

# THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

He said to them,  
"This is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be  
shed for many."  
- Mk 14:24

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## FOCUS by Anne Sheehan

Last weekend we saw the sacramental class complete their initiation into the Church through the sacrament of Eucharist. It was the culmination of months of preparation. During this time they learnt about the Passover Meal and its significance to the Jewish people as a memorial meal. The children remembered the Last Supper and the act of self-giving and service shown by Jesus during that meal as recorded in Mark's gospel this weekend.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or *Corpus Christi* as it was formerly known. People of certain generations remember the huge *Corpus Christi* processions which brought the body of Christ into the streets of the parish. The body of Christ is still in our streets because we are there.

In this celebration we proclaim our belief in the Real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We also proclaim that same Jesus lives within each one of us who are baptized into His Body, the Church. The Eucharist, as the Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

One of the phrases the children heard during their sessions was "we receive the Body of Christ in order to become the Body of Christ." We speak of the Church as the Body of Christ. The Body of the Risen Jesus includes all his followers united in Christian communities all over the world. Jesus is the head of the Body and we, each with our unique and diverse gifts and talents, are its members. And we only truly belong to Christ when we are consciously and actively participating members of that Body, loving, serving and caring for each other and corporately giving witness to the vision that Jesus gave us to be shared with people all over the world.

Without total union with Christ and his Body, the Church, the Eucharist has little or no meaning. People who claim to be followers of Christ but come to the Eucharist in a purely passive frame of mind or without any sense of being a community and being members of one Body, benefit very little from the Eucharist. Let us come forward in procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in order to become the Body of Christ.



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**St Mary's Church**  
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## AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick  
for Medical Emergencies**  
Phone 4151 6666  
& follow the prompts.

## LIVE THE LITURGY

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others?

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the one who is the embodiment of stewardship. Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

## LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

World Environment Day is Tuesday June 5. It's the United Nations' day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. It's the 'people's day' for doing something to take care of the Earth or become an agent of change.

*We can all do something to celebrate God's gift of our environment  
'our common home' as individuals, families or with a group of friends  
– plant trees, take some action against wildlife crime,  
clean-up the neighbourhood etc.*

(Social Justice Diary 2018)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Baptism:** Rena Raziel Saturnino Cedergreen.

**Recently Deceased:** John Walters; Kevin Sutton; Christine Grogan; Molly Davis; June Gilmour; Helen Maher; Rita Spiteri (Malta); Doris Robb; Val Brasch (Brisbane); Noelene Harris; Ada Russell.

## NOTICES

**Business Manager:** We welcome Mr Norm Whyte to the fulltime position of Parish Business Manager. Norm has generously offered his financial expertise to our Parish for a number of years and is presently our Finance Council Chairperson. He is committed to improving the assets of our Parish and can be contacted at the Parish Office on 4151 6666 or via email: [norm.whyte@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:norm.whyte@rok.catholic.net.au) .

**Rockhampton Clergy Support Appeal:** will be held this weekend at all Masses. This is our way to support our retired and sick clergy who have faithfully supported our Diocese. Envelopes are available from the front door of all Churches.

**Bundaberg Catholic Women's League:** the June meeting will be held at Café 1928 on Tuesday, 5 June 2018 at 11.30am (for 12noon start). The proceeds from the Raffle on this day will be our contribution to **"The Biggest Morning Tea"** fund-raiser. Cost: \$5.00. Raffle prize donations welcomed. For more information or to RSVP please contact Olga ~ 4151 3397 by the evening of Sunday, 3 June 2018. All welcomed.

**Cherish Life: Monday, 11 June 2018** from 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the Novakoski Centre. *(Please note the change of date).*

**The Bundaberg CWLA Younger Group:** will meet for dinner, Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 6.30pm at Sabrosa Steakhouse. If any younger ladies would like to come along, you would be most welcome. For more information or to book, please contact Maureen on 4152 1263 before Tuesday lunchtime.

**Hot Pot Dinner Night:** hosted by the Bundaberg Passionist Mackillop Family Group is being held on **Saturday, 16 June 2018** at St Patrick's Hall **after the 6.00pm Mass**. For more information or to RSVP please contact Helen on 0490 361 406 or Geraldine on 0413 671 641. All welcome.

**Relay for Life High Tea: 10.30am Saturday, 14 July 2018** in St Patrick's Hall. Tickets are \$30. (Tables of 8 available). Donations towards the High Tea's Continuous Raffle would be greatly appreciated - Thank you.

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual eConference: Wednesday, 8 August 2018** from 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. This year's eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision & direction of the Catholic Church in our country. Please contact the Parish Office to Register. Note: Registrations close Monday, 6 August 2018.

**The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Luncheon:** will be held on **Saturday, 25 August 2018 from 10.00am to 2.00pm** at the Bundaberg RSL. Guest Speaker: Deacon Gary Stone (The Veterans Padre). Tickets: \$35 per person. More information will be available at a later date.

**2018/2019 Planned Giving Envelopes:** will soon be available. To help with the ease of distribution, it would be appreciated if you advised the Parish Office of any changes to your details or address.

