

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

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

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.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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. **R.**
2. 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. **R.**
3. 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. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

6 June 2021
Corpus Christi

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9 am and 5.30 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES Mon: *No Mass Tues: *No Mass Wed: 12pm
Thur: 9am Fri: 9am The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat: 9am The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm
*Or by appointment

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.*



May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Plater, Fr Peter Liu, Peggy Bussell, Lawrence Hartley, Margaret Barnes, Blagyna Nikolovski.

Anniversaries: Peg MacRae (2/5), Joseph (5/6), Bill McLean (8/5), Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), John Varga (1/6), Pat Smyth (7/6).

Deceased: John Parker, Rodney Oatley, Patrick Valentine McNicholas, Dalis O'Brien, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Fr Bernie Flood, Maria Mood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.



PADDY'S CORNER

A police officer pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat. "Have you been drinking?" the officer asks. "Just water," says the priest. "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

COMING EVENTS

6 June: First Holy Communion
31 July: Launch of Online Men's Gathering

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

1st Coll: BSB 082105 ACC 001023642
2nd Coll: BSB 082105 ACC 001041198

Congratulations TO OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CHILDREN



Be eager in your desires but humbly patient in their accomplishment



SOCIAL DISTANCING - ** REGISTER TO ENTER USING EITHER QR CODE - OR PAPER REGISTER
** SANITISE HANDS ENTERING AND LEAVING
** KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
**SPRAY CLEANING PLEASE SPRAY BROADLY ABOVE SEATS AND NOT ON THE SEATS

WELCOME: We welcome Harry Verrier, Jock McCulloch and Callie Watson to our Parish family following their recent baptisms. May they and their families receive special blessings at this sacred time. **THANK YOU** to Fr John McHugh for providing such exceptional pastoral care over these last few weeks. His presence in the Parish has been a true blessing for us. May God bless him.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST are sought for a new Parish Pastoral Committee. Please contact Fr Anthony or email the Parish if you feel you can contribute your special gifts to assist.

COUNTERS NEEDED: Could you please consider joining a counting team? Counting is done on Mondays and we are very short of helpers. Please contact the office if you could help.

4-DAY HEART HEALING RETREAT AT SHALOM: Thursday 10th June 21 5:00pm to Monday 14th 2:00pm. This 4-day Healing Retreat is designed for adults wanting to heal the unresolved emotional and/or spiritual wounds of difficult or traumatic events that have occurred in their lives. The retreat will focus on healing childhood wounds such as attachment difficulties, family dysfunction, abuse, bullying and trauma. It is presented in a group format with a maximum of 8 participants completing therapeutic activities on an individual basis. The retreat facilitator, Di Frost is a registered psychologist who has been working in the trauma field for over 15 years. Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins St Carcoar, NSW Cost: \$500 (\$125/day includes materials, accommodation & meals)

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION 27 TH JUNE: The 2021 collection is to be conducted on 27th June, 2021 the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. The Diocese of Armidale will be holding its own Diocesan Catholic Men's Gathering as an in-person event on Saturday 16th October in Tamworth. This event will include the input being prepared by the ACBC for the National Catholic Men's Gathering as well as local input and content. *Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.* Further to come.

DIMMING IN THE CHURCH: Replacement of the church lights is imminent and of significant cost. We have seen the improved savings made with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and we would like to see the same in the Church. We hope to be able to address the issue in the not too distant future.

CRACKER'S TALES: To assist with the lighting project, we will aim to clear the stock of Cracker's Tales. The bargain price of \$10 will get you all the laughs you need. Please contact the office or speak with Fr Anthony after Mass or at the office if you would like to buy a copy

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 6/6/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford
9am Sun: R S Brown A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: M and J Murray
Counting Team J and O Whale, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 12/6 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen H J Hutt

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 13/6/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team R Paull, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 19/6 M Vella and R Pace
Altar Linen: E Jackson

We acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples. We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

