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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year B

5th/6th June, 2021

Together at one Alter

This great feast reminds me often about a frequent question asked by people when I introduce my order (MCBS: Missionary Congregation of the Blessed sacrament). Is it same as the blessed sacrament fathers? Even though it is not our order feast today, it has a great connection with the charism of my order. It is to live and proclaim the Eucharistic Mystery we celebrate, to gather the children of God around the altar to “praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice and to eat the Lord’s supper” and to uphold the real presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Perhaps today we should emphasise more the community dimension of the celebration of the Eucharist which is often missing. We tend to see “going to Mass” very much in individual terms. We also tend to talk about “hearing” Mass, or being “at Mass”. We ask questions like: “Who said the Mass. On reflection, these expressions are very strange. They tend to present the Eucharist as something that the priest alone does on behalf of other people. The whole church is present in each mass that is offered in our altar.

The Eucharist is essentially and of its very nature a community action in which every person present is expected to be an active participant. We relate to Jesus through his Risen Body, which is the whole community bearing his name. There is no place in Christianity for individualism. It is a horizontal faith: we go to God with and through those around us. The whole point of being at Mass is to celebrate together with one’s Fellow-Christians as a community of the disciples of Jesus.

The key to our being in Christ is love, love not only for God, but for every single person. Jesus said that the two ways by which it would be known publicly that we live in him would be by our love for each other and the unity which follows from that.

This, of course, we are to manifest first and foremost by the way we live our daily lives. And one of the reasons we may find it difficult to express ourselves as community during Mass is because we do not have that deep down sense of togetherness as Christians in general. Going to communion” is not a private “receiving” but a sharing, an eating together of the one Bread and the shared drinking of the one Cup. This one Bread and one Cup represent Jesus in his Risen Body; it includes not only Jesus but the whole community present.

Mass is not the time to manufacture community; rather, it is the time to celebrate it. The second Vatican council, opened under Pope John XIII on October 11th 1962 and closed under pope Paul VI on September 8th 1965, had great effects on our church. The liturgical reforms of Vatican II proclaimed the Mass as ‘source and summit of Christian life’ and encouraged the ‘full, conscious and active participation’ of all in the Eucharistic celebration. May this feast bind us together and build our community in faith and love.

With God’s blessings,

Fr Joson

Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Mark: 4:26-34

READINGS FOR MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-5

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

Parish Diary

Monday, June 7th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, June 9th

Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

Thursday, June 10th

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Friday, June 11th

Mass 9:00am

St Joachim's

Saturday, June 12th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, June 12th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, June 13th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes

Youth and Family Mass 6:00pm

St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN
FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Nancy Tiainen.

WE REJOICE

With the Klein and Winlaw families they celebrate the baptism of Ethan in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Tony's team

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, June 7th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.



ABUNDANCE YOUTH

Hope all is well as the term ticks along so quickly!

Our recent Youth Hike was such a great morning, thanks for all that came along, we hope to do it again soon! Our next Youth and Family Mass, open to all Parishioners with a special focus on school age children and young adults, is happening again on the 13th of June. Dinner will be provided afterwards with a time of fellowship. Hope to see you there!

God Bless, Nick.

PARISH REFLECTION MORNING

Saturday, June 19th 9:30am ~ 11:30am
St Agnes' Church

Morning tea will be provided

Fr. Jose R. Sanchez, C.P. was ordained a priest in December, 1992. He has previously been the Director of the Passionist Family Groups Movement in Victoria, Tasmania, part of the directorship team for Queensland and Northern NSW and has conducted over 500 Parish Missions all around Australia and New Zealand. Fr Ray has worked in adult faith education, Sacramental preparation for children and parents, hospital and high school chaplaincy and has conducted in-services and retreats. He has been the chair of The Passionist Justice, Peace and Ecology committee for their Australian Province for the last 15 years. Last year Fr Ray was made the community leader of the Passionist Oxley Community.

There will be no need to book. You can register at the door with your Check In Queensland App. If you do not have this app there will be sign-in sheets for you to complete. If you have any questions with regards to the App please give the parish office a call.

AN INVITATION TO MEN AND WOMEN DISCERNING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE

Archbishop Mark Coleridge would like to extend an invitation to all who may be interested in discerning a vocation to either the Priesthood or Religious Life to join him for a meal and informal discussions at Wynberg. Numbers are limited.

Dinner for Women discerning Religious Life

Tuesday, 8 June at 6.00 pm

Dinner for Men discerning Priesthood

Thursday, 17 June at 6.00 pm

If you or any member of your family is considering priestly or religious life and would like to attend please speak to me after mass or contact the office.

Fr Joson

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- Springfield sees eight parishioners step forward in public ministry including women acolytes and new deacon
- Meet the newest fully professed Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation

Weekend Mass Bookings

June 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BQZDJ>

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There will be further information in the coming weeks with regards to booking in for masses after June 20th.



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