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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

13th/14th June, 2020

The Eucharist builds the church

This Sunday we are invited to meditate on the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ. Before giving himself up for us on the cross, He gave himself as food and drink, nourishment for our pilgrim journey. Jesus' body was broken on the cross; it is broken again each time we eat and drink of his Body and Blood. Jesus invites us on a journey of love. In Jesus, God became human to reveal himself to us, he invites us to participate in this journey of love to share in the divine life. The Eucharist maintains us as we undertake this journey.

The encyclical letter of St. John Paul II "ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA" clearly states that the Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church. In a variety of ways she joyfully experiences the constant fulfilment of the promise: "I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 28:20), but in the Holy Eucharist, through the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of the Lord, she rejoices in this presence with unique intensity. Ever since Pentecost, when the Church, the People of the New Covenant, began her pilgrim journey towards her heavenly homeland, the Divine Sacrament has continued to mark the passing of her days, filling them with confident hope.

The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life". "For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our passover and living bread."

Jesus gives his very life to give us life. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharistic species. In the Consecration, the earthly species [i.e. bread and wine] are transformed into a real body and blood of Jesus to become our bread of life and spiritual drink - a gift from God to us. This is how he gives his flesh for us to be eaten, and this is how he gives out his blood for us to drink. This is how he wants us to enjoy eternal life with him. We are so lucky that we could come back to the church and receive Jesus again.

This Eucharist makes us one, in the body of Christ. This unity then sustains and strengthens us to go on in our mission of promoting the cause of God, the cause of peace, justice, and unity, that is why the title of the second chapter of Ecclesia de Eucharistia is posted as The Eucharist Builds the Church.

So as we continue to celebrate our solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us thank God for this great and special gift of the Eucharist, a gift that assured us not only to survive and to live but also a gift of everlasting life. Let us then make this solemnity a resolution to be more active in our participation in every celebration of the Holy Eucharist we take part. O sacrament Most Holy, O sacrament divine, all praise and thanksgiving every moment are yours.

Fr Jason

Readings: Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

READINGS FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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

Congratulations on Your Appointments

Archbishop Mark has appointed Sr Mel Williams as the Vicar for Religious in the Archdiocese. She said it was a pastoral role that included "fostering good relations between the bishop and the (religious) communities, keeping the superiors informed about diocesan life ..., and things like promoting consecrated or religious life".

Although being present in our Parish for some time Deacon Des has now been officially appointed to our parish for his ministry.

Congratulations and prayerful wishes to you both.

Fr Joson



Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call us.

Your continued support of the Parish Planned Giving program is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Millis Townsend. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out this week's video from a parishioner.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

With the postponement of its annual conference Ignite Youth is currently in conversations for alternate events to run, and how they might best serve the youth of this Archdiocese and Australia. For us in this Parish, I'm excited for the future opportunities we will have, and I will be keeping my ear to the ground for additional options for our Parish.

<https://www.facebook.com/Abundance-Youth-114497676854096>

https://www.instagram.com/abundanceyouth_/

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Joachim's team - Tuesday, July 17th. See noticeboard for roster

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

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Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

EVANGELISATION BRISBANE – DAILY REFLECTIONS

For a theological reflection on the gospel of the day go to: <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

CATHOLIC LEADER – COMMITTING TO ACCESS OF STORIES

Go to: www.catholicleader.com.au

If you haven't already done so, [you can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here.](#)

I feel blessed to have amazing teachers who made COVID-19 easier.

Charlotte

As part of the Small Blessings campaign Charlotte, a young student has shared how her teachers have blessed her with all of their support during COVID-19. You too can share your small blessings at <https://bit.ly/2WeCx2I>

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Recommencement of Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Masses

We are offering two masses on Sundays commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. As an industry group we are now allowed a maximum of 100 people in the churches at any given time however in line with the Government's social distancing guidelines our numbers will be much reduced. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 65. We will allow for the increase in numbers from next Sunday.

Check the website for availability for masses on Sunday, June 21st. The next dates on offer will be June 28th and July 5th.

Weekday Masses

Weekday masses have recommenced on Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am.

How to book

We have opened a TryBooking page to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking. There is no need to print off the ticket. On the day there will be a sign-in sheet available at the door of the church for you to check and complete.

We ask that you only book into one mass each two week cycle. However, you may like to check on a Friday afternoon and if there are any available places please feel free to make a booking.

If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.

As numbers increase we will resume one of the evening masses.

If you are unable to attend the mass for which you have booked please let the office know. Likewise, if you are unable to secure booking due to the mass being fully booked you can advise the office and we can put your name on a wait list in case of cancellations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested. In line with government regulations and protocols put in place to keep parishioners safe you will need to contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Fr Joson

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