

**Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi
(Year B) Sunday 6 June 2021**

First reading **Exodus 24:3-8**

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
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18**

Response: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

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.

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second reading **Hebrews 9:11-15**

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 the one made by men's hands because it is not of this creat-

ed 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 **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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 **Mark 14:12-16,22-26**

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.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.'..... 'This is my blood'



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As Covid-19 strikes back and the new cases are increasing we now find ourselves in another lockdown which, hopefully, will come to end on 10 June. In the middle of this lockdown we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. Sadly, obliged to observe the Covid-19 restrictions many Catholics in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will miss the celebration as they cannot come to church physically. Some may attend online masses (live streaming masses or zoom Masses) but the majority will miss it. For some Catholics, this may lead to losing the value of the Eucharist or otherwise it increases a hunger for the Eucharist. As we know the Eucharist is one of the last gifts Jesus gave to us. The other one is the gift of his Mother Mary as our spiritual mother. The solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of the first gift. It celebrates the abiding presence of our loving God as Emmanuel – God with us and the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the Eucharist we collectively thank God for his living with us. Our firm belief in his Real Presence helps us appreciate the Eucharist better and receive maximum benefit from the Sacrament. Reflecting on the benefit of the Eucharist reminds me of the story of the conversion St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Two hundred years ago, a beautiful, young, Episcopalian woman accompanied her husband, a merchant, to Italy, leaving four of their five children at home with family members. They had sailed for Italy, hoping that the change in climate might help her husband, whose failing business had eventually affected his health adversely. Tragically, he died in Livorno (Italy). The grieving young widow was warmly received by an Italian family, business acquaintances of her deceased husband. She stayed with them for three months before she could arrange to return to America. The young widow was very impressed by the Catholic faith of her host family, especially their devotion to the Holy Eucharist: their frequent attendance at Mass, the reverence with which they received Holy Communion, the awe they showed toward the Blessed Sacrament on feast days when the Eucharist was carried in procession. She found her broken heart healed by a hunger for this mysterious presence of the Lord, and, upon returning home, requested instruction in Catholic Faith. Soon after being received into the Church, she described her first reception of the Lord in the Eucharist as the happiest moment of her life. It was in St. Peter's Square on September 14, 1975, that Pope Paul VI canonized this woman, Elizabeth Ann Seton, as the first native-born saint of the United States. Saint Elizabeth's story is truly an inspiration. The Eucharist for her was a sign and cause of union with God and the Church. It brought healing to her broken life. As we struggle against the Covid-19 which has devastated many aspects of our lives let us be close to Jesus in Eucharist. We believe that He continues to bring healing strength, courage and healing not only to Elizabeth Ann Seton but to us as well.



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Parish Mass Schedule
No public
Masses until
further notice

Daily & Sunday Masses
are live streamed.

For the live stream link
please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)



Sacred Heart Primary School 2022 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2022 school year are closing on Monday 21 June 2021. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>
At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make. Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021

Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3sNC1W1> where you can listen anytime!



Last Week's Collection: 30/5/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$
Thank you for your kind generosity!



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

A message to Parish Priests

Mandatory use of Victorian Government QR Code Service

On Friday 7 May 2021, the Victorian Government announced that it is moving to a single QR Code Covid-19 check-in system.

This means that by 6pm on Friday, 28 May, all Parishes must use the free Victorian Government QR Code Service and have Covid marshals in place to ensure people are checking in at relevant Parish activities (e.g. Mass, weddings and funerals, and use of Parish spaces for community events).

Parishes should continue to proactively encourage parishioners to check-in.

Parishes should also make reasonable efforts to provide or use alternative record-keeping systems for people who do not have access to, or cannot use, a personal mobile phone or another device (e.g. iPad) to use the QR Code Service to check in.

Manual record keeping (pen and paper) can only be used if electronic record keeping is temporarily unavailable such as during an internet outage.

