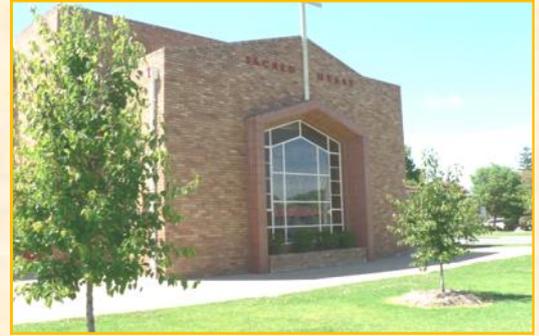


Sacred Heart Parish

North Albury



The Body and Blood of Christ

17th / 18th June 2017

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS: 9.30 am

Wednesday, Friday (in the hall)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 4.45 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity. (Dianne Bergant CSS)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Amalfi, Ivy Livermore, Joan O'Keefe, May Smith, Merle McCabe.

ANNIVERSARIES: Melissa Harris, Adele Massey, Sheila Jarvis, Josie Tynan, Wally Zerbst, Ignatius Kane, Mary Larkin, Judy O'Shannessy, Jack Hanrahan, John Purtell, Phyllis Mott, Jaquelyn Parker, Eileen Brown, Nell McIntyre, Jake & Maddison Murray, Frank Williams, Leonard Hogg, Jan Duke, Denis O'Reilly, Christopher McDermott, Mary Hull, Angelika Huysse, Anne Slattery, Eileen Muldoon, Mary Packer, Ena Joseph, Thomas Huets, Christopher Nuttall, Vera Maguire Ken Willis, Brian McNamara, Brian Gawen, Marie Dick, Phillip Adams, Ann Purvey, Warner Hogan, Ruth Wynter, Fr Len Egan, John Flood.
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: 17th /18th June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	First Eucharist	Rosalie Martin Michael Stephen Wendy McFerran
Eucharistic Ministers	First Eucharist	Kevin Kennedy Trish Parkinson Volunteers
Cantor Musicians	First Eucharist	Anne McIntyre Mary Hunt
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant Cleaning Group: Group 6		

Sat /Sun: 24th /25th June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Nano Clancy Justin Clancy Ed Brown	Colleen Day Bede Hart Roy Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Hopkins Pauline Mulquiney	Frank Glennon Robert Brown, Fran Kerna-ghan, Carmel Butts
Cantor Musicians	Margie & Ed Brown Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Carmel & Brian Butts Cleaning Group: Group 7		

Prayer For the First Communicants

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.

The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others....

in my family,
in my neighbourhood,
in my community,
with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus' name. 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

Congratulations to our children who are making their First Eucharist this weekend, and to you parents who have walked with your children in preparation for this occasion. May God continue to pour out his blessing upon you.

Pope Francis is Calling Young Australians to be part of an International Conversation.

Anyone between the ages of 16-29 is encouraged to complete a survey online via : <https://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey>.

The survey seeking their views on life, faith and their experience of church, will run for four weeks with the closing date for responses at midnight , Sunday 2nd July. For more information see Posters on noticeboards.

All Welcome - Refugee Week Prayer Service for Peace
2:30pm Sunday 25th June 2017 at San Isidore Church
Join representatives of Wagga's faith communities, together in solidarity for peace. Afternoon tea provided.

Guest speaker: Mazin Ghanm Mawaf of the Yazidi Community.

Contact: Joan 69313048; Peggy: 69313059

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 18 June 2017

This week on the Journey, Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the gospel and the Feast of Corpus Christi. Our very own Trish McCarthy talks about Intimacy with God (part 1) in her Milk & Honey segment, Bruce Downes, 'The Catholic Guy' encourages us to Pray for Yourself, and Fr Dave Callaghan encourages us to listen to 'The Call'. Threaded together with amazing Christian music artists, to create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into LIFE 101.9 FM or 98.5 THE LIGHT Albury Wodonga Sunday 11am or go to www.jcr.org.au

Feast Days

Monday 19th June—St Romuald, Abbot

Wednesday 21st June—St Aloysius Gonzaga

Thursday 22nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

Friday 22nd June—Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 24th June—Nativity of John the Baptist

WEEKDAY MASSES. Please note that masses on Wednesday and Friday will now be celebrated in the Hall at the usual time of 9.30am.

Feast of the Sacred Heart & Flanagan Day

To celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart & Flanagan Day, Friday 23 June, Mass will be in the Church at 9.30am. After Mass there will be morning tea at St Anne's school. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love,

Source of all hope and good things;

You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

The Body and Blood of Christ —Year A

Readings: Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17; John 6: 51-52

Responsorial Psalm



Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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 Reading

Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are extraordinary. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs. (Fr Richard Leonard SJ)

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