

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 80:17

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

Exodus 24:3-8

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 9:11-15

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

John 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

Mark

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

Communion Antiphon

John 6:57

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

Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Genesis 3:9-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 129. R. v.7
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35



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

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving. Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance. This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant. How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistia). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jun02/0/RefDiBer>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: John Kuyper , Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, 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, 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.**

Reading Roster — 2nd June

Patrick, Maureen Coyne

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

"The Casey/Deakin Grandmothers for Refugees invite you to Lunch to enjoy fabulous food, live music raffles and fun, raising funds for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

Where: Emerald Senior Citizens Centre, 8 Church St. Emerald.

When: 12 noon 16th June.

Entry: By donation. Cash preferred.

Bookings: Erica 0423615662, Marilyn at mm.huber34@gmail.com

Do come along, BYO.

Baptism

Let us welcome **Giselle Lafranchi, Chrystal Bourne and Charlotte Flynn** into our faith community. May they be richly blessed throughout their lives constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 — **Month of June**

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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The Classical Education Revolution

Tuesday 4th June - 7.15pm at ACU Fitzroy.

Join Andrew Kern and Katerina Hamilton of the CiRCE Institute for a public talk on classical liberal arts education, a growing movement worldwide. This free event will be held in Cathedral Hall at ACU, Fitzroy. Discover how classical education fosters wisdom and virtue, and learn how parents and teachers can implement it in schools and home education. Don't miss insights from Kern, a pioneer in the field, and Hamilton, a global advocate and educator.

Free event, RSPV essential: classicaleducation.com.au

Training Seminar on Classical Education for teachers and parents at Catholic Leadership Centre - Wednesday 5th June, 8.45am-3pm

Visit classicaleducation.com.au for details and tickets

2024 Propagation of the Faith Appeal

In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

Donations can be made by online or envelopes are available in your local church.

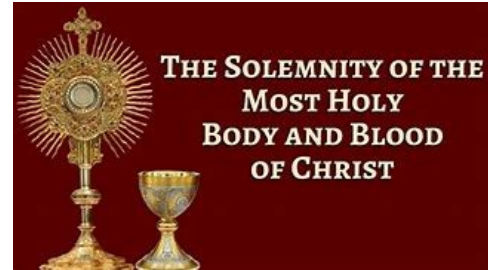


The Corpus Christi Sunday procession at St. Thomas More church Belgrave.

At 9am, the Eucharistic procession will be starting from the hall (behind the church) to the church via carpark followed by mass. All are welcome.



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, which translates from Latin to "Body of Christ." This feast originated in France in the mid thirteenth century and was extended to the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. This feast is celebrated on the Thursday following the Trinity Sunday or, as in the USA, on the Sunday following that feast.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass calls our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. The secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/solemnity-of-the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-270>

St. Vincent de Paul's Winter appeal

St. Vincent de Paul's annual winter appeal is being held during the month of June.

Any non perishable food could be left at the church foyer and would be collected by conference members.

We will have a third collection next weekend to support the Vincent de Paul society.



Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace

Let's redouble our prayers for a resolution for the Ukraine conflict. The candlelight vigil mass is on the first Wednesday of the Month. Lets redouble our prayers for a resolution to this conflict and peace in the world.

7 pm Mass

7.30pm Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

7.45pm Rosary.

8.05pm Benediction.

