

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A
14 June 2020 #29.20**

From the Side Desk

At my ordination to the priesthood, my ordaining bishop (Cardinal John Ribat MSC) after anointing my hands with oil, presented me with the offertory gifts; a paten containing bread and a chalice containing wine for our Eucharistic celebration. As he placed the gifts into my hands, he said:

“Receive the oblation (offering) of the holy people to be offered to God, understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross”

To hear those words addressed to me as an adult at my ordination, with the prayers and the blessings of my religious congregation, of my family, and of the people of God (the Church) during a religious sacramental ritual, made me appreciate the gravity of what I was saying yes to.

For most of my life, I attended mass and received Eucharist to fulfil my Catholic conscience’s mental checklist of faith obligations. Over time, the Eucharist became something I took for granted. Like many, I had received the Sacrament of Holy Communion in primary school. For many years, my theology and understanding of Eucharist did not stray much from what I had initially learnt in preparation for the sacrament all those years ago. Things slowly changed only after I engaged in theological studies, in pastoral ministry, and had regular opportunities to converse and reflect with other people on what it means to receive Christ’s body and blood. Only then did I begin to consider the broader implications of what it means to receive Christ in communion, to be in-communion with all the baptised as the body of Christ, and to be communion/Christ for others.

As a priest, I do not celebrate mass or receive communion for my own sanctification. I celebrate mass for those gathered and I receive communion as a reminder of our one baptismal calling to share in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. What we are called to remember at the Eucharistic table is not his final supper with his followers. We do not recreate or reenact the last supper. At the last supper, it was his whole life that Jesus blessed, broken, and shared with his followers, so that in being one with him, they would continue his mission.

This is what we share and celebrate on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and each time we gather around our Lord’s table.

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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COVID-19 Updated Protocols 30 May 2020

Our Church doors are open 8:30am 5:00pm for private prayer.

We are limited to 20 people in the church at any one time.

Register your name, contact number and time you were in the church.

Please practice physical distancing at all times.

Use Hand Sanitizer when entering and leaving.

Reflection

Hunger for God – Hunger for Bread

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope.

‘Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.’ Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. ‘You tell me you hunger for bread.’ ‘Yes, yes’, the millions yelled in reply. ‘You tell me you hunger for God’, said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic ‘Yes! Yes!’ ‘I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.’

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there – many of them devout Catholics – and said very starkly, ‘I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back – it belongs to the poor.’

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say ‘Amen’. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, ‘Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.’

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, ‘while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete’. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, ‘When I was hungry, did you feed me?’ This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

Resources used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ. at [LiturgyHelp](#)

Heart Spirituality

The Eucharist

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption. It is a mysterious abyss where resides the source of all graces; it prolongs and multiplies in this valley of tears the presence of God incarnate. It renews the sacrifice of Calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body.

It perfects supremely the supernatural life by the most intimate union that can be conceived here below between God and his creature. It is the pledge of our resurrection and of our glorification in heaven.

It is the glory of the Church, the profound symbol and active centre of its unity. The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us. It comes from this Heart like a river from its source.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.214f, Paris 1900)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

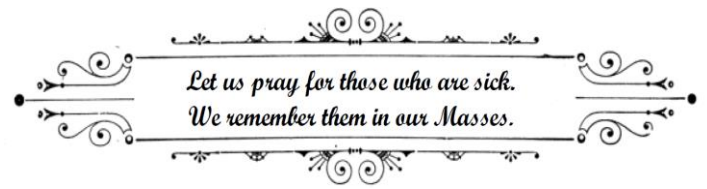
Stewardship

Just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”

Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.”

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](#)



WEEKDAY MASS

It is a government requirement that only 20 people can be in the church for Mass at a time.

If you are interested in attending morning mass, you must contact the parish office and register.

When you arrive you must register your name and contact number on the form provided on the registration table.

There is hand sanitizer provided, please use it.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Each Monday after 9:30am Mass

10:00am – 11:00am

Only 20 people can be in the church during this time

KIT @ KIPPAX

Contributions to KIT

Contributions to KIT have dropped off.

KIT is the parishioner's forum and a way of sharing your stories and remaining connected with each other.

Daily KIT will continue while ever there are contributions to keep it going. It is up to you! It is envisioned that once we can gather as the Body of Christ KIT will morph into Monthly KIT. Still a medium for parishioners to connect with each other with your stories and monthly reviews of what has happened in the parish and what is to come. KIT is powered by you, we would love to hear what has sustained you these past months.

COMMUNICATION - If you have not been receiving Emails from the parish office, check your junk and spam folders. We have been advised of issues with some Internet Service Providers and bulk emails.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES 2020-2021 Are now available for collection. They are on a table in the Church foyer.

Recently Deceased: Tom Quinn, Russell Mogg [son of Peter Dec. & Maria], Tanya Bradley [wife of Connor]

Anniversary: Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Josef Zabar, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Eileen Gehrig, Lucy Wilcott, Philip Donoghoe, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Ursula Sweeney, Dulcie Henshaw, Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray

CALLING KNITTERS @ SJA KIPPAX

Vinnies Night Patrol is seeking your assistance with

Scarves, Beanies and Gloves.

If you are a knitter and would like to knit for Vinnies Night Patrol, there is wool available in the basket in the church foyer. Many thanks

For more information, contact Sabina Van Rooy mobile 0428329951 or email sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com

Marriage & Family Month June 2020

An Archdiocesan gathering for Marriage & Family Sunday would normally take place in June. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have decided instead to create a series of live streamed presentations taking place directly after the 11am online Cathedral Mass on Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th June.

Not only will you hear great content relevant to marriage, you will also be able to chat with the presenters online. Tune in to the 11am Mass at

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

and stay with us, or join in as Mass concludes at around 11.45am.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

please contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Parise the Lord, Jerusalem

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Readings –21 June 2020

First Reading	Jer 20:10-13
Psalms	Ps 68:8-10,14,17,33-35
Second Reading	Rom 5:12-15
Gospel	Matthew 10:26-33

24 May Reading Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

24 May Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

24 May Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 May	
Grounds	23 May	
Counting:	24 May	

Church Cleaning:	18 May	
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On a Lighter note

If a Cuban man marries a woman from Iceland and has children.....Can the children be considered "icecubes"

Q. What did the science book say to the math book?

A. Wow, you've got problems