

Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



Feast of The Body and Blood

28th / 29th May 2016

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am Monday,
Wednesday, Friday (in the church)

First Tuesday of the month: 11.00 am Mass
at Mercy Place.

RECONCILIATION

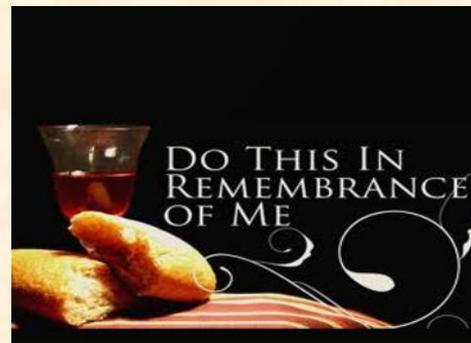
SATURDAY: 4.45 PM-5.45 PM

WEDDINGS—By appointment.

Preparation course: 6051 0222

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s gospel passage is Luke’s version of Jesus’ miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. This is one of the most significant miracles of Jesus as is evident from the fact that it appears in all four gospels. The scenario is quite familiar: there is a large, hungry crowd; the disciples bring this to the attention of Jesus; he instructs them, almost casually, to provide food for them; the disciples protest that this is clearly impossible since they have scarcely enough for themselves.

In spite of their reservations, the disciples obey Jesus when, having blest the loaves and fish, he asks them to distribute them to the hungry crowd. To their total amazement, there is not only enough for all those present, but twelve baskets filled with fragments are left over.

We can easily understand why the Church has chosen this gospel story for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, for the primary theme of this feast is the nourishment that Jesus offers us in the Blessed Sacrament. We are now the hungry multitude and we are reminded that Jesus offers us a nourishment that fully satisfies our needs. This is so because the food he offers is his own life, given for us.



Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ian Condon, Lawrence Smith, Shirley Wessen.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Clarkson, Anthony Clarkson, Patrick Murray, Nell Hogan, Mary Dodgson, Nancy Adams, Perc Donnelly, Thomas Richardson, Kathy Whiteway, Terry French, Iris Costigan, Daphne Collins, Herb Hicks, Lena Stuhr, Jack Toner, Anna Toner, Les Furst, Sr Zita Gilbert, Gordon Rowe, Charles Stevens, Anne-Mary Doyle, Betty Corrigan, Margaret Hayhoe.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 28th /29th May		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Nano Clancy	Colleen Day
Lector 1	Justin Clancy	Bede Hart
Lector 2	Ed Brown	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Geoff Jervois Volunteer	Frank Glennon Robert Brown Fran Kernaghan
Cantor	John Van Lint	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 1		

Sat /Sun: 4th / 5th June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Cassandra Jones	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Tony Smit	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Sr Carina Morton	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Trish Parkinson Volunteer	Pauline Willis Carey Menz-Dowling Noelene Cruise
Cantor	Catherine & Judy	Bernadette & Wendy
Musicians	Judy Foley	
Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts Cleaning Group: Group 2		

Prayer for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

The bread you give, O God, is Christ's flesh for the life of the world; the cup of his blood is your covenant for our salvation.

Grant that we who have been called into this holy mystery may reverence him in the needy of this world by lives poured out for the sake of that kingdom where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.



A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'The Eucharist is essential for us; it is Christ who wishes to enter our lives and fill us with his grace.'

Parish News

PLEASE NOTE

Owing to renovations being carried out in the Church Sanctuary, there will be NO MASS Monday morning.

Eucharistic Minister / Communion to the Sick

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister in our Sacred Heart Parish Community or wanting to become familiar with taking Communion to the sick and house bound could you contact Fran at the Presbytery and leave you name and phone number. Training for this Parish Ministry will take place during the month of June.

118th Philippine Independence Day

You are invited to 9th annual Mass & Salu-Salo for Philippine Independence Day with Bishop Gerard Hanna at St Patrick's Church on Sunday 12 June at 3pm. BYO food & drink for gathering after Mass. Contact Mother Angelita 0401.433.548 or Sister Letty 0456.649.609.

Proclaim 2016 - National Conference on the New Evangelisation

Proclaim 2016 will bring together over 500 Catholics over a period of three days in Sydney, for people who are interested in the new evangelisation in parishes. It includes workshops for parish life, liturgies, panel discussions, social media, a night of praise and worship open to youth and young adults. For clergy, religious, diocesan and parish staff and volunteers in parish ministry, married and single people, young and old. For more info: Natalie Moutia 02 9847 0504 or proclaim2016@dbb.org.au Flyer at back of church

St Vincent de Paul's Winter Appeal

This year focuses on women and children facing homelessness in Australia. The number of women over 55 who are becoming homeless is the fastest growing sector seeking assistance from agencies in Australia.

Please give generously by putting your donation in the envelopes provided in our churches or give the envelope to someone who may like to donate to this worthy cause.

Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and told us that whoever sees you sees him...

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord.

May our Church, with renewed enthusiasm bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind...

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy and through you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever.

Amen

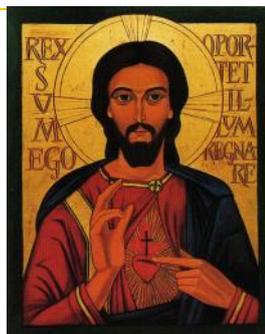
Feast Days during the Week

Tuesday 31st May — Visitation of Mary

Wednesday 1st June - St Justin, martyr

Friday 3rd June—Feast of the Sacred Heart

Saturday 4th June—Immaculate Heart of Mary



A Vote for the Voiceless'

The Australian Catholic Bishops of Australia have released a statement concerning the upcoming election. Go to: www.catholic.org.au

Liturgy of the Word

Body and Blood of Christ—Year C

Readings: Genesis 14: 18-20; 1Cor 11: 23-26; Luke 9: 11-17

Responsorial Psalm:



You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
Alleluia!**

Reflection on the Readings

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kin-dom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of Eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. [In Mark's account, this final meal has been foreshadowed in the story of the unnamed woman whose actions of breaking an alabaster jar and pouring the precious ointment on the head of Jesus parallel Jesus' actions of breaking and pouring.] In the context of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer only the sum of its material parts, precious as these may be. The restored flag is housed in a special place in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. (Veronica Lawson RSM)

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