**Thank You For Your Support:** your generosity is appreciated. A total of \$2978.50 was raised by this Parish towards the Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal which was held earlier this year.

## LITURGIES

### 9th Week of Ordinary Time

#### Monday 4 June 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

#### Tuesday 5 June 2018

##### St Boniface

9.00am St James - LWC

10.00am Mater - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

#### Wednesday 6 June 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

#### Thursday 7 June 2018

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

#### Friday 8 June 2018

##### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

11.25am Shalom - Mass

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

2.30pm Pioneer South

- Mass with Anointing

#### Saturday 9 June 2018

##### The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.30am St Mary's - LWC

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

## NEXT SUNDAY

10 June 2018

### 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B (II) Psalter Week 2

#### Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

#### Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

11.00am Carinity

5.30pm Holy Rosary

## SCRIPTURES

### First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

### Gospel

Mark 3:20-35



## SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

### Exodus 24:3-8

After receiving the law at Mount Sinai, Moses sealed God's covenant by sprinkling the blood of young slain bulls on the people and on the altar he erected. What do you think was the meaning of this ritual?

### Hebrews 9:11-15

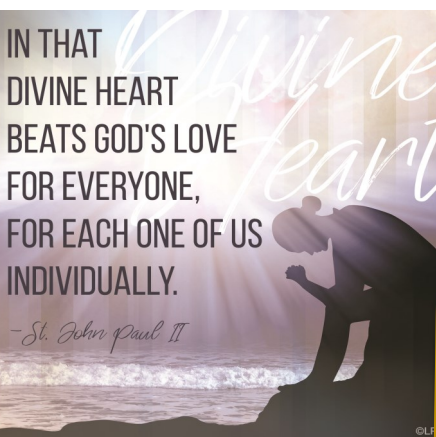
Hebrews speaks of Jesus as the "mediator of a new covenant" because his blood sacrifice brought eternal redemption for all believers. How is this a compelling explanation for the cross of Christ?

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

Today, we hear Mark's account of the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus speaks to the disciples about the Passover meal's bread and wine as his body and blood which "will be shed for many." How do you think the disciples reacted to this revelation?

IN THAT  
DIVINE HEART  
BEATS GOD'S LOVE  
FOR EVERYONE,  
FOR EACH ONE OF US  
INDIVIDUALLY.

- St. John Paul II



We are in the afterglow of our Easter celebration. Last week we reflected upon the divine life of the Trinity, shared with us through the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. This year's Corpus Christi liturgy calls us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist – the enduring presence in our midst of the Paschal Mystery in its entirety, the very 'foundation and centre' of the Church's life, as Vatican II reminds us. Today's readings take up the theme of Mark's gospel, 'the blood of the covenant poured out' for the whole human family.

To grasp what these readings have to say to us, we must take account of the profound symbolism blood had for old Israel – not a symbol of violence, but the sacred embodiment of life. As Moses ratified the old covenant with Yahweh, therefore, the blood – sprinkled on the altar (representing God) and on the people – expressed the life-giving union with God that was to become the very destiny of Israel. In his Eucharistic words, Jesus deliberately gives a new meaning to this old theme, repeating the words of Moses, 'This is the blood of the covenant', and adding a reference to the Servant Song of Is 53 – his blood will be a source of life for the whole world ('for many' is a Semitic expression used by the Isaian text, meaning 'for all').

For many people, the blood of Calvary has been associated almost exclusively with Christ's horrendous suffering. While not denying that awareness of the Saviour's passion is essential to Christian faith, the message of the Scriptures invites us to enlarge our perspective. St Paul's message to the first Christian generation was 'whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes' (1 Cor 11: 26). The Letter to the Hebrews spells out the magnificent implications of what Paul is saying. In the Saviour's death and resurrection he gives the world its one great act of true worship. He is the 'priest' who 'offers himself as a perfect sacrifice'; his life-giving 'blood' enables us to 'serve the living God'; as he enacts a final 'covenant', he takes us with him beyond the old Temple and its foreshadowing in the ritual of Mount Sinai, beyond 'this created order', into the very presence of God; in the Eucharistic sacrament, he fulfils 'what was promised' – in the Eucharist is fulfilled, the promise of 'new wine' in 'the Kingdom of God', with which Mark's reading ends. The Church has always seen the Eucharistic banquet as a foretaste of the joys of the Kingdom.

Today's liturgy, therefore invites us to reflect upon a theme of great importance for the renewal of the Church's liturgy. The Eucharist is far more than Christ's 'real presence' among us, as a kind of substitute for the fact that he is no longer among us as he was in his earthly life. In its fullness, the Eucharist is an action ('Take and eat', 'Take and drink'; 'Do this'). It is the central action of the Church's life because of the presence of the Lord himself, giving himself into the hands of his Father, as creation's perfect act of worship, and giving himself to us as food and drink, that we may make his Paschal Mystery our nourishment for eternal life.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In relationship with Christ,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we serve joyfully as a people  
beloved and called by God.