Tim O'Leary, Executive Director Stewardship

(the above letter has been edited for relevance)

NEW - Electronic sign in by QR code

Sacred Heart church is now using Electronic Sign-in by QR Code for all Masses as directed by the Victorian Government.

Paper based record keeping is no longer accepted.

To Sign-in when you arrive at church, you can use the QR Code posters in the foyer. Scan the QR Code using the Services Victoria App on your smart phone.

Note: You MUST have the Services Victoria App installed

Tip: Install the app now from:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>

When you arrive at church, open the Services Victoria App and tap on the "Contact tracing Check-In" button (as shown below) then scan the QR Code on the posters in the foyer.



Then, you only need to enter your first name and phone number. The parish will not receive this data. The Victorian Government contact tracers will use this data if a Covid-19 outbreak occurs. The data is stored by the government for 28 days.

We will have volunteers in the foyer to assist anyone who does not have a smart-phone - please be patient and arrive with plenty of time before Mass.

SACRED HEART Gardening Group

A new Gardening Group is meeting once a month to help keep our church grounds neat and beautiful. We welcome new volunteers as many hands make light work!

The next working bee is on:

Saturday 5 June
10am - 12pm

Meet at the Presbytery

BYO: Gardening gloves and tools for weeding and pruning. One or two whipper snipper owners are most welcome!!

Morning tea provided.



#33 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



Information Updated: 2 June 2021, 5.00pm

As of 11.59pm Thursday 3 June 2021, the following measures will apply across Metropolitan Melbourne and will be in place until at least 11.59pm Thursday, 10 June 2021.

*Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors: everywhere except your own home.

*There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 10km);
- caregiving or compassionate reasons;
- authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
- exercise (up to two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 10km);
- receive a vaccination.

*Private and public gatherings will not be permitted: Single person bubbles will be allowed.

* PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

* FUNERALS: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Last weekend we celebrated the Feast day of Pentecost, the birthday of Christianity; we also honoured Laudato Si' Week. Just as at the coming of the Holy Spirit upon those gathered in the Upper Room, so we too have received the gifts of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. We too are called by the Holy Spirit, and we are being sent out to preach the 'good news' of Jesus and this includes restoring and protecting God's creation. God's creation has no voice but ours, so let us proclaim the message of our Holy Father in Laudato Si' to everyone in our lives.

The Catholic Church operates more than 220,000 parishes globally so we can be a powerful voice for caring for the environment.

Catholic parishes and parishioners, by taking action to reduce emissions, by inspiring and engaging members, by speaking out and reaching out beyond our boundaries, will make all the difference in, and for, the world. (GCCM Eco Parish Guide)

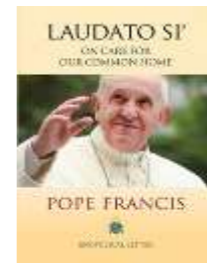
Pope Francis encourages us:

LS 139: "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it."

Please consider joining the Sacred Heart Garden Group who will work together to restore and nurture the Church gardens. We will gather for a special blessing by Fr Aloysius, gardening, food and fun on the first Saturday of the month 10-12 pm.

The Gardening Group needs you!!!!

Due to the current lockdown, the date of our first gardening group will be advised at a later date.



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke,
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph
Paige Lapenta, John Plum, and
Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

We Commemorate

Our deceased loved ones

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



Thank you Mass for Fr Jan

At the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 30 May we will offer a thank you Mass to Fr Jan.

This will be followed by tea and coffee at Sacred Heart Primary School.

We will be taking up a special collection for Fr Jan at all the weekend Masses.

Online Masses

Sacred Heart: live streamed via Zoom.

For link Visit: www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

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

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

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

Roster for weekend of 12/13 June 2021

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou John Kmaid	Terry Murphy
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Ivana Lo Bello
Sun 6.00pm	Carolina Constable Peter Constable	Robert Dullard

Cleaning Roster:

Saturday 12 June 2021

Neschelle / Volunteer

Thank you for your help

