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14th June 2020
**The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ**

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians 10: 16-17
John 6: 51-8

**“Being simple and essential, bread broken and shared,
the Eucharist we receive allows us to see things as God does”.
"It inspires us to give ourselves to others. It is the antidote to the mindset that
says, 'Sorry, that is not my problem,' or, 'I have no time,
I can't help you, it's none of my business.'"**

- Pope Francis

The story is told about a seminarian who was serving as a tour guide at St Peter's, Vatican. One time he was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew nothing of our faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" Our student did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica." Today's feast of Corpus Christi is intended to make us value and appreciate the worth of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

[Msgr. Timothy M Dolan in Priests of the Third Millennium, (2000), p. 226.]

The Feast of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday) commemorates the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It was first initiated by St. Juliana of Cornillon. St. Juliana received a vision in which she was told that this feast honouring the Body and Blood of Christ was missing in the liturgical calendar and should be added. She was much opposed by some from her own religious order and suffered at their

treatment. However, she shared her vision with and received support from the future Pope Urban IV, who upon becoming Pope sanctioned this feast in 1264. Later Pope Clement V mandated that the feast should be observed throughout the Catholic world.

In my recent chat with a few of the parishioners, I understood, while they are happy to watch the Mass online, they terribly miss receiving Holy Communion. It's nothing like coming together as a community to celebrate the Eucharist and receive Jesus's Body and Blood. Their feelings are sincere and genuine as the importance of the Eucharist underlined by the Second Vatican Council states that the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian Life' (LG 11). The Sacrament of the Eucharist is very central to our catholic faith. It is the source from which we gain spiritual strength and vitality and the summit of saving faith as we remember and receive Jesus who suffered for the entire humanity. The Eucharist strengthens our sense of unity and love. The sharing of the same bread and the same cup brings the faithful together in Jesus. This feast reminds us that as we receive Jesus's Body and Blood in the Eucharist that he made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and it should elicit from us not only a willing dependence on him but an invitation to Jesus to abide in us providing true life.

(Source Emmaus Journey)

Last November, addressing the Eucharistic Congress, Pope Francis said that the Eucharist should create a communion the world needs today. At every Mass, Pope says that this miracle is repeated: in the hearing of the word and in the sign of the broken bread, even the smallest and lowliest assembly of believers becomes the body of the Lord, his tabernacle in the world."

Forced by isolation by the pandemic, people are getting used to watching the online Masses. While it helps the faithful to be connected to God and the community through the media, Pope Francis warns on danger in online Masses saying that 'One's relationship with Jesus "is intimate, it is personal, but it is in a community," and this closeness to Christ without community, without the Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together and "without the sacraments is dangerous,". It is dangerous, he said, because people could start living their relationship with God "for just myself, detached from the people of God". As the Gospels show, Jesus' disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord as a community – they gathered "at the table, a sign of community. It was always with the sacrament, with bread," the pope said. (Catholic News Service, April 20, 2020).

From the sharing of Pope Francis, we could easily grasp the importance of the Eucharist to be celebrated in a community of believers that promotes unity, peace, sacrificial love in the world. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in faith, may we also realise deeply that we are the Body of Christ in and for the world today.

God's blessings, Fr. Vince

First Reading (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16)

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20. R. V.12)

(R.) *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)



Second Reading (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17)

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel (John 6: 51-58)

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

SEQUENCE FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing The praises of thy Shepherd-King, In hymns and canticles divine;

Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song Worthy his praises to prolong, So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise Forms the sweet burden of thy lays – The living, life-dispensing food –

That food which at the sacred board Unto the brethren twelve our Lord His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong, Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song, The very music of the breast:

For now shines forth the day sublime That brings remembrance of the time When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall They meet to keep the festival That closed the ancient paschal rite:

The old is by the new replaced; The substance hath the shadow chased; And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done Should be renewed while time should run, In memory of his parting hour:

Thus, tutored in his school divine, We consecrate the bread and wine; And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given – Bread is made flesh by words from heaven: Into his blood the wine is turned:

What though it baffles nature's powers Of sense and sight? This faith of ours Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored:

The living body is our food; Our drink the ever-precious blood; In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides The sacred food, which whole abides Unbroken still, nor knows decay;

Be one, or be a thousand fed, They eat alike that living bread Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein, With sure increase of grace or sin, The ghostly life, or ghostly death:

Death to the guilty; to the good Immortal life. See how one food Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament; but bold And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;

Deem not the whole doth more enfold Than in the fractured part resides:

Deem not that Christ doth broken lie; 'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;

The hidden deep reality In all its fullness still abides.

