



PARTNERSHIP PARISHES



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5/6 June 2021

MASS TIMES

No Masses this weekend or during this week due to extended lockdown. We will keep you informed when we will be able to return.

Keep safe and keep well.

Fr. Shabin will hold you and your families in his prayers during this time.



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Recently Deceased

Yvette Mary Peters;
Milhem Malkeh Taouk; Jacquie Mason

Anniversaries

Eucharist as God's Physical Embrace

There's a story told of a young Jewish boy named Mortakai who refused to go to school. When he was six years old, his mother took him to school, but he cried and protested all the way and, immediately after she left, ran back home. She brought him back to school and this scenario played itself out for several days. He refused to stay in school. His parents tried to reason with him, arguing that he, like all children, must now go to school. To no avail. His parents then tried the age-old trick of applying an appropriate combination of bribes and threats. This too had no effect.

Kisses just work, their inner dynamics need no metaphysical elaboration.

Finally, in went to their explained the For his part, the "If the boy won't bring him to me." into the Rabbi's said not a word. up the boy and heart for a long without a word, What words



desperation they Rabbi and situation to him. Rabbi simply said: listen to words, They brought him study. The Rabbi He simply picked held him to his time. Then, still he set him down. couldn't

accomplish, a silent embrace did. Mortakai not only began willingly to go to school, he went on to become a great scholar and a Rabbi.

What that parable wonderfully expresses is how the Eucharist works. In it, God physically embraces us. Indeed that is what all sacraments are, God's physical embrace. Words, as we know, have a relative power. In critical situations they often fail us. When this happens, we have still another language, the language of ritual. The most ancient and primal ritual of all is the ritual of physical embrace. It can say and do what words cannot.

Jesus acted on this.

For most of his ministry, he used words. Through words, he tried to bring us God's consolation, challenge, and strength. His words, like all words, had a certain power. Indeed, his words stirred hearts, healed people, and affected conversions. But at a time, powerful though they were, they too became inadequate. Something more was needed. So on the night before his death, having exhausted what he could do with words, Jesus went beyond them. He gave us the Eucharist, his physical embrace, his kiss, a ritual within which he holds us to his heart.

Ron Rolheiser

This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.



FIRST READING: 24:3-8
A reading from the book of Exodus

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

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.**

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.

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.

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

SECOND READING Hebrew 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

All: Thanks be to God

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

Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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 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

Prima lettura Es 24,3-8

Dal libro dell'Esodo

In quei giorni, Mosè andò a riferire al popolo tutte le parole del Signore e tutte le norme.

‘Tutto il popolo rispose a una sola voce dicendo: ‘Tutti i comandamenti che il Signore ha dato, noi li eseguiremo!’.

Mosè scrisse tutte le parole del Signore. Si alzò di buon mattino ed eresse un altare ai piedi del monte, con dodici stele per le dodici tribù d'Israele. Incaricò alcuni giovani tra gli Israeliti di offrire olocausti e di sacrificare giovenchi come sacrifici di comunione, per il Signore.

Mosè prese la metà del sangue e la mise in tanti catini e ne versò l'altra metà sull'altare. Quindi prese il libro dell'alleanza e lo lesse alla presenza del popolo. Dissero: ‘Quanto ha detto il Signore, lo eseguiremo e vi presteremo ascolto’.

Mosè prese il sangue e ne asperse il popolo, dicendo: ‘Ecco il sangue dell'alleanza che il Signore ha concluso con voi sulla base di tutte queste parole!’.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Seguite il coro se il ritornello del salmo è diverso del foglietto.

Salmo responsoriale Sal 115

Rit: Alzerò il calice della salvezza e invocherò il nome del Signore.

1. Che cosa renderò al Signore, per tutti i benefici che mi ha fatto?
Alzerò il calice della salvezza e invocherò il nome del Signore.

2. Agli occhi del Signore è preziosa la morte dei suoi fedeli.
Io sono tuo servo, figlio della tua schiava:
tu hai spezzato le mie catene.

3. A te offrirò un sacrificio di ringraziamento e invocherò il nome del Signore.
Adempirò i miei voti al Signore davanti a tutto il suo popolo.

Rit: Alzerò il calice della salvezza e invocherò il nome del Signore.

Seconda Lettura Eb 9:11-15

Dalla lettera agli Ebrei

Fratelli, Cristo è venuto come sommo sacerdote dei beni futuri, attraverso una tenda più grande e più perfetta, non costruita da mano d'uomo, cioè non appartenente a questa

creazione. Egli entrò una volta per sempre nel santuario, non mediante il sangue di capri e di vitelli, ma in virtù del proprio sangue, ottenendo così una redenzione eterna.

Infatti, se il sangue dei capri e dei vitelli e la cenere di una giovenca, sparsa su quelli che sono contaminati, li santificano purificandoli nella carne, quanto più il sangue di Cristo – il quale, mosso dallo Spirito eterno, offrì se stesso senza macchia a Dio – purificherà la nostra coscienza dalle opere di morte, perché serviamo al Dio vivente?

Per questo egli è mediatore di un'alleanza nuova, perché, essendo intervenuta la sua morte in riscatto delle trasgressioni commesse sotto la prima alleanza, coloro che sono stati chiamati ricevano l'eredità eterna che era stata promessa.
Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

Canto al Vangelo (Gv 6,51)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Io sono il pane vivo, disceso dal cielo, dice il Signore, se uno mangia di questo pane vivrà in eterno .

Alleluia!

Vangelo Mc 14:12-16. 22-26

Dal Vangelo secondo Marco

Il primo giorno degli Àzzimi, quando si immolava la Pasqua, i discepoli dissero a Gesù: “Dove vuoi che andiamo a preparare, perché tu possa mangiare la Pasqua?”.

