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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi) 3rd June 2018

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



“There is nothing in the world as beautiful as the Eucharist”

-Cardinal Wuerl

It is our experience that the hospitality of food and drink brings the people together. There is a great sense of common humanity, gratitude and joy in such celebrations. Practically all the celebrations and important functions of various natures are marked with table fellowship. The feast of Corpus Christi highlights and reminds us of the Real presence of Jesus who comes to us in the form of bread and wine. This feast brings to me a lot of beautiful memories associated with this feast in India and in the Philippines, such as street processions, adoration sessions and other festivities. There is a reinforcement of the catholic identity in such celebrations. The catholic identity is centred on the Eucharist, I believe, which serves us a source of divine energy to lead lives of freedom and wholeness.



Fr. Metzler shares the experience of his friend, an alcoholic in recovery, explaining the dynamics of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting this way: “It’s funny”, he says; “the meetings are always the same, the exact same things get said over and over again. Everything is totally predictable; everyone, except those who are there for the first time, know already what will be said. And we’re not there to show our best sides to each other. I don’t go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to share my talents or to be a nice guy. No. I go because, if I don’t, I know for sure, that I will start drinking again and eventually destroy myself. It’s that simple. I go there to stay alive”.

Can this also be a description of the Eucharist, at least of one important aspect of it? Among various reasons, we go to the Eucharist to stay alive. The Eucharist is God’s regular nourishment for us, a daily manna to keep us alive within the desert of our lives characterized by hunger for love, companionship, affirmation; the emotional and relational brokenness in the families and communities and many more. As the Second Vatican Council puts it, “Eucharist is the source and summit of our life.”

Brennan Manning, an American Franciscan priest, tells this story of his mother, a lady in her mid-seventies in Brooklyn. Mrs. Manning's day centred on her daily Eucharist. Because she began her voluntary stint at a drug detoxification centre each morning at 7.30 a.m., the only Mass she could reach was at 5.30 a.m. Across the road from her lived a very successful lawyer, mid-thirties, married with two children. The man had no religion and was particularly critical of daily church-goers. Driving home from a late party at 5 am one January morning, the roads glassy with ice, he said to his wife: "I bet that old hag won't be out this morning", referring to Mrs. Manning. But to his shock, there she was on hands and knees negotiating the hill up to the church. He went home, tried to sleep, but could not. Around 9 am he rose, went to the local presbytery and asked to see a priest. "Padre," he said, "I am not one of yours. I have no religion. But could you tell me what do you have there that can make an old woman crawl on hands and knees on an icy morning?" Thus began his conversion along with his wife and family. Mrs. Manning was one of those people who never studied deep religious books, never knew the big theological words, but she knew what it is to meet Jesus in Holy Communion. Jesus Christ is the bread of life. What more could we want?



(Sylvester O'Flynn in 'The Good News of Mark's Year').

Special prayers and wishes to every one of you on this wonderful feast day! Let us continue our journey of being the Eucharistic people as a community united in Jesus!

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

You are invited to join the
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018
 with extension in Jordan and Italy
16 November, departs Sydney for 2 weeks
Pilgrimage Chaplain:
Fr Vincent Savarimuthu

To everyone who has already registered
 and to anyone who is interested in joining,
THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON FRIDAY,
8th June, 7pm at the St Joseph Centre
 to discuss details of the pilgrimage.

For your Expression of Interest,
 please contact Susan Clark
 P: 02 9099 8035 M: 040 542 9988
 E: susan@itravel-au.com



Next 
Choir
Practice

Tuesday, 12th June, 7pm

Have you ever considered becoming a
SENIOR SERVER?



The parish could sure use your help!
 Training will be provided.

If you are interested—or even just
 curious—have a chat with Steve Fry,
 0411470416.
 Thank you!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1522.95
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1726
Loose = \$ 1493.90
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
TOTAL = \$ 5326.90 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your
credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.
 Thank you for your generosity!

Sacrament of FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation sessions for the
 Sacrament of First Reconciliation
 are on the 3rd, 17th, and 24th of June,
 at 4:20 pm, concluding with Mass at 5:30.

The celebrations of First Reconciliation will be on
 Tuesday, 26th June at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.



Let us pray for the children
 and their families
 on their journey of faith.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on
 Saturday, **7th July at 4:30-5:30pm**
 at the St Joseph Centre.
 To book, please call the
 parish office on 96542260.



Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at
 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.

COME AND SEE OUR PIETY STALL!

Beautiful items are available at our piety stall
 for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation,
 even anniversaries and birthdays!
 The stall is open after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses.



