

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Body and Blood of Christ

It is a little over 2000 years since Jesus said, 'Do this in memory of me.' The gospel reading tells us of the simple beginnings of the Mass, how Jesus on the night before he was betrayed, celebrated the eucharist with his final meal, with his disciples. He took time to eat this meal with them so that they could share in and be part of his work. 'Take, eat, this is my body' and 'take, drink this is my blood, poured out for many' are the words of Jesus. From the earliest days, the church has taken the Lord at his word. By doing what Jesus did on that occasion we experience repeatedly experience his real

presence among us. With the gifts of bread and wine we bring what we are and what we have as an offering to the Lord.

Corpus Christi is a festival for pondering with thanks on God's hospitality to us, the supreme and final gift of his love, the offering of Jesus on the cross for us, fully effective. We remember with gratitude the promise he made to be with his friends as their food and nourishment in their pilgrimage through life. Although we have not yet reached our final destination, travelling in his company is a powerful assurance that we are on the right road. Holy Communion is the remedy for our faults and not the reward for sanctity attained. It is not because we are holy that we receive Jesus but because we wish to change and to become like him. What is demanded of us is that we share the eucharist with others for we walk together.

On of the fruits of our weekly gathering should be a great increase in charity among the assembled faithful. Union with Christ means drawing closer to our brothers and sisters, especially the weak and the poor of our community. There should be no dissension, strife or bitterness amongst those gathered around the table of the Lord. This is the test of our belief. In our daily life we are asked to forgive, to overlook weaknesses, to understand the failure of our friends and not to close our hearts when we are hurt. For God to love us, we must be loving also.

The celebration of the eucharist is the great festival of the church, the centre from which all grace flows. We bring to it all the possibilities, desires, and the longings of our existence. To have time for God and to give ourselves to him is an important expression of our faith.

With Peace in God's Mission

Father Clifford msfs

POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat And satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you

Responsorial Psalm:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in the Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,

This is my body. This is my blood.



when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,
Jesus' disciples said to him,
"Where do you want us to go
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"
He sent two of his disciples and said to them,
"Go into the city and a man will meet you,
carrying a jar of water.
Follow him.
Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,
'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'
Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready.
Make the preparations for us there."
The disciples then went off, entered the city,
and found it just as he had told them;

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: MINISTRY TO THE SICK IN HOSPITAL

Are you interested in bringing Communion to the Sick in the Hospitals of the Diocese? You will

receive formation and information necessary for this ministry. Note: you will not be required to do this every week but will be placed on a roster. For more information, please contact <u>bernard.ellis@catholiccarewsbm.org.au</u> by 15 June 2024.

"The Eucharist is essential for us: it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace." - Pope Francis

TIME CHANGES

Please note the following time changes effective **this weekend**

* Saturday Reconciliation 5:00 -5:30pm

* Saturday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00 - 5:30pm

(NOTE CORRECTED DAY)

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities

The Diocesan Safeguarding team are offering initial and renewal face-to-face training throughout June:

- Monday 3 June from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown for Modules 1-3 for those who are new to ministry
- Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre for Modules 4-5 for those who have completed Modules 1-3 in the last two years.

Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:

https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/? series=safeguarding-training For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic Groups) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. Phone (02) 9933 0233. Web: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

.BISHOPS GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL for CATHOLIC CARES PROJECT ELIZABETH

1st & 2nd June 8th & 9th June 2024

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums?

Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families.

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at parracatholic.org/appeal Thankyou for your continuing support

VINNIES PANTRY

During the month of June, you are invited to donate one packet of nappies, in size 4,5 or 6. We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS COMMISSIONING MASS, 13TH JUNE

You are invited to attend the Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass of 2024! More than 200 people in the last year have partaken in the Office for Worship's course to become Liturgical ministers in their parishes. At this Mass on Thursday 13 June, Bishop Vincent will commission them to go out into their parishes by living out this ministry and bringing glory to God. Please RSVP to <u>lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org</u> for catering purposes by 7 June.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving envelopes are now available on the bench at the back of the Church. Some of the numbers have been changed this year, as we ordered less boxes of envelopes.

*Please begin using them this weekend *

If you have decided to use Tap & Go instead of your Planned Giving Envelopes, please let the parish office know.

Thank you for your continued support.



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION PROCESS 2024

Parents who are presenting their children for Confirmation, are reminded that the faith sharing sessions are held on **Monday evenings**,

6.00pm-7.00pm or Thursdays, 4.00pm-5.00pm.

Parents are expected to bring their children to just one session each week.

