



*Please pray for:* Frank & Alice May Purcell (deceased)

**Mass Times: Sunday 14th June 2020 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Solemnity – A**

Sunday, 14 Jun	<b>10.30 am</b>	Solemn Mass
Sunday, 14 Jun	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Young Adults Mass
Monday, 15 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Monday – 11th Week, Ord Time
Tuesday, 16 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Tuesday – 11th Week, Ord Time
Wednesday, 17 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Wednesday – 11th Week, Ord Time
Thursday, 18 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Thursday – 11th Week, Ord Time
Friday, 19 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)
Saturday, 20 Jun	<b>No Mass</b>	Immaculate Heart, Blessed Mary (Mem)

*Regular Confession Times:*

Monday to Friday: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm (before 12.35 pm Mass)  
Sunday: 5.30 pm (before 6.00 pm Mass)

**The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office**



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. *Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.*



A VOCATION VIEW: 'In the first place, through the reception of the sacrament of the Eucharist, Christ himself, the cause of grace, becomes present in man.' – *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

*The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)* – this feast, originally Corpus Christi, arose in thirteenth century Belgium in response to debates about the real presence and as a result of an upsurge in eucharistic piety. It's extension to the entire Western Church was first decreed by Urban IV in 1264. The feast celebrates the nourishing and enduring presence of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

**\*Weekly Envelopes for the new financial year – available for collection in the church from Sunday 21st June onwards – many thanks**

**\*Please see next weekend's bulletin for a Plenary Council update**

**Streaming of Sunday Mass – from St Benedict's Church – 6pm – Here is the link to this Sunday's Mass – feast of Corpus Christi (14th June 2020) – <https://youtu.be/OI6uN7bhkXM>**

**Donations to Caritas for Project Compassion 2020**

Dear everyone, if you would like to make a donation to Caritas Australia for Project Compassion 2020, here are the options for this year:

- To make a credit card or direct deposit payment, call 1800 024 413 or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)
- To post a cheque or money order – GPO Box 9830, Sydney NSW 2001

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord

**The Resumption of 10.30am & 6pm Sunday Mass – for a maximum of 50 parishioners**

Dear everyone, we have created an online booking system for Sunday Mass at St Benedict's, through Eventbrite. Please now register for Sunday Mass, using the following links:

**10.30am Sunday Mass - St Benedict's**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1030am-sunday-mass-st-benedicts-broadway-tickets-108589118978>

**6pm Sunday Mass – St Benedict's**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/600pm-sunday-mass-st-benedicts-broadway-tickets-108589979552>

Should anyone experience difficulty in using the Eventbrite system to book Mass, please be in touch with the parish office on 8204 4378 by Thursday of each week – we will not be able to assist you after Thursday, as the parish office is closed on Fridays and weekends – thank you!

*For anyone arriving for Sunday Mass without having first registered, we will be pleased to record your details and invite you into the church, if 50 parishioners have not already registered. However, if we have reached the maximum of 50, regrettably, we will not be able to do so. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.*

**Bulletins – currently in electronic form only – Dear all, for the time being, the Sunday Mass bulletin will not be available in hard copy in the church, in the interests of everyone's health. Since Palm Sunday, the bulletins have been available on the website. We will provide hard copies in the church once again when life is safer – perhaps in Spring. ☺**

**The Jesuit Refugee Service is seeking food for their Foodbank & (new) Winter blankets at Two Wolves Community Cantina, (Cnr Broadway & City Rd) Mon-Fri–11am-2pm. Please contact Ramesh Richards, SJ, to arrange – [Ramesh.Richards@thecardonerproject.org](mailto:Ramesh.Richards@thecardonerproject.org) – or 0426 366 544 – thank you.**

**CatholicCare – is offering free online counselling** until 30th June 2020. This is open to all. To access this offer, please call the CCareline – 13 18 19 and quote the name of our parish.

**St Benedict's now has its own Tap and Go Donation Point!**

As a society, we're using our plastic cards more and carrying cash less. For the convenience of our 'cashless' parishioners, we have installed a *Tap and Go* Quest donation terminal, located at the back of the church, on the right side. With a simple tap of your credit card (or mobile or watch) you can contribute to our parish. **Each 'Tap' is now valued at \$10** and is a **NON tax-deductible** donation that supports the running, upkeep and maintenance of the parish. These donations are regarded as part of the 'Loose (or Second) Collection'. Please note: Visa or Mastercard are accepted – and no receipts or refunds can be issued. You can tap multiple times if you wish to donate more than \$10. (Example: to donate \$20, please tap two (2) times, as directed).

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.’

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / A

14 JUNE 2020

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Gospel for today’s feast comes from Jesus’ long discourse on ‘the Bread of Life’ in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John. At this final stage of the discourse Jesus explicitly links the gift of the Eucharist with the manna (‘bread from heaven’) that sustained the Israelites during their time of wandering in the wilderness of Sinai.

For most of the discourse, however, Jesus has been speaking of himself as ‘the Bread of Life’ in a more general sense. The people want him to emulate Moses, who arranged for ‘bread from heaven’ (the manna) to be given to their ancestors. But Jesus refuses to be just another figure like Moses, turning on miracles for the people. He identifies the manna with himself. *He* is the life-giving ‘Bread’ that God has sent down from heaven.

While the original manna simply sustained the Israelites in their journey through the wilderness, the new ‘Bread from heaven’ sustains life in a far deeper sense. Jesus describes it as ‘my flesh for the life of the world’ – an allusion to his death, in which he will lay down his earthly life that the world might share the eternal life of God.

As the words of consecration make clear, the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist are always the body ‘given up’ for us and the cup ‘poured out’ for us. In this sacramental mystery believers encounter a divine communication of sacrificial love and life, foreshadowed by but far surpassing what the Israelites experienced at Sinai.

## FIRST READING

Deut 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 to 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.’

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

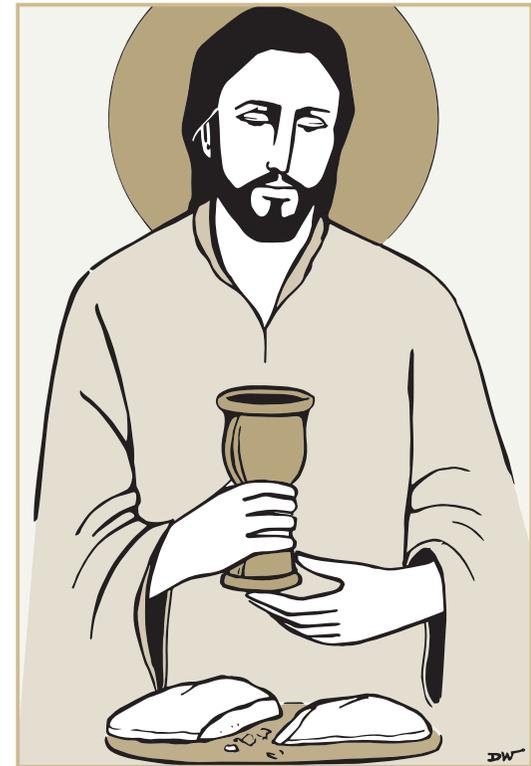
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)**

1. 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.**

2. He 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.**

3. 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.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## 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!**