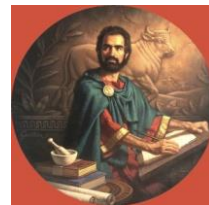


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2018 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR B *THE YEAR OF YOUTH*

This week's readings: Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Gospel Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week's first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was regarded as being both very sacred as well as impure.

It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being 'the blood of the covenant' would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God's people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

Historical Context – Covenant: Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

Have you thought? You are what you eat: Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish *kosher* and Islamic *halal* restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden: pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

Gospel Focus – Words of Institution: The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Response to the Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Sequence: Sing forth, O Zion, ...

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

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

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We are Companions on the Journey ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

**Rev Father Gerard Johnson
Parish Priest**

Marilyn Robert
**Part-time Parish Secretary
Thursday & Friday
9.30am – 4.30pm**

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am
Weds. – Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is
exposed for Adoration

Wednesday

Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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**Prayer to Saint Luke
the Evangelist**

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal
by his preaching and writings the mystery of
your love for the poor, grant that those who
already glory in your name may persevere
as one heart and one soul and that all
nations may merit to see your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons,
students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick especially Soane and for those
Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For Wilma Kingston who died
recently and for Monica and Henry Hood, John Downie, James Fogarty,
Margaret Carman, Bernard Harrington, Ahyaan Tissera, Sue Plevier, Thea Weise,
Maisie Cherrill, Fred Fahey and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time,
may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. **Tuesday:** St Boniface,
bishop, martyr; **Wednesday:** St Norbert, bishop; St Marcellin Champagnat, religious;
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; **Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary. **Sunday Masses:** Preface of the Holy Eucharist I. Euch. Accl. No. 2
& Eucharistic Prayer III.

A VOCATION VIEW: Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant, established in His
Precious Blood, so that we might make a return to Him. As we gather Sunday after
Sunday, may we become more and more like whom we receive from the altar of the
Lord. (Hebrews 9:11-15)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: *"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them
and they all drank from it."* – Mark 14:23 Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just
before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to
drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him,
we know what drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our
time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION this
Thursday evening 7th June @ 7.00pm in our Parish Church with Monsignor Tony Ireland,
episcopal Vicar for the Easter Region. Please pray for all our Candidates and their
families. *"May you be strong in courage and confidence. May you be wise in
choices and decisions. May you be caring of all relationships and compassionate to
those in need. May you meet life's adventure with a clear mind and a bold heart.
May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you
always. Amen."* **A Parishioner's Prayer:** *'Come Holy Spirit, enlighten my Heart to see
the things which are of God; Come Holy Spirit into my Mind that I may know the
things that are of God; Come Holy Spirit into my Soul that I may belong only to God.
Sanctify all that I think, say and do that all will be for the Glory of God. Amen.'*

THE PARISH THANKS all those Parishioners who have committed themselves once
again to serving it by putting themselves on recently published rosters. Our thanks too
to Megan McLean, Margaret Gearon and Maria Pinto for co-ordinating this process
so effectively for all of us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL for the 2018 Winter Appeal
will take place this weekend. Envelopes for monetary donations are available and a
third collection will be taken up. Donations of non-perishable goods can be left in the
basket in our Church foyer. The Conference members thank all Parishioners, Parish
Families and same at our Parish School for their generous support of the work of the
Society in our local community. Margaret Gearon, Conference President.

ST LUKE'S CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER-2018/2019: As the new Flower Roster is
due to begin again for 2018/2019, I am appealing for anyone who would like to join
the Roster to please call or email me with their Name, Email Address and Telephone
number. We are in need of new members for the roster so please consider joining
and helping to keep our Church looking beautiful. Please provide your details by
Wednesday 6th June, 2018. Many thanks, Megan McLean
mcleans1@bigpond.net.au or 0419 347 693

LAUNCH OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL IN 2020 - LISTEN TO WHAT THE

