

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A 13th - 14th June 2020

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

*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.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12  
R/ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.



**Second Reading:** Corinthians 10:16-17

*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:** John 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:** John 6:51-58

*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

**I am particularly mindful that for the vast majority of us at the moment, sadly, you are unable to receive the Lord in Holy Communion and I just want to continue to acknowledge that and to acknowledge your hunger in this regard...**

**Pope Benedict once said of a need for a hunger so that when we are able to feed again, to receive the Lord, that earnestness of the hunger that has arisen within us might be more strongly satisfied when we are to receive the Lord again.**

*Archbishop Peter A Comensoli*



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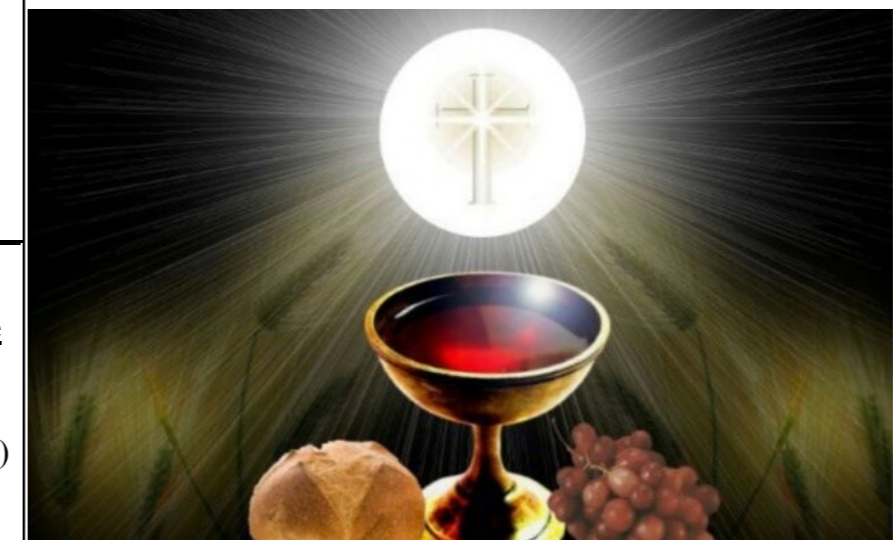
#### Do This in Memory of Me

Many of the great things in life are kept alive through cherished traditions and those who faithfully share and celebrate them. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people to 'remember' how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt, sustaining them during their flight with manna (bread) from heaven. That sacred memory is at the core of the Passover celebration defining the interrelationship between God and God's people.

Today, as a communion of persons in Christ, whether gathered in one physical space or, during this time separated, one in heart and mind, we renew our faith in this great Sacrament of Community – this 'Holy Communion'. Since its inception, this Sacrament has been the source and summit of Christian Life, defining and directing the continuation of Jesus' mission to all peoples through the Church.

The Gospel of John uses the miracle story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to reflect on Jesus as the 'bread of life' offered for all people.

Bread, in its various cultural forms, is staple food for much of the world's population. It is also a metaphor for food which sustains the life of the human community. Bread is absorbed into the human body to nourish and preserve life. Blood is the fluid that channels life through the body. They are in these ways the sources of life. When we receive Christ's Body and Blood as the bread and drink for our life's journey, we become one with him and through the sharing in the one Body, offer ourselves as he did in service to others.



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*'It is about belonging to one another in the same community of Christ, the community of faith, hope and love which is the Church. It is about humbly serving one another and reaching out with warmth, welcoming and hospitality to our neighbour – the person who needs me right here, right now. Love, service, kindness and compassion, self-forgetfulness and inclusive generosity, feeding the hungry: that's what it means to follow Jesus...to live his Last Supper command: "Do this in remembrance of me!"'*

*Fr Brian Gleeson CP*

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#### This Week's Masses

#### Saturday 13th & 20th June

Sunday Vigil Mass, **5 pm**

#### Sunday 14th & 21st June

9am and 11 am (both English)

#### Monday to Friday

9.10am

**From Sunday 28th June, 9am Mass will be in Italian.**

There is a limit of 20 people (including children) to attend every Mass, therefore it is necessary to register by calling Fr Jan on mobile on 0400469540 or 9480 3398.

