



Body and Blood of Christ

22nd / 23rd June 2019

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES: This Week:

Tuesday Mercy Place 11.00am Includes sacrament of anointing.

Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am

Friday—Feast of Sacred Heart 9.30am at St Anne's School Hall

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

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.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Power, Billie-Jo Delphin, Tess Powell, Stan Gard, Veronica Croft, John Odgers, Peta Hickey, Tony Hall, Jack Withers, Ken Bagnall.

ANNIVERSARIES: Timo Van Kerk Oerle, John Flood, Braedon Hensel, Stan Taylor, Joan Thompson, Ann Purvey, Brian Gawen, Iris Costigan, Mary Dale, Amy Allen, Reg Watson, Jessie Cullen, Lucy Takle, Reg Packer, Eileen Seymour, Denis O'Reilly, Des Kennedy, Hannah Evans, John Sheehan, Eileen Brown, Keith Heran, John Purtell, Catherine O'Brien, Tim Mitchelhill, Kathleen Halyday, Verna Roberts, Catherine Dale, Marie Fromholtz, Josie Tynan, Jack Dynan, Sheila Jarvis, Betty Bartlett, Jack Wynack, Hazel McEwan.

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: 22nd / 23rd June

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | St Anne's Confirmation Commitment Students | St Anne's Confirmation Commitment Students |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Pauline Mulquiney Pat Hopkins Jeneice Harding | Frank Glennon Carmel Butts Cathy Nyhan MACE Sisters Dianne Treacy 1 volunteer |
| Cantor Musicians | Catherine & Judy Judy Foley | Catherine Cutler |
| Counters: Gordon Bryant | | |

Sat /Sun: 29th / 30th June

| Ministry | Vigil | 9.30am |
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| Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2 | Xavier High School | Jane Murtagh Sr Carina Morton Ray Murtagh |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Anna Farrell Jim & Kaye Deanshaw | Pauline Willis Sue Hayhoe Sue McLaurin Fran Kernaghan Gemma Whitehead 1 volunteer |
| Cantor Musicians | Brian Waters Catherine Cutler | Ann McIntyre Val Hayes |
| Counters: Brian & Carmel Butts | | |

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



Changes to This Week's Daily Mass Routine

As the pastoral care co-ordinator will be away the first week in July our Mass of Anointing will be celebrated this **Tuesday 25 June** in **Mercy Place Chapel at 11.00am**. All welcome to attend.

Mass for the **Feast of the Sacred Heart** this **Friday 28 June** will be celebrated in St Anne's School Hall at 9.30am. All Welcome

Pastoral Planned Giving

We will soon be at the end of this financial year. Thanks for your ongoing support of our parish community in this regard. The parish is reliant on you generous monetary contributions to meet its financial commitments and to engage in pastoral activities. 2019/2020 planned giving envelopes (red) are ready for collection at church entrance (Mate Street). If you are not already contributing to our parish community in this way and are able to do so please fill in the details on the slip where the envelopes are located and place in the container provided. Otherwise contact the parish office by email/phone with the relevant details. Donations can also be made on a regular basis by direct debit.

Due to changes in taxation policy and our financial status we have been advised that you will not be able to claim your contribution to the planned giving as a tax deduction. Statements will still be provided for all contributors at the end of this financial year.

Catholic Mission

Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla from Ghana are currently visiting Australia. This year our Catholic Mission Appeal will support projects in their diocese. These projects are aimed at poverty, alleviation, education, shelter and the development of children and youth. You are invited to come along and hear about their life changing projects which are supported by Catholic Mission this Sunday 23 June from 2.00—3.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Your attendance to listen to their stories of faith and encourage them in their endeavours will be much appreciated. Thanks to those who have already volunteered with the provision of soup, sandwiches and slices for lunch and afternoon tea.

Plenary Council 2020 National Theme for Discernment 2 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Volunteers for Transport to Weekend Masses

We are still looking for volunteers who are willing to participate on a roster system or when available to bring parishioners to mass particularly on a Sunday morning. If you can help out please contact parish office by phone or email or Kevin Kennedy on 0403 454 987

This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Billie Penny-Anne Calabria and Luca Noel Calabria children of Francesco & Beth.

St Vincent de Paul Appeals

This is shaping up to be a brutal winter for many people in our community who live in poverty. St Clare's Conference operate the North Albury Care & Support Centre in Mate Street. We need your help.

- Funds are tight with both reduced donations of goods for sale and restrictions on Government Grants. The Winter Appeal is for cash donations.
- Blanket donations will offset our need to spend in order to replenish our stocks. Whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated, donations can be dropped into the Centre in Mate Street or left in the box at the back of the Church.
- Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Care & Support Centre. If you have a couple of hours per week/month and would like to assist, please contact Trish Parkinson on 0418 167 644.

Winter appeal envelopes are at the Church doors or on the pews. They can either be posted or brought to Mass.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held in our parish community on Monday 24 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. This gathering is particularly for our children from Yr 3 who will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All welcome to attend and receive the sacrament of God's healing & forgiveness.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 17 August at 6pm during our celebration of Eucharist. Parents of Year 6 children not attending St Anne's who wish their child to receive this concluding sacrament of initiation in the Catholic tradition are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Once we have an indication of numbers involved, we will be able to organise a preparation process.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Rosters

Your new rosters are now available for collection on side table at front of church (Swan Street) side.

Ecumenical Taize Prayer on Sunday 30 June in Wesley Chapel at St David's Uniting Church 5.00pm

Liturgy of the Word

Body and Blood of Christ—Year C

Readings: Gen 14: 18-20; 1 Cor 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 for ever.
Alleluia!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our commitment masses for our children from year 6 and beyond who are preparing to receive this final sacrament of initiation will be held this weekend.

Child's Commitment

Dear Jesus, help me in my preparation to learn more about the presence of God's Spirit in my life.

May the gift of the Holy Spirit give me the courage to be your disciple in the world.

May I always give thanks for your goodness by speaking to you in prayer and being an active member of our faith community.

Come Holy Spirit, fill me with the fire of your love. Amen

Parents' Commitment

I commit myself to be an example of faith to my child by what I say and do.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen me so that my child may know the power of God's presence in their life.

Come Holy Spirit, bless my parenthood with wisdom, understanding and patience. Amen

Community Response

Loving God, hear the prayers of these parents and children. May they know the support of the assembled community. Come Holy Spirit, renew and strengthen us. Amen



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