

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread that comes down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Next week's readings

- First Reading:** Ex 19:2-6
- Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3
- Second Reading:** Rom 5:6-11
- Gospel:** Mt 9:36 – 10:8



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue,	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A - 10th/11th June, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.



[The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://liturgyhelp.com)

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

Many people across the world who have died due to natural calamities (Turkey and Syria) and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Dr. Peter Champion, Sigfried Maletski, Kathleen Canavan, Jenny Martin, Katie Rickard, Moll Keavaney, Norma Meade, Bill Broekhof, Marion Clinton.

Prayer for the deceased: Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: John Barber, Kaz Holt, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Aliyah Lawless, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

Inner Healing through Meditation on Jesus

June 30 – July 2, 2023

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.)

Gospel of John 17:11; "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."

Retreat begins with dinner at 6pm on Friday 30th of June, and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday 2nd of July.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road,

Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP

Tel: 03 9762 6625 or



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Grateful thanks

On behalf of Father Cruz a big thank you goes out to all the hardworking people who helped with the thorough cleaning of the Church, the church pews and all the surrounding areas of the Chapel, Sacristy and entry over the last 2 Saturdays. A roster will now be provided for the regular cleaning of the Church. Many thanks to all."

*Thank
you* 

Patrick and Maureen Coyne

Propagation of the Faith Appeal

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

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Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



by Very Rev. Stephen Schultz, Pastor

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Catholic Church has consistently taught from Apostolic times that during a valid celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the bread and wine are truly changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is what is meant by the “True Presence” or “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Although the elements still have the appearance of bread and wine, they have – through the power of the Holy Spirit – actually changed into Jesus’ Body and Blood, just as they did at the Last Supper.

The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as “the source and summit” of our faith. As such, there is the need for proper respect regarding the Eucharist. This respect for the Eucharist means observing the rule that we must fast from food and beverages for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, including abstaining from chewing gum. It is permissible to drink water, and a small amount of food is permissible if needed to take with medicine. Respect for the Eucharist also means arriving for Mass on time and not leaving early. Respect for the Eucharist means observing silence or very quiet conversation both before and after Mass as a courtesy to others who are praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Respect for the Eucharist means that those who are physically able should genuflect reverently when entering and leaving a pew when they arrive for Mass and leave from Mass in a church in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept. If unable to genuflect, a deep bow is an appropriate sign of respect. Respect for the Eucharist means that we should not receive Holy Communion if we are aware of being in a state of serious sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Such persons should go to Confession, or in the case of cohabitation or a marriage outside of the Church, should see a priest about having their situation corrected so that they may worthily receive the Sacraments of the Church. On this feast of Corpus Christi, established by Pope Urban IV in the year 1264, we celebrate the miracle of the Eucharist. When we share in the Eucharist, we share in Jesus’ miraculous love for us and for all sinners. Our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the

Most Blessed Sacrament, is worthy of our worship, our respect, and our love. In the Most Holy Eucharist, we truly receive Jesus – his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – nourishing us for those lonely moments that are so often part of our human experience, and reassuring us that God is always present in our lives.

<https://fatimachurchabq.org/news/feast-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-corpus-christi-2019>

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



- Safeguarding Officer
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator
- Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton
- Pastoral Worker - Our Lady of Help Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Youth Minister - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Evangelisation Coordinator - Corio & Lara Catholic Parish
- Parish Secretary - Parishes in Partnership, Thornbury

Other Positions

- Facilities and Operations Director – Newman College
- Kitchen Hand - Corpus Christi College
- Spiritual Care Worker - Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI – 11 JUNE

To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (11th June) and the 100th year of Corpus Christi College, the Seminary **will be celebrating a special Mass on Sunday 11 June at 3pm** at the **Seminary Church of the Sacred Heart, Corner of Rathdowne and Pelham Streets, Carlton. This will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Benediction.** All are welcome.