Allora mandò due dei suoi discepoli, dicendo loro: “Andate in città e vi verrà incontro un uomo con una brocca d'acqua; seguitelo. Là dove entrerà, dite al padrone di casa: “Il Maestro dice: Dov'è la mia stanza, in cui io possa mangiare la Pasqua con i miei discepoli?”. Egli vi mostrerà al piano superiore una grande sala, arredata e già pronta; lì preparate la cena per noi”.

I discepoli andarono e, entrati in città, trovarono come aveva detto loro e prepararono la Pasqua. Mentre mangiavano, prese il pane e recitò la benedizione, lo spezzò e lo diede loro, dicendo: ‘Prendete, questo è il mio corpo’. Poi prese un calice e rese grazie, lo diede loro e ne bevvero tutti. E disse loro: ‘Questo è il mio sangue dell'alleanza, che è versato per molti. In verità io vi dico che non berrò mai più del frutto della vite fino al giorno in cui lo berrò nuovo, nel regno di Dio’.

Dopo aver cantato l'inno, uscirono verso il monte degli Ulivi.

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te O Cristo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

St. Joseph's

1st Collection: House: \$

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$

St. Mary's

1st Collection: Thanksgivings: \$

2nd Collection: House: \$

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Names will remain for 4 weeks, then a new request is required.

HOUSE VISITATIONS

Do you or someone you know require any of the following

- Annual House Visits
- Visits to the Sick
- Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Presbytery on 9484 2907 to arrange a time with Fr Shabin.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND /

MALATE O

CONFINATE A CASA

Se conoscete persone che sono malate o confinate a casa e vorrebbero ricevere visite o la comunione a casa siete pregati di mettervi in contatto con Parish Offices **9484 2907** or **9489 8008**

ST. MARY'S GODSTART PLAYGROUP

During school terms for children 0-5 years.

Friday 9.30 - 10.45am

in the HALL (entry via Mansfield St).

ALL WELCOME! Contact:

Megan: 9495 1449

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 5:30pm Mass during school terms. This is a way for school aged children to gather and understand the Gospel at their age level. **Cancelled until further notice**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Every Thursday at 2pm

Via Zoom.

ALL WELCOME!

Contact: Mirella 0408 470 114

BAPTISMS: by appointment only

First Wednesday of the month.

St. Joseph's: 7.00pm: Baptism

Preparation meeting the church.

By appointment only.

St. Mary's: By appointment only

please call parish Office

SENIORS

Last Friday of the month

St. Joseph's: 2.00pm: Seniors Mass at the parish Centre.

First Friday of the month

St. Mary's: 2.00pm Mass of Anointing of the Sick.

Catholic Religious Education

St. Joseph's: Weds: 4-5pm R.E.

classes for Children for State & Secondary Students in the Parish House.

St. Mary's: Thurs: 4-5pm R.E

Classes in preparation for Sacraments. Please contact Mirella 9484 2907.

Safeguarding Children, Young

People and Vulnerable People

Committee Contact Person:

Moses El-Fahkri **0417 383 923**



Gesù ci ha promesso di stare con noi fino alla fine del mondo (Mt 28,20). Egli ha mantenuto la sua parola in molti modi. Egli è con noi nella sua parola, che è sempre una parola viva e santa, che conduce al Padre chi ad essa si affida. Egli è presente, ancora di più, nel sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue. E ciò merita certo una festa. Questo

sacramento ci colma, innanzi tutto perché fa arrivare fino a noi l'“incarnazione” del Verbo divino: Dio continua a venire per restare. Non ci abbandonerà più. In secondo luogo, questo sacramento ci nutre: alimenta in noi quella vita divina che è la nostra vera vita, poiché è eterna. Questo sacramento, infine, ci fa vedere, sotto forma di pane e di vino, colui che gli apostoli hanno visto, ma, proprio come Gesù di Nazaret non era visto da tutti come il Messia, il sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue non convince tutti. Per chi si ferma alle apparenze, tale sacramento non costituisce una prova, poiché ciò che si vede non basta. Infatti si vede solo ciò che si lascia vedere. Per il credente invece, cioè per chi si lascia raggiungere dall'amore di Dio, questo sacramento è il più grande fra i segni, il segno che mette in comunione con Gesù stesso. Il credente è da esso trasfigurato, il suo peccato è purificato, grazie ad esso pregusta il banchetto promesso: quello delle nozze del Figlio.

To commemorate the 130th Anniversary of Rerum Novarum,

the John Johnson Forum will be hosting a free zoom event with Fr Frank Brennan, Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si: the relevance of Catholic Social Teaching to winning government. Refer to the attached flyer.

Details: Date: Tuesday 15th June 2021

Time: 7:30pm AEST

RSVP for the zoom link: reply or email: johnojohnsonforum@gmail.com

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms

are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Closing Date 30 July 2021

Mass at Home during Lockdown

The Archdiocese of Melbourne invites you to join the community at **St Patrick's Cathedral for Mass.**

- ◆ Weekday Mass is live-streamed daily at 1.00 pm on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel.
- ◆ Sunday Mass is televised at 11.00 am on free-to-air TV on C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and live-streamed on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel.

Please note from now on we can only use Victorian Government QR codes for attending Mass each week. Please see the people at the door if you do not have a smart phone as everyone must register using the QR Code.

If you do not have a smartphone please write your name on the list provided and we will register for you.

Please download the Victorian Services App on your phone and scan the QR Code before entering the church.

You must wear a mask from now during Mass.