



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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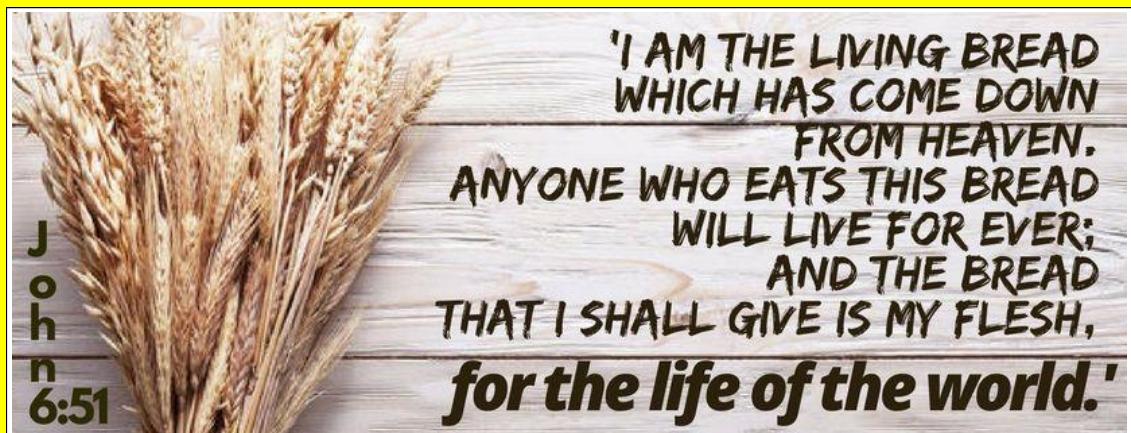
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Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

June 10th/11th, 2023



There are two experiences that lie behind the images used in this Gospel. The first was the experience of the Israelites when they escaped from Egypt and were fed by the manna in the wilderness. The second is the experience of Eucharist in the early Christian communities. Remember that this Gospel was written long after Jesus' death and Christians have been gathering for Eucharist for about sixty years. The evangelist affirms in very strong and vivid language the reality of Jesus' presence when Christians gather to eat and drink at the table of the Eucharist. Just as food nourishes ordinary human life, the bread and wine of the Eucharist nourishes the life of Christ in the believer.

Many in John's community were Jews who had a long tradition of celebrating Passover and recalling the gift of the manna. Now, as believers in Jesus, these Jews are no longer welcome in the Synagogue and so can no longer celebrate the Jewish Passover. The Gospel offers reassurance to them that they no longer need look to their past traditions, that they still have 'bread come down from heaven' in Jesus and this bread will offer life forever. The Gospel makes no attempt to explain how this happens, even though the Jews want to know this. The Gospel simply affirms that it happens, that this is what the Johannine community experience. In coming together at Eucharist Jesus is present offering us life. Are we so used to this gift, that we take it for granted? Don't miss the miracle.

Mary Coloe PBVM

Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

READINGS FOR MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

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.

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.

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.'

Parish Diary

Saturday, June 17th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 17th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, June 12th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

This week we welcome

6:00pm Sat Fr John Lai
7:30am Fr John Lai
9:00am Fr Frank O'Dea
6:00pm Sun Fr Regi Versasis

**PRAYER FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**O LORD JESUS CHRIST,
YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN US
YOUR PRECIOUS BODY
AND BLOOD TO BE OUR
MEAT AND DRINK,
GRANT THAT THROUGH
FREQUENT RECEPTION
OF YOU IN THE HOLY
EUCHARIST, I MAY BE
STRENGTHENED IN MIND
AND BODY TO DO YOUR
HOLY WILL. AMEN.**

PARISH NEWS

WE REJOICE

With the Arteaga Acosta, Hinds and Noye families as they celebrate the baptism of Emilia, Florence, Bonnie and Matilda in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team.

HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY MASSES

No hospitality after mass this Saturday night.

There will be a cuppa after the 7:30am mass.

Pizza and refreshments will be offered after 6:00pm mass this Sunday evening.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, June 13th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CORPUS CHRISTI 2023

Commencing at 2:00pm this Sunday, the Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The weekend (10th & 11th June) will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in the Cathedral precinct's Francis Rush Centre and a vigil night of adoration 7:00pm Saturday to 8:00am Sunday in the Mary MacKillop Chapel.

Find out more at www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

A QUIET WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, 30th June at 6:00pm – Sunday 2nd July at 3:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Experiencing God's Love and Light through the Spirituality of St Clare of Assisi. Hosted and Facilitated by: Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries. Cost: \$380 (\$350 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation. To register or to enquire: 0409 524 283; grace@dragonflyministries.net.au

Exciting News

I would like to share with the parish some exciting news. Binh, Cuc and family (ex-parishioners who lived in the old presbytery at St Agnes) received advice last week that they have been granted a Permanent Protection Visa. This has been a long time coming and now gives them security and peace of mind.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 17 & 18 JUNE 2023

Next weekend is the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Firstly, I would like to thank the congregations of the St Agnes' and St Joachim's Churches for their ongoing support during the year.

Generally speaking, our Conference will visit 10 to 12 homes a week within our community providing support by way of food vouchers and hampers, furniture, clothing vouchers and other essentials.

Any support you provide next weekend will go directly to the Holland Park / Mt Gravatt Conference to use within our local community.

If you would like to contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting www.vinnies.org.au or calling 13 18 12 or by using the envelopes that will be in the churches next weekend.

As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is very much needed and appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your assistance next weekend.

Every day at Vinnies we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone.

If anyone would like to know more about us or join our Conference, please contact us via the Parish Office or by email to sisa4121@svdpqld.org.au

President
Holland Park / Mt Gravatt Conference

Clairvaux MacKillop College

2023 College Tour



Please join us for a College Tour on

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 2023

9.00am TO 10.30am



This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College.

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THE CATHOLIC LEADER COST \$4 Available in the churches this weekend.

- New Shepherd for Toowoomba diocese - Bishop Ken Howell
- Cathedral honours Carpenter's labour.
- Brisbane Summit 2023 – Coverage
- Becoming 'a listening Church'
- Centacare reaches out to prisoners at crucial me.
- Brisbane begins year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of its Catholic 'heart'.
- The power of a First Nations scholarship.
- Redcliffe parishioners build stronger spirit after deluge.

AustralianCATHOLICS

- A school and community intertwined
- A faith journey – WYD Pilgrimage
- A feast of festivities – Festivals from other faiths
- Parishes – Culture and Identity
- Love thy neighbour – a work in progress



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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.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.



We are committed to the
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**