

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Year C 29th - 30th June 2019

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4

R/ You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

The Lord will send from Zion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;

from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**



Second Reading: Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The Word of the Lord

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: Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them all to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd they all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

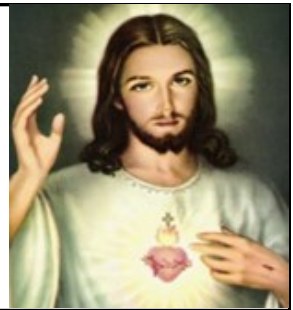


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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),

10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday
(English) & Friday (Italian) after
9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 29th - 30th June 2019

Through Him, With Him and In Him...

Each year different aspects of the Eucharist are emphasised by the readings for this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Today, as a Communion of persons in Christ, we renew our faith in the great sacrament - the 'source and summit of Christian Life' (*Lumen Gentium*), which gives life to the Church and unites it with Jesus' mission age after age.

The observance originated in Belgium in the 13th century, soon after, it was decreed to be a feast celebrated by the whole Western Church. From its beginning, through many centuries, Catholics have revered the Eucharist mainly as a sacred object, sacred elements on the altar or in the tabernacle. Without denying that aspect, since Vatican 11, the Church leads to recapture the original meaning and reality of the Eucharist.

Today, the word of God focuses on the Eucharist as a meal that reveals God's saving work for us in Jesus. By our communion in the Body and Blood of Christ we enter into Jesus' giving of Himself to us and to all, in shared food and drink. The Eucharist is first and foremost an action that engages us personally and socially. It brings God and humanity together in a giving and receiving relationship.

It calls us to break the bread and pour out the wine of our lives for the sake of the world - going to the depth of the words of Jesus, '*Do this in memory of Me*'.

Luke's Gospel today, of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the crowds with a small contribution of some loaves and fishes is striking in its simplicity, but makes it clear the central place given to the Eucharist in the community. Jesus, after completing his Galilean ministry, turns his attention to the formation of the apostles who will continue His mission to bring the Good News of God's mercy to the poor, to heal the broken and free the oppressed.

The story also has overtones of the Last supper, when it describes Jesus as raising his eyes to heaven giving thanks, praying over the crowds, breaking the food to be shared.

Then his words to the disciples, "*Give them something to eat yourselves*", could be understood as a commissioning of the Church to embrace Jesus' mission to feed the hungers of humanity.

Today's scripture reminds us that the Eucharist is more than an object of veneration. It is a divine action provoking us to human action in service of our brothers and sisters and thereby giving thanks to God.

*"May we offer to our Father a solemn pledge of undivided love.
May we offer our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live, one God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen"*



Sacred Heart Parish Child Safety Committee

The members of the committee are committed, in collaboration with our parish leaders to put into effect policies and recommendations that will create an environment in which the inclusion, protection and safety of children, young people and vulnerable persons is the highest priority of our Parish.

The Current committee members are: Rebecca Cooney, Belinda Cooney, Robert Dullard, Sharron Kotz, Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Pauline O'Day and Father Jan Szweda.

The Parish Child Safety Policy and Code of Conduct are soon to be reviewed and updated, where deemed necessary, and in accordance with updated Archdiocesan Policies and documents soon to be launched.

More information to follow over the coming weeks.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Starts Sunday 21st July



Sacred Heart Parish is very pleased to announce it will be offering a Children's Liturgy on Sundays at 10:30am Mass. The Children's Liturgy is a prayerful celebration of God's Word, reading the Gospel from a Children's Bible and talking about the way we live in the light of God's Word. We'll learn fun children's hymns too!

The liturgy will start at Mass with a special blessing by Fr Jan. The children will then process with their liturgy leaders to the presbytery for prayer, gospel reading and songs, returning to Mass in time for Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children's Liturgy will run during school terms only. Dates for Term 3 are: July: 21st, 28th; August: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; and September 1st.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

This weekend there is a special collection for:

PETER'S PENCE

(Annual collection for the Holy Father)

Next weekend there will be a special collection for CATHOLIC MISSION

We will also have a visit from a representative from Catholic Mission Melbourne who will speak about their work.

Last Week's Collection: 23/06/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1071.05
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$711.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Thank you!!

'The Feast of the Sacred Heart' last week was a wonderful celebration of the love of Jesus enriching our parish community. It was a wonderful day of sharing food, music and conversation. Many thanks to all who volunteered to assist - providing/serving food, preparing the hall and cleaning up afterwards, performing, entertaining the children and the list goes on. Thank you to all!

