

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

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THE NEW COVENANT

Our readings of this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ deepen our understanding of the death of Jesus as inaugurating the new covenant he makes with God and all God's people.

In the first reading Moses shares with the people all the words of God he had heard in his encounter with God on the mountain. The people answer with one voice that they will observe all that the Lord has decreed. Moses seals this covenant ritually with burnt offerings, the sacrifice of oxen, and the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and the people.

The Hebrews' reading illuminates the difference Christ makes with the sacrifice of his own self and blood: he is the 'mediator of a new covenant'.

Mark's Gospel presents two scenes. The first occurs 'on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed'. Jesus, portrayed as an observant Jew with his disciples, makes preparations for Passover. The second drops us among those gathered for that Passover meal, 'while they were eating...' Here we are invited to see Jesus take the bread, bless it and break it, saying 'Take, this is my body.' Then we see Jesus take the cup, give thanks and give it to them. They all drank from it. Jesus' words tell us that 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many'. The closing words, hymn and movement to the Mount of Olives signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant.

May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

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 one made by men's hands because it is not of this created 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.

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!



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Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>1/2 Jun</u>	<u>8/9 Jun</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	1 Jun	8 Jun
Reader	Brian O'Dwyer	Chris Stokes
Eucharist Minister	Cath O'Dwyer	Amy Leahy
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	1 Jun	8 Jun
Reader	Ben Boyd	Marg Fleischmann
Eucharist Minister	Marita Dumaresq	Paul Reed
PowerPoint	Pauline Duff	Boyd Family
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	2 Jun	9 Jun
Reader	John Dixon	John O'Callaghan
Eucharist Minister	Kate Archer	Jeanette Jain
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	2 Jun	9 Jun
Reader	Mark Carocci	Jeremy Holt
Eucharist Minister	Gabrielle Pannuzzo	Marie Hoban
PowerPoint	Chris Banon	Tracey Brincat
	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	2 Jun	9 Jun
Reader	Anita Matthew	Chris Edulan
Eucharist Minister	Chandy Mathew	Ian Pirie
PowerPoint	Ian Pirie	Sandra McCaughey
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Carry Eid	Elisa Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Leonie Dunlop	Arthur Donovan
	Rose Rich	
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Veronica Joan Robson, Teresa Balbiani, Pearlysil Tapala, Gerald Joseph Scully, John Chatfield, Jack M^oWhinney, Hector Rae, Amabile Borg, Gunther Rath, Maggie Hayhoe, Renny Brian Moreira and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Sun 2nd Jun: Pray for the souls of Catherina Baudracco, Christofero Baudracco and Margerita Baudracco.

Sun 2nd Jun: Pray for the soul of Mary Pandikattu.

Sun 2nd Jun: Pray for the soul of Renny Brian Moreira.

Mon 3rd Jun: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 4th Jun: Pray for the soul of John Chatfield.

Wed 5th Jun: Pray for the soul of Domenico Denami.

Thu 6th Jun: Pray for the good health of Meg Johnson.

Fri 7th Jun: Pray for the soul of Annie Nugent.

Sat 8th Jun: Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.

The Neocatechumenal group will be meeting each Tuesday & Thursday at 7.30pm at the Our Lady of the Way Church. New members are welcome!

RCIA programme in our Parish, with Fr. Prakash, Kate Archer, Leonie Dunlop and Sr. Anne:

No one is born Catholic. An *unbaptized* person may wish to explore becoming a Catholic. A group of adults gather to begin that process. They meet regularly with lay leaders and a priest. The group (known as the Catechumenate) moves in stages or steps towards Baptism.

Someone *baptized in a Christian church* may now wish to be a Catholic. A group similar to the Catechumenate receives instruction, guidance, and support.

Baptized Catholics frequently discover they have yet to "become Catholic": some who missed essential religious formation may now be eager to continue the growth that all Catholics should experience. The parish offers series and sessions for such adults

What is RCIA?

The RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a **process** through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Participants in the RCIA are known as catechumens. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the church and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults prepare for baptism

What are the steps of the RCIA?

Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the **Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate**. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about membership in the Catholic Church.

After conversation with an advisor or spiritual guide, the person, known as an "inquirer," may decide to seek acceptance into the **Order of Catechumens**. The period of the catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time the catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the scriptures, what changes in their life they want to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what membership in the Catholic Church involves.

When a catechumen and the parish team working with him or her believes the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the **Rite of Election**.

The third step is the **Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation**, which takes place when the catechumen receives the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

After the person is initiated, formation and education continue in the period of the **postbaptismal catechesis**, which is called "mystagogy. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences and continue to learn more about the scriptures, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition, they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the church's mission and outreach activities.

RCIA Program 2024: If you are an adult wishing to become a Catholic, we are running the RCIA program here at St Patrick's. If you are interested in joining this year's group, the Information Evening will take place on Thursday 13th June at 7pm in the Parish House. Please register your interest by calling the parish office on 5782 1084.

Kilmore Wallan RSL & St Patrick's Primary School

St Pats Primary was invited by the Department of Veteran Affairs to take part in the making of a documentary that looks at how our nation has used stained glass windows to honour the sacrifices made for military service. A 30 minute documentary has been produced that features the work at St Pats Primary. Parishioners, members of the local RSL and St Pats families are invited to attend the viewing of the documentary "Let the Light Shine" in St Patrick's church at **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 12 June**. The viewing will be followed by a morning tea held in the

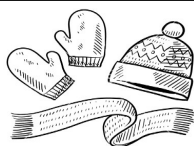
parish centre. The documentary will be a teaching resource made available to all schools across Australia and will help our students understand the meaning and purpose of the many stained glass windows we have in place in St Patrick's Church Kilmore. If you would like to attend please **RSVP by 5 June** to: liz.darvell@spkilmore.catholic.edu.au

Save the Date! Sunday 30th June at the 10.30am

Mass in Kilmore for a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Inception of the St Patrick's Parish. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Further details to follow.

The St Vincent de Paul Winter Stall

commences next Sunday the **9th of June** at our Kilmore and Wallan Churches.



Catholic Theological College
Online Information Session
Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST)
Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session
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ROSARY—The next Rosary will be held at Kate Archer's house, 12 Andrew Street, Kilmore at **1pm on Wednesday 5th June**. All are welcome!

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by 30th June to: stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com