Issues of The Catholic Weekly
 are available in the foyer
 for \$2 each.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

- Supercharged for charity
- Two new Jesuits
- An obvious Saint: Caroline Chisolm
- Pro-lifers threatened
- Religious Freedom Bill launched

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Ross Sattler, Antonio Tallaridi, Rosaria Nucifora,
 Neil Palmer, Jodie Gillett, Marylyn Ayoub

For the dearly departed

Bill Gray, Peter Sebire, Sam Dominello,
 Frenk Piperata, Domenico Piperata,
 Annena Piperata, Anna Bonsanti, Ubaldo Turcato & family,
 Marcello Pellizzon & family, Faraj Ayoub, Setna Mulvihill
 and the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families,
 Herman Estacio, Emerita Estacio David, Giovanni Cristaldi,
 Orazia Cristaldi, Santo Cristaldi, and Salvatore Campo,
 Norman and Chahide Hajje, Shedly and Chahide Hajje,
 Hanna and Raymond Chiha, Mary Merhi, and George Baynie



For healing of the sick

Ivan Ceccato, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves,
 June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers,
 Violet Hobbs, Karen Blich, Elizabeth Graby,
 Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise,
 Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden,
 John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone,
 John Lippman, Sarah Biford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso,
 Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz,
 Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina,
 Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND

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THE POPE FRANCIS MOVIE: 10 AND 16 JUNE

Playing at the Sydney Film Festival this 10 and 16 of June – Pope Francis: A Man of His Word. Wim Wenders' (Buena Vista Social Club) new documentary is a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a traditional biography. Selected for the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. Tickets at: www.sff.org.au

BISHOP VINCENT LONG

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at "Winbourne", the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

PILGRIMAGE FROM PRAGUE TO DUBROVNIK IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A three-week pilgrimage - The Shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe - from Prague to Dubrovnik in the September-October School Holidays will be led by Fr John McSweeney from St John 23rd Parish, Stanhope Gardens. For more information contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or info@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

REFUGEE WEEK: 17-23 JUNE

Jesuit Refugee Services are requesting parishes, community groups and individuals to join in a unique fundraising event - Cook2Connect - during the upcoming Refugee Week, to support asylum seekers and refugees living in the community. The fundraising event will enable JRS to continue and extend the help they now offer to our suffering brothers and sisters. To register, call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or email Joanna.brooke@jrs.org.au or visit www.jrs.org.au.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2018

If you're interested in attending any of these courses, please take note of the following dates:

Compulsory Introductory Session—16th August

Ministers of the Word (2 sessions)—23rd and 30th August

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (2 sessions)—13th and 20th September

Communion to the Sick and Dying (1 session)—27th September

Sessions are held Thursday, 7:00pm, Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown

The enrolment form can be downloaded from the website:

[- http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/](http://parracatholic.org/office-for-worship/)

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:

Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator

Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy

10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Masses:

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup –Tue 9:00am

at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,

or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

POSITIONS VACANT

Administrative Assistant -

CatholicCare, Orchard Hills

Financial Counsellor -

Richmond & Blacktown offices

More details at: www.ccss.org.au

Parish Bookkeeper - St John 23rd

Parish, Stanhope Gardens

More details at: www.john23rd.com

Head of Property Development

Services - Diocese of Parramatta

More details at:

www.parracatholic.org/employment

Communications & Stakeholder Officer

More details at:

www.csns.catholic.edu.au

Vocations Officer (part-time) -

Diocese of Broken Bay

More details

at: recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or

www.dbb.org.au

Casual Housekeeper -

Mount St Benedict Centre,

Pennant Hills

More details at: Natalie Acton

nacton@goodsams.org.au

From the beneficiaries of our appeals in 2017, a big thank you!



Don Bosco Anbuillam, home for children with HIV-infected parents



Don Bosco Care Home for HIV-infected children and youth



Lotus Home Orphanage



And the families in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka



Let us continue to share our blessings!

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:

Peter Balnaves

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia

Piety Stall: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Michael Parslow

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 Parish Office at 96542260 or
 email: stmads@yahoo.com.au
 for details.

	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm	
THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca		Neil John & Joe Touma	
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Roslyn Earl	
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Deb & Paul Copperfield	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud		Christian Maait	
	MUSICIANS	Lisa & Craig	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, and Matt	
	COUNTERS	(5 June) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	YOUTH GROUP
	FLOWERS	Vince & Miranda Luca, arr'd Mari & Maureen		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow
9/10 JUNE	WELCOMERS		Fran & Rocco Scardino	Jenny & Peter Firkins	
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Stephen Kinchington Paul Cashman	Dan Doyle Bill Dowers		
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Tricia Spencer	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington	Vincent Macdonald	Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	
	MUSICIANS	Alexandra	Joan & David	Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	(12 June) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	Peter Tallaridi, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Varvaressos		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow