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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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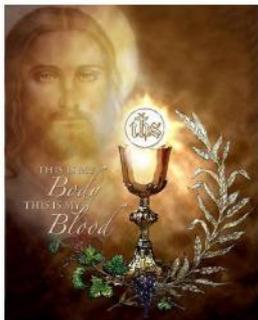
1 Cor 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17

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

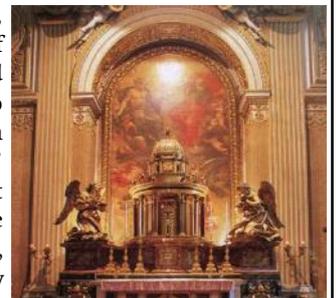
Dear Sisters and Brothers,

My mum in her old age is not doing great and so I am visiting her in India and the rest of the family on 27th June. Kindly keep her in your prayers and say a special prayer for my safe trip back and forth. I will be away from the parish for two months and that does not mean that you are forgotten. Our parish will always be in my prayers and thoughts. I have organised priests for the Masses in our parish and Sandra De Nardi (Parish Secretary) will guard the port with your cooperation and support. You can get in touch with the parish office for any spiritual or pastoral need and she will be able to assist you in whatever ways possible. Congrats to the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May you experience the unconditional love of God and His presence in your lives! Many thanks to the priests who have accepted my invite to help our children with this Sacrament.



The Feast of Corpus Christi (The Most Holy and Blood of Christ) this 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.

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.] We are called to be the "eucharistic people" in the sense of living out the Eucharist we receive in every celebration of Mass. The reflections below from A Sampler Connections can help us to understand the ways in which we can grow as a "Eucharistic Community."



While the kids are getting dressed for school, Mom is in the kitchen making their lunches. Katie likes her sandwiches cut in quarters; Bobby prefers strawberry jam. As she packs the sandwiches, she smiles, imagining the delighted look on their faces when they open the dessert treats she places in the bag. What she is doing is a sacrament – not the miracle of transubstantiation, but certainly parallel to it, moving in the same direction. If she could give her love to her children to consume again and again, like the loaves and fishes going endlessly into their mouths and stomachs, she would do it in an instant.

A few days before Christmas, the kids take over the kitchen to make Christmas cookies. Mom is there too, more to protect her kitchen than to supervise. Truth be told, the cookies that result are anything but spectacular – the reindeer-shaped cookies look more like fat cocker spaniels, the Santa cookies bear no ready resemblance to the jolly old elf, and the red and green sparkles are piled on rather than sprinkled. But the kids have a ball – and are making memories that they will remember long after they celebrate this same messy sacrament with their own children.



Her heart is breaking for her friend and all that she and her family have had to endure: the diagnosis, the difficult surgery, the chemotherapy, the unknown future. All she can do for her is pray – and make lasagne. And so, she does. Two or three times a week she takes her turn making some hot dish for her friend and her family. The food that she and the other friends prepare is nothing less than sacrament – compassion and concern made real in cheese and meat sauce. [Suggested from a story by Andre Dubus.]

A sacrament, St. Augustine said, is the visible sign of God's invisible grace. The gifts we give to one another are sacramental when they manifest the love and mercy of God; they are Eucharistic when they transform us into a community bound by that love. Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as his Church. In our sharing of the body of Christ, may we become the body of Christ for one another – to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all.

God's blessings
Fr. Vince

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

The Sunday Gospel reflections	Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
Prayer Group	Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Care Group	Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass & Monday at 7pm Via Zoom: Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561
Baptism Preparation	First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au)



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

Refugee Week June 19-25th the theme for Refugee Week is Healing. www.refugeeweek.org.au/ Share a Meal, Share a Story is a community fundraiser of the Refugee Council of Australia. World Refugee Day is an international day organised every year on 20 June by the United Nations. It is designed to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. The day was first established on 20 June 2001, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. Thank you for the food that our parish collects each week and shares with Vinnies at Emerton which assists those on the margins who need our help.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

Account Name : Kenthurst Catholic
Church BSB : 067950
Account Number : 00000388

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion

Thank you for your generosity!

We are in winter! I have had a request from a charity for adult hand knitted beanies for a homeless group in the city. If anyone can help with this please contact Deb m.0409 158 970 I will provide wool if needed.