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.

Sacred Heart Parish Vision

Sacred Heart Parish is a Catholic community, growing in the love of God, sustained by the Word, and enriched by God's many gifts. We are called to live out our faith through worshipping together, welcoming and helping one another, being open to the challenges of the world, and embracing differences, caring for God's creation and facing our future with hope.

Mission

Following the Way of Jesus we strive to create vibrant liturgical celebrations, to build a hospitable and caring community, to respect and appreciate different cultures and values, to reach out to all people with compassion, and to promote and care for our environment.

St. Elisabeth Convent Belarus

Tuesday 2nd July - 9.10am Mass

A visiting sister from the St. Elisabeth Convent in Belarus will be selling beautiful handcrafted religious items made in the workshop of the Convent. Proceeds will help their missionary work with people with mental and physical disabilities and people in rehabilitation centres. Items for sale include rosaries, crosses, icons and church vestments.



ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

**Sunday 28th July, 11am
St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invites you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

Registrations: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 12th July.



Thank you from the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank you Sacred Heart Parish and School for your support of the Winter Appeal. Not only did we receive very generous donations to assist our neighbours struggling this winter, teachers and school families helped raised funds and provided winter wear, food and items for the Asylum Seeker Sanctuary. Your generosity has made a difference to many.

Liturgical Ministers Roster

The current Liturgical Ministers roster will conclude in three weeks time and the next roster is now being prepared. Ministers now serving, please advise if you:

- * Are able to continue as reader according to the current schedule;
- * Wish to change the Mass time for which you will be available;
- * Wish to continue, but will be absent on certain dates.

Contact Pauline on: pauline.oday@optusnet.com.au or phone 9484 2445.

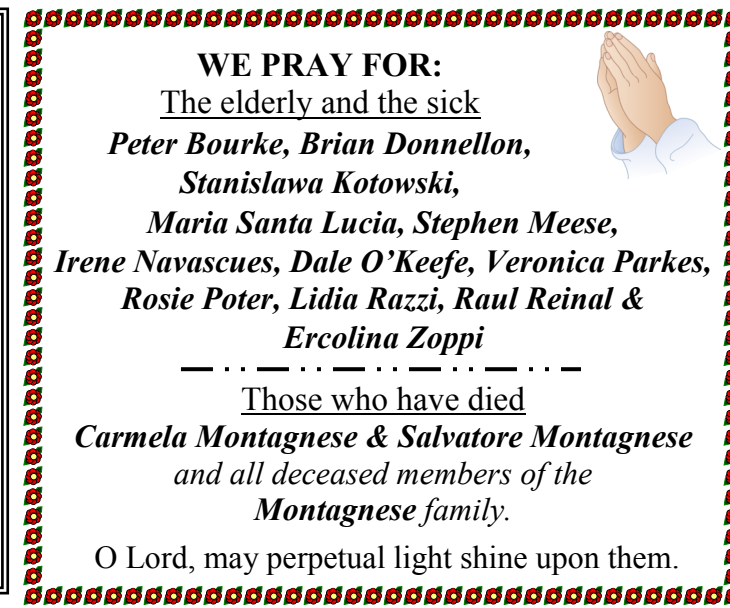
We require readers for the Saturday Evening Mass. Experienced Lectors/Readers welcome. Contact Father or Pauline as above.

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 6th July 2019
Dale/Pauline



Thank you for your help!

PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon,
Stanislawa Kotowski,
Maria Santa Lucia, Stephen Meese,
Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes,
Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal &
Ercolina Zoppi*

Those who have died

*Carmela Montagnese & Salvatore Montagnese
and all deceased members of the
Montagnese family.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

Pledge to Pray

Recently, the Vocations Office in Melbourne partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery', popular in some parts of the USA. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

Fr David Cartwright and Fr Nicholas Pearce
Melbourne Vocations Team

Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21st September, St Bede's College Mentone
At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, **Alight** is an event that will strengthen everyone - especially parents - to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family!

To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers in your parish or visit: www.cam.org.au/alight19

Roster for weekend of 6th - 7th July 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb Charlotte Bainy	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L.	Mancini M. Mendolicchio A.	O'Neill A.
Sun 10.30am	Marilene Fortunata Ophelia Swai	Vincci Lee Tony Eley	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Tim Rankin John Plum	Margaret Rankin	Jessica Suppiah