



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
10th / 11th June 2023

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive - we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.



Living the Gospel

Meals are very important events. Not only do we physically need food and drink to keep ourselves alive, but we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays; weddings; dates; achievements; disappointments; reunions. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family and sharing a meal together. Stories are told; memories shared; the food is appreciated and more often than not there's a drink to accompany the meal. Treating such occasions with gratitude - as blessed moments of grace - is living out the Eucharistic reality of welcoming Jesus into our lives and seeking to be more like him. ng the Gospel

Gospel Focus - Real Presence

In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks a number of times about his followers eating his flesh and drinking his blood; 'For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.' In the Eucharist, we celebrate the 'real presence' of Jesus, understanding that bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. This change does not occur in a physical, observable way. The Church teaches that the 'substance' of bread and wine (what makes them bread and wine in essence) is changed but not the physical attributes. This is known as 'transubstantiation' - change of substance.

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LEGION OF MARY

Our meetings time is 11.00am each Wednesday in PMR1. All are welcome to join. For further enquiries on Legion of Mary email Edmund Bishara at edmund.bishara@bigpond.com

St Nicholas of Myra Prayer Group

You are invited to come and listen to God's reflection on the Sunday's liturgy every 2nd and last Tuesday of month at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall.

PLANNED GIVING

We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

RECENTLY DCECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Robert (Bob) Hardy

and for his family

His Funeral Service will be held on
Tuesday 13th June at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Robert (Bob) Hardy, Millie Bout and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis Bryant, Jim Fullerton Snr, Mick Ryan, Sandra McSpadden, Ted Brock, Babies Noah & Sophia Attard and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnelly, John Nettare, Raymond & Winston Thompson, Ruby, Noreen, Annie, Sylvester Almeida, Juliet Jacinto and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Lyn De Vos-Brockhoff, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

On **June 24th from 6.30 to 9.30 pm** there is a Western Deanery Consultation for the Synod at **Holy Spirit Church, St. Clair.**



You are invited to participate in this consultation .

Register at www.parracatholicorg/synod2023

For the last few weeks we have been praying and reading about our Diocesan Synod that will take place in October. Our parish community is planning to have our own consultation after the deanery consultation. The information given below will help us to prepare for this consultation.

The fundamental question that will guide our listening and consultation process towards the synod is:

In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?

The Diocese of Parramatta will use the three key dimensions expressed as pillars of a synodal