FAMILIES AND COMUNITIES ARE INFORMED AND INVOLVED

As you would be aware, the Diocese is committed to keeping our children, young people, and vulnerable adults safe. We have processes in place to keep this commitment.

The Diocese Safeguarding website has links to Government and non-Government safeguarding websites with useful information for parents in relation to keeping their children safe

(https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding).

Our relationships with our children, however, place us in a privileged position where we can have important conversations about how they can keep themselves safe, and whom to talk to when they don't feel safe.

It's not always easy to know where to start the "safety" conversation, but a range of resources are available to parents on the internet which can advise parents on what to discuss and even how to approach the conversation!

Age Specific Information -

https://raisingchildren.net.au/

Personal Safety -

https://www.napcan.org.au/tips-for-talking-tochildren-about-personal-safety/ Online Safety - https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents

GREAT SAINTS OF ITALY PILGRAMAGE with FATHER CHRIS del ROSARIO; OCTOBER 2024

Join Fr Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints.

Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. This is an amazing opportunity to deepen your faith and explore the rich tapestry of culture, art and history that Italy has to offer. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details scan the code or visit <u>www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-ofitaly/.</u>

PARISH PRIVACY POLICY

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) at the end of 2001, the parish has reviewed its records and methods for holding and collecting information about parishioners. A Privacy Policy has been developed and approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council, in accordance with Diocesan norms, and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Centre during office hours.

DIOCESAN FOOD DRIVES

Many vulnerable people in our community rely on the 'food banks' run by the Jesuit Refugee Services and the House of Welcome. These operate thanks to donations from community food drives. All parishes and schools are encouraged to run a food drive for those seeking safety in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Find out more information about how you can help at <u>parracatholic.org/fooddrive</u> or emailing james.atanasious@parracatholic.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2024

Are you getting married in 2024? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare.

Visit <u>www.parracatholic.org/pmp</u> to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email <u>met@parracatholic.org</u> or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 9.15am (Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.30am) Wednesday evening @ 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8.30am - 9.15am Wednesday 6.30pm

Sat: 5.00pm - 5.30pm

BAPTISMS

At 11.30am by appointment only (Sundays). A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for parents and godparents. This will be 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS

By Appointment - Please contact the Parish Office for details.

For sick parishioners, relatives and friends.

Fr. John Goulding, Sarah Davenport, Maria Mihic, Maureen Wood, Judy Phillips, David Smythe, Thelma Islip, Jim Buckley, Wendy Hord, Sam Cassar, Rachel Surdich, Mabel Green, Dean McDonald, Tycho Walsh, Angie Delara, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Nathan Weaver, Paul Tonissoo, Garth Warne, Gerard Leslie, Joseph Leslie, Gwen Gunderson, Julie Daly, Mick Toomey, Bruce Fleming, Dennis Tracey, Harry Tracey, Brendan Doran, Kieren Maloney, Glenn Mowbray, Paul Mowbray, Trish Mowbray Please keep members of our parish in your prayers

For our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Murali Katari, Virginia Vardy, Jenny Wright

Deceased: Anka-Pero Pejasinovic, Alois Mihic, Abigail B. Devega, Nirvana Zec, Mira Zec, Irene Dundas, James Giffney, Laura Vecchiet, Lino Delulia, Maria Micelotta, Elipidia Morcilla Lauzon, Ailsia & Bruce McDonald, Joan & Stanley Bartle, Garrick Family. Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Anniversary: Ceferino D. Bautista, Anacleta S.Cordero, Benjamin Y Bautista, Angel de Vega,

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who have died. May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th & 9th June, 2024

Ministry	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Altar Servers	Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald Flora Madeni	Noah Bonello Charlotte Bonello Patrick Vlatko	Cate Astillo Zara Astillo Madeline Chakti
Minister at the Altar	Zaldy Pamintuan	Rey Baterna	Fernando Gallegos
Minister of the Word	Ella Martirez Michael Muranty Lissa Carter	Matthew Kenyon Lynne Tolhurst Michele Brohier	Perla Billedo Pearla Billedo Karina Marafioti
Eucharistic Minister	Anne Walsh	Sue Gilmore	Jocelyn Bade
Welcomer	Larraine Stirton	Wendy Walsh	Rosa Watson
Music	CD's Rodrigo Medina	St Pedro Calungsod Choir	Parish Choir
Flowers	Viki Sant		
Counters	Tom, Elay, Orlando		
Projector Operator			
Church Cleaners	Rosa Watson,Couples for Christ		