### The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle.

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto where they remain today.

This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

### Dates to Remember

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Saint John the Baptist

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

### Online Masses

**St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

**Recorded masses can also be viewed at:**

[www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

Or: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

### TV Masses

**Channel 44 (31):** Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

**Channel 10:** Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

**RAI:** Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am

### Getting to know Fr Aloysius Nato, SVD



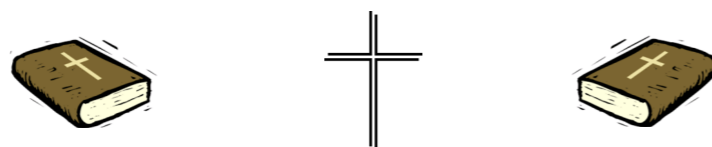
Hi all...I am a new comer to Sacred Heart Parish Preston. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Preston Community for welcoming and accepting me as your assistant parish priest. You are probably interested to know a little about me.

My name is Fr Aloysius Nato, a member of the Divine Word Missionaries. My birth place is West Flores, Indonesia. As the eldest of eleven children, I come from a big family. My parents (Pauline and Linus), now in their eighties, are simple farmers and devoted Catholics. I have two other siblings who joined the religious life as a brother and a nun, the rest of my siblings are married.

I was ordained into the priesthood on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1990. Before going to my mission in Hong Kong, I spent a year learning English Language in Sydney (1991). I arrived in Hong Kong in January 1992 and spent the first two years learning the Chinese Language (Cantonese) while working part time for migrants. After completing the Chinese language studies, I took up various ministries within the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, such as: parish ministry, migrant's apostolate, and supervisory work for Catholic schools.

In 2010, I took a break from the Hong Kong mission and came to Melbourne for some theological studies on Marriage and Family at John Paul II Institute of Marriage and Family, Melbourne. While studying at the Institute, I served the Catholic Chinese Community of Melbourne. In 2013 I was appointed as chaplain to the Catholic Chinese Community of Melbourne, where I served until the end of May 2020.

I guess that's all for my introduction, surely you will get to know me more as we set our journey together in this parish!



Please click on the following link for:

[A Word of Encouragement to the Catholic People of Australia from the Bishops of Australia](#)

### Collections

1st Collection: \$912.20

2nd Collection: \$275.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### Letters to Parishioners

During these unusual times, with the church being closed for many weeks and parishioners unable to celebrate the Eucharist, we discussed as a parish council the options for supporting our elderly parishioners. It was decided that our Sacred Heart School students would be invited to write letters to our parishioners and let them know that they were thinking of them during these difficult times. About fifty parishioners were chosen and were sent letters from our students in Years Four to Six. Over the past weeks we have received many beautiful responses from the parishioners expressing their gratitude and explaining how much joy the letters gave them.

Mark Tierney  
Principal

### A Prayer to St Joseph

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at the time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us grow in faith and pray to the Father, *thy will be done.*

Amen



### To All Readers and Communion Ministers

As we are slowly resuming our Mass celebrations and new rosters will be prepared, I would kindly like to remind and ask you to make sure that you have a valid Working with Children (WWC) card.

It is now compulsory that everyone "working as a volunteer" in the parish, is required by the government and the Church authorities to have a valid WWC.

We are happy to provide any assistance with obtaining a WWC, just contact Fr Jan in this regard.

### Resources for The Most Holy Trinity

Please share these online resources with your families.

The [family resource](#) is designed for families with young children.

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick  
*Lopisoni Amato, Alan Castles,  
Lilia Crupi, Nicola D'Orazio &  
Vincent Sievers*

We Commemorate  
*Beryle Galea (3rd Anni.)*

Those who have died recently  
*Keith John Tonnsend*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



### Novena to The Sacred Heart of Jesus

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of...

*(mention your intention here)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of...

*(mention your intention here)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of...

*(mention your intention here)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### #WeAreStillHere

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered.

Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you. Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis?

For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission).