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**13TH & 14TH JUNE,  
2020**

### CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASSES

Due to covid-19, attendance of 50 parishioners at any parish weekend or Wednesday evening Mass is based on a roster system via a phone call or email invitation.

Parishioners are able to attend only the particular Mass they are rostered to attend as per the phone call or email invitation received.

If you have not yet received an invitation to attend one of our parish Masses, kindly contact Fr Chris on his mobile for the necessary arrangements to be made.

Thank you for your understanding and anticipated co-operation.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

*As less than 50 people usually attend these Masses, you are welcome to attend without a phone call or email invitation.*

*Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.*



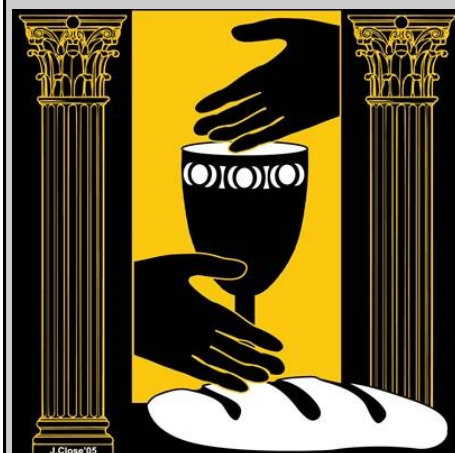
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**50**

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# The Living Word

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**14th June 2020**

## First Reading

**Dt 8:2-3. 14-16**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

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.**

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.)**

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.)**

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 Cor 10:16-17**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

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

**Jn 6:51-52**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Jn 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

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.'

## Scriptural context: Eucharist in Scripture

The gospel of John does not include any account of Jesus taking bread and wine and urging the disciples to 'do this in memory of me'. The three synoptic gospels, however, all feature these actions and words, as does Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which predates all of the gospels. Rather than using these words of institution, the gospel of John includes an entire chapter much earlier in the gospel in which Jesus theologises about the image of himself as the Bread of Life. It is this discourse, more than the Last Supper accounts, that provides much of the theological understanding of Eucharist.

## Gospel Focus: Real Presence

In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' – change of substance.

## Living the Gospel

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude – as blessed moments of grace – is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him.

*Greg Sunter*

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## REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate* The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received *and* a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

### *The Way of the Heart*



We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why might Jesus have used the image of such an everyday item as bread to describe himself?
- \* How might a Jewish audience have reacted to the idea of eating flesh and drinking blood?
- \* Why might Jesus have used such a confronting idea?
- \* In what ways can people be 'nourished' and 'fed' by Eucharist?
- \* In what way do you understand Jesus to be 'present' in the Eucharist?

### Questions for Adults

- \* Can you suggest why the name of the feast day might have changed at the time it did?
- \* How might the saying, 'You are what you eat' be applied to Eucharist?
- \* What reasons can you suggest for the Eucharistic meal becoming so central to Christian practice?
- \* How is it possible for you to be 'Eucharistic' in your daily life?



***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* Who do you invite when you share a meal?
- \* Who does Jesus invite to share in his sacred meal?
- \* What are some of the things we do at this sacred meal, the Mass? (*ie.* listen to God's Word, bring forward gifts, sing, pray, join in processions etc)
- \* Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. What can we thank God for in the Eucharist today?





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A stylized illustration featuring a golden chalice, a bunch of purple grapes with green leaves, and a golden loaf of bread with a cross-shaped mark on top. The items are arranged on a white background with soft shadows.



Amen.

prayer  
giving to  
you can say  
very meal.

## Recommencement of Church Cleaning Roster

As the Church is now being used the Church Cleaning Roster is up and running.

A new roster has been prepared and distributed.

If you have not received your copy of the roster please contact the parish office by email.

Thank you to those who continue to volunteer for this ministry.

## Parish Office Hours

During this time of church closure the Parish Office will remain open. You are welcome to telephone or email. At this stage, our operating hours have not been formalised, so please leave a message if we don't answer the phone and we'll get back to you. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

## Pastoral Support

During this challenging time many are struggling to cope. If you are in need of pastoral support or care please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

## Corpus Christi Facebook Page

Our parish Facebook page continues to be updated with relevant information at:

[www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook](http://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiParishCranebrook)

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seek to grow in living  
a Christ-centred mission,  
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,  
justice and community in today's world.**

**Thank You dear parishioners for your  
ongoing financial support to the parish.  
Your generosity is helping with the ongoing  
running expenses of our parish.**

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Mass Intentions:

Jane Micallef (10/06/14), Cameron Hargreaves (15th anniversary), James Vella (02/05), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Michael McCormack (20/06/07), Kevin McCormack (04/05/19)

### Recently Deceased:

Susan Foster (10/05/), Margaret Vella (11/05)

### And for those who are sick:

Joan Schneider

*If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.*

## PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223">https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223</a>
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured</a>
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ST MARGARET MARYS	Merrylands Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6FezbQbHtu-MSyWUSnaAcA</a>
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/">https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/</a>
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/</a>
OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Seven Hills Parish	Streamed Mass over weekend to Facebook Live <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/">https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/videos/206449013914284/</a>
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/">https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</a>

## Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,  
please come spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*





# Parramatta Diocesan News

## PROJECT COMPASSION UPDATE

**Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and you are invited to return your boxes or envelopes to Mass or the Parish Office.**

If you are unable to do this please contact 1800 024 413 or go to [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au). A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdL0IM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or [patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)

## Position Vacant:

Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta  
More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Institute for Mission

### Formation opportunity for adults

The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit <https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry> or contact Sr Grace on [grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au](mailto:grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au).

## Catholic Outlook Magazine June Edition

The June edition of our quarterly print magazine, *Catholic Outlook*, has been suspended due to COVID-19. You are still able to read and access the digital version of *Catholic Outlook* via [catholicoutlook.org](http://catholicoutlook.org) and <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>. Once Government restrictions have been fully lifted, the print production of *Catholic Outlook* will resume, with the next edition scheduled for September 2020.

## Share your Good News Stories!

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

## CatholicCare is Still Open and Operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference.

To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email - [enquiries@ccss.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au).

## Life, Marriage and Family Office

The Life, Marriage and Family Office will recommence their pre-marriage education courses from the weekend of 24th and 26th July 2020. Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place, with other arrangements to be made if government requirements change. To view course dates for the remainder of 2020 and to book and pay for your preferred pre-marriage course, visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) or call (02) 8838 3460.

## Natural Fertility Services is Still Open

The Life, Marriage and Family Office is still open! Natural Fertility Services helps couples achieve and space pregnancy naturally! If you would like to learn Natural Family Planning, please contact Catherine to book your remote instruction via email [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## Office For Worship Resources Available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

## Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org) to join the mailing list to receive session information.

## Catholic Youth Parramatta



Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

## Out of School Hours Care

If you are adjusting to a new work routine and your normal care arrangements have been interrupted by COVID-19, the Diocese's network of 27 Catholic Out of School Hours Care services are all open and accepting enrolments for children in Years K-6. With the Federal Government's childcare relief package, the service is free for all families until 28 June 2020. For more information and bookings, please contact [eyec@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eyec@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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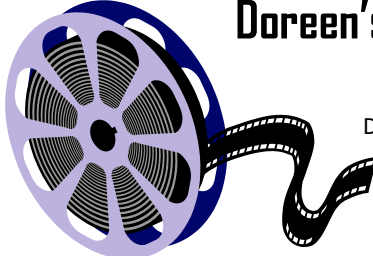
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