving and very much in line with my views on community sharing.*

We found the service on Sunday last to be beautiful and moving.