Congratulations to Hector Simon Soans who was honoured on the Queen's Honour list for his service to the Anglo-Indian community of Australia

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$869.45
 2nd Collection (for Parish)
 Envelopes = \$623.20 Loose = \$801.80

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,443

Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Axel McGee Hazel Baxter



Congratulations to Shiromi and Mashruv on their wedding

Men's Breakfast
 St Madeleine's Centre

23 July 2022
 8.30-10am

Come to learn more about Mike O'Connell's experiences with the needs of the Nepalese. Mike had the opportunity to visit Nepal, see the conditions and respond to the situation. In the spirit of Laudato Si, and the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, come listen to Mike's journey, take time out to meet the community, and enjoy a delicious breakfast



Mike 0418285310
Sue 0432716577
Carmel 0417237013



ARE YOU INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

The Institute for Mission in the diocese of Parramatta conducts many programmes. One of their programmes is **THEMES OF FAITH (TEN SESSIONS)**. The facilitator of this programme is more than willing to run the sessions in our parish, provided there is enough interest from the parishioners. Such programmes will refresh our faith life for sure. Give it a thought ... have a word with your friends as well...and sign up the sheet at the entrance of our church or email stmads@yahoo.com.au ... you can also invite people from other parishes. God bless our community!
 Fr. Vincent

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:



For the dearly departed: Pietro Ceccato, Louis Sammut, Philomena Beresford, Milagrin Castelino, Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Joe & Adel Abraham, Pablito Corpuz, Nina Giudice, Costantino Giudice, Lulu Osborne, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Olive Burns, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Laurie Beckett, Jesline Bastianpulle, Joe Fuda

Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desanti, Joseph Spina, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess
If you would like someone to be included among these

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton
RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt
Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan
Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones
Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman
Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle
Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias
Welcomers Coordinator:
Safeguarding: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

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

Children's Liturgy TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 11:20

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Feast Day:
21 June



As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero. At age 7 Aloysius experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms, and other devotions. At age 9 he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week, and practicing great austerities. When he was 13 years old, he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain, and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints. A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade Aloysius to remain in his "normal" vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession, and was received into the Jesuit novitiate. Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance—that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, and to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual adviser. In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The superior general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die three months later within the octave of Corpus Christi, at the age of 23.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Would you consider donating flowers for the Church?
If so, please contact the parish office on 9654 2260

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, providing flowers, singing, sacristan or with cleaning.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation Sessions for First

Reconciliation take place on

Sundays, 19 and 26 June and

Sunday, 17 July at 4pm concluding with

5.30pm Mass.

Contact: Sandra De Nardi

stmad.sacraments@gmail.com

m.0410 587 735

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Madeleine's Centre

at 10am to coincide with the 10am Family Mass

Deb Rankin Children's Liturgy Co-ordinator



Positions Vacant:

Senior Administrative Support Coordinator—Diocese of Parramatta

Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's

Parish, Castle Hill More details at parracatholic.org/employment

Regional Coordinator – **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew – Catholic Care

Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Family Preservation Caseworker – Catholic Care Western

Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing

careers@ccss.org.au

All are Welcome Workshop - 29 June

Passionate about inviting and welcoming people to our church communities? On Wednesday 29 June, Pastoral Formation, Diocese of Parramatta, will be running two parish welcome workshops. Sign up now: <https://fb.me/e/2vSTxIOJo> or by emailing Donnie on met@parracatholic.org

LIFTED Retreat 2022 "Wonder & Awe": 1-3 July

You are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual young adults retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life and spend a weekend away full of prayer, talks, and community. For 18-35 year-olds. \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat.

Aboriginal Catholic Services NAIDOC Week Celebration: 4 July

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Monday 4 July from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

Free lecture: The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm

Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will

present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope

Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" – the 2021/22 Social Justice Statement. The event will feature presentations by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and a Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team. For more information and to register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/>

Marriage Preparation Courses in 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view weekend course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.



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18/19 June	WELCOMERS	Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott	Maureen Burford Teresa Capaldi	Joseph Spina	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phyllis Hannah	
	READERS	Pat Waters Robert Gerometta	Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry	Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy	
	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrell		
	MUSICIANS			Anucia & Team	
	COUNTERS	Paul Vella & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Kim Parslow
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Rosa Carlino
25/26 June	WELCOMERS		Brendan Ford Carmel & Mike O'Connell	Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone	
	MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR	John Puleo	Piety Rocha	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Colleen Dunlop	Catherine Diekman John Walcott	Sandra Tabone Sally Coppini	
	JNR MINISTERS	Matilda Rogers		Kerstin Grima	
	MUSICIANS			Merle & Doug	
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone, Paul Vella and Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Wedding		ALTAR LINEN	Jan Parslow