SPIRIT IS SAYING: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to
hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the
Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for
the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:
"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about
the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au The plans for a national Plenary Council of the
Catholic Church in Australia in 2020 were approved by Pope Francis in March of this
year. Please visit this website for Frequently Asked Questions
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/faq/> The Story so far:
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/about/> The Archdiocese of Melbourne, via the
Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, will also be providing a range of opportunities
and resources to assist Catholics of Melbourne to reflect on the Plenary focus
question **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Promotional
Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNXH2YcB8Y>

*"I hope that all communities will devote the necessary effort to advancing along the
path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they
presently are."* Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium 27

THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OVERHEAD SCREEN in our Parish Church malfunctioned
last weekend after the 8.30am Mass. A technician assessed it during this past week
and the disappointing news is that it is not worth fixing. We will have to do with one
until further notice and until more information is available regarding our options.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Olive Hammill
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith

9 AND 16 JUNE 2018

Terry Wells
Kana Chelliah
Elizabeth Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Shirley Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Godfrey Thong
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon

9 AND 16 JUNE 2018

Olive Hammill
Ken D' Souza
Dale Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Terry Wells
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Mary

9 AND 16 JUNE 2018

Greg Grant
Dom McKenzie
Leigh Kelly

SLIDE OPERATORS

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	David Prabha
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Mary White
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

9 AND 16 JUNE 2018

David Prabha
Megan McLean
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

9 JUNE 2018
Joan McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

9 JUNE 2018
Team 3 (Maree's Team)
Maree Moss, Lynda Kilroe-Smith,
Rita Gibb & Nancy Stephen

MAINTENANCE

16 JUNE 2018
Team 6
Barry Rawlines & Tim Blair

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve on Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Sat 9th and 23rd June. We welcome back the Parish School Choir this weekend to the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass with Annie Adams leading and Sonya O'Farrell accompanying.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL JEWISH AND CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER! In keeping with the Year of Youth being observed in the Catholic Church, this year's event will focus on the life and contribution of youth in our communities. The dinner will be on Sunday 17 June at 7pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr Victoria Pde and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. Bookings can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/VSMN> or by phone or email to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission (9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au) For more details please see Church noticeboard.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** – BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: Reframing Retirement - Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 7 July 2018 from 10 am – 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

CATHOLIC MISSION: Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB of Myanmar to speak in Melbourne. Friday June 15 10.00am – 3.00pm The Oratory, Newman College. Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

GOD, SEX, AND LIFE: An exciting weekly series for young adults to explore important questions using Jason Evert's video series on sexuality based on St John Paul 2s teachings, 'You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body'. Each evening includes contemporary videos, testimonies, music discussion, and dinner. For more info or to book, see tinyurl.com/tobmelbeast. starting 10 June, Sundays at 6:30pm in Burwood. Contact us geraldine343@gmail.com or 0413 398 528 More details on our Church noticeboard.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 JUNE 2018: This week on the Journey Gospel of Mark reminds us of the preparation and celebration of the Passover, Sr Hilda from the Abby questions whether we are "Too Quick to Judge?" with her Wisdom from the Abby, and Fr Dave Callaghan asks us to focus on "What's At Our Core?" In his God spot, The Call. Our music this week is a vibrant selection that we keep you smiling all day. We bring this all together to create a show about faith, hope, love and life. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

PETITION TO REGULATE DONATIONS: Please find available on the notice table in our foyer a petition about the Bill to potentially regulate donations to churches like donations to political parties. An initiative of the Uniting Church. More details on our Church noticeboard.

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, & Rosters**
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Children's Liturgy Group
Nina Grieve - 9877 4023
Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Thanksgiving Counters
Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087
Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council &
Child Safety Officer**
Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135
Whitehorse Deanery -9926 5710

Finance Council
Steve Brennan
Parish Accountant

Hall Hire
Marilyn Robert – 9877 2292

Care Group & Gardens
Judy Noy – 9894 1506

Church Sacristan
Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen
Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers
Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance
Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

Holy Communion
to the housebound

Parish & School Choirs
Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi
0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin
9877 4023

**Parish and School
Fete Committee**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

Parish School Advisory Board
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School
Parents' Association**
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference
For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:
Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?