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment,

The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshadowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed,

And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;

So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest,

Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Social Justice @ St Mads

This coming week is Refugee Week- 14th - 20th. For the Refugee Council of Australia 2020 has been a Year of Welcome. One action you can do for Refugee Week is to create a welcome message. Using your phone take a photo of yourself with a sign with a message of welcome OR create a short video with you sharing your message of welcome; upload your image or video to Twitter using the hashtag [#YearOfWelcome](https://twitter.com/YearOfWelcome)

Sydney Alliance have been holding table talks which are "table talks" events inside civil society organisations, which provide an opportunity for asylum seekers to share their personal stories and for members, staff and volunteers to explore their questions and concerns about asylum seeker policy in a safe, respectful space.

Refugee Week



If you are interested in hosting a Table Talk contact chantelle@sydneyalliance.org.au

~Sue Martin

The St Vincent de Paul Society is calling for donations to the Vinnies COVID-19 Winter Appeal, helping people doing it tough in our communities due to coronavirus. Every dollar you donate will help people to feed their families, put petrol in the car and keep warm during winter – more important than ever during the current health crisis.

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Mark Easton
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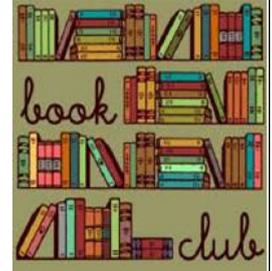
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We will continue to livestream Masses for the Saturday Vigil at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 10 am on <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleines-Masses>



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Book Club is starting again via Zoom. I've read a great book about suffering called, *Where the Hell is God?* by Fr Richard Leonard, Australian Jesuit. Only 67 pages it is thought- provoking, pastoral, original while stating opposing views, and examines the age-old question of how a kind God allows suffering.



If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 30th June, 7.30pm send me an email to register.

careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation session will be on Saturday, 4th July, at 4:30pm in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in:

96542260 (Tue-Fri, 10am –4pm)

stamds@yahoo.com.au

Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Serena Spina, Mr B Geddes, and Famila Fajardo Milan

For the dearly departed

Philomena Beresford, Jim Mulvihill, Setna Mulvihill, the deceased of the Mulvihill and Culligan families, Christy & Breda Sherlock

For healing of the sick

Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Selina Calleia, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bिल्ford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

For the special intentions of

Cheryl Burton, Shirley Burton, Mr & Mrs John Addison

***If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.**



Go to the Heart of Jesus and draw from it, and when you need more, go back to the Source and draw again.

-St Madeleine Sophie

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

Message from the Social Justice Office

COVID-19 has affected so many within our community, but has greatly impacted people seeking asylum within our Diocese. Many have no access to any safety net of support. This Refugee Week, you can make a difference and support people in desperate need. Please see the following information sheet (as attached) on how you can help refugees and asylum seekers during the COVID-19 pandemic: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hWUqyD6hIjx4CSALwbnD_mL3OkNAmF8z/view

Message from the ACBC

The ACBC has issued a statement advising that a number of malicious emails are being sent to random recipients claiming to be from Catholic parishes, dioceses and other organisations. These emails have mentioned: Cardinal George Pell, the complainant in his criminal trial, COVID-19 and – most recently – the upcoming Eden-Monaro byelection. The statement from the ACBC can be found here: <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2282-church-denounces-malicious-emails-claiming-to-be-from-catholic-sources/file>

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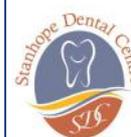
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