

St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ YEAR A

11 June 2023

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Reflection

Broken and Poured Out in Love for You

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.' The is Jesus' ongoing gift to us.

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

In a talk on the Eucharist, 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 is 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.

Resource used: *Homily*, by Fr. Richard Leonard SJ,

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

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

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

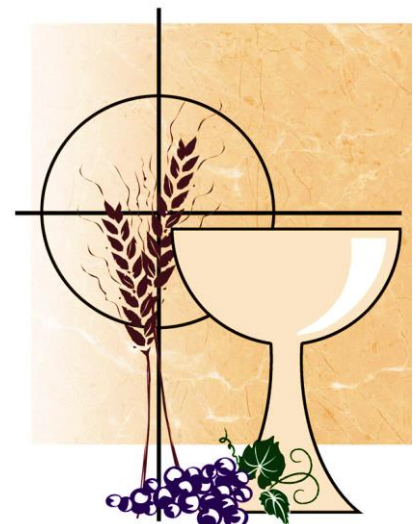
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2023 Vinnies CEO Sleepout!

Dear Parishioners,
This year I'm taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness.



If you would like to help me in fundraising to reduce homelessness, please go to the website page to donate; [CEO SLEEPOUT - Carl Madsen](#)

Or here [Fundraise for Australians experiencing homelessness - Vinnies CEO Sleepout](#)

Thank you all, Carl Madsen

St Thomas More Forum Annual Dinner

Friday 23rd June at 7pm

Mecure Hotel Ainslie,

Speaker: Madeline Brennan KC.

She is a practicing barrister and daughter of Sir Gerard Brennan (former High Court Chief Justice dec.) and sister of Fr Frank Brennan SJ OA.

Register now at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> by 11am Friday 16 June 2023. For more info. or copy of the flyer email forum@stthomasmore.org.au. Cost \$90.00 (Dinner and wine)

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Formation Evening for Parents

Monday 19 June 2023

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

The families of children in year 3 enrolled at St John the Apostle Primary school and the families of children enrolled in the sacramental program at the Parish School of Religion have been invited to prepare their children for the reception of the sacrament. If you have a child who is not at the primary school or enrolled in the Parish School of Religion and is in year 3 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year, please contact the parish office by Monday 12 June.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Friday 16 June 2023

Morning

Mass of the Sacred Heart – 9:30am

Followed by morning tea

Evening

Pot Luck Dinner – 6:00pm

Please bring a salad or dessert.

Meat and drinks will be supplied.



Pins & Needles

Mon 19 June – 7:15pm

Parish Library

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 27 JUNE – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

St John's Friendship Group

next meeting on

Wednesday 28 June

for Mass at 9:30am, followed by morning tea in the parish centre.

Please come and join us, you are all most welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

DURING MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

"Are there any sick among you? Let them call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord" **James 5:14**

Where: St John the Apostle Church

Day & Date: Friday 30 June 2023

Time: 11:00am

If you know of any parishioner who would like to attend this special Mass and lunch, please contact the Parish Office.

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Heart Spirituality

The Eucharist

By his incarnation, the Son of God gave himself to the world. He appeared among us with a heart full of compassion, love and mercy.

Impelled by his Heart, burning with love for us, he will institute a sacrament in which he will be really, substantially present until the end of the ages.

The Eucharist is the centre of the Sacraments that communicate to us the power of our redemption. It renews the sacrifice of calvary; it extends the incarnation of the Word in each of the members of his mystical body.

The holy Eucharist is the masterpiece and the ultimate limit of the love of the Heart of Jesus for us. It come from this Heart like a river from its source.

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

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

Stewardship

Spiritual Nourishment

As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist.

Just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through a lack of feeding on the Word of God. And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too, is the nourishment of the Eucharist.

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." 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 pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle, Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, George Carney Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Josef Zabar, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson, Eileen Gehrig, Agneza Allars, Lucy Wilcott, Philip Donoghoe, Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Ursula Sweeney, Noni Glover, Pat Williamson

Mass Intentions the week of 12 – 18 June

Mon 12/06	Ian Stephenson
Wed 14/06	
Thur 15/06	
Fri 16/06	Ursula Sweeney

Sat 17/06	
5:00pm	Irene Pieris

Sun 18/06	
8:30am	Mercedes Rosquitis
10:00am	Parish Intentions
6:00pm	Joseph Dang

To ensure that a mass time is available please
telephone the parish office to make a booking.



Vinnies
good works



Vinnies helpers needed

As the cost of living bites hard for many families in our local community, the burden on our Conference members increases. We need some new members to help with the load. To find out how you can help, please join us at our next Conference meeting on Monday 19 June at 7:30pm. Contact Mike for details 0419818410.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
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 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

St Johns Friendship Group	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise 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 – 18 June 2023

First Reading	Ex 19:2-6
Psalm	PS 99:2-3, 5
Second Reading	Rom 5:6-11
Gospel	Matthew 9:36-10:8

ROSTERS

18 June

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Joe Catanzariti, Judy Netting
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Darren Maharaj
10:00am	Libby Kain, Kate Lawrence
6:00pm	Dennis Puniard, Margaret Luck

18 June

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Janet Almond, Gordon Donnir
8:30am	Theresa Suh, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Sugi Mohanadas, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Charlotte D'Cruze, Lionel D'Cruze

18 June

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Carol Moore
8:30am	Clyde and Norma Sloan
10:00am	Pam Connor
6:00pm	Brian Mahony

18 June

SJAShop

5:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Jenny McGee

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	11 June	Pat Gilchrist
Grounds	17 June	
Church Cleaning:	11 June	Christine Lancaster, Pam Connor Shovin Weerawarnakula,

On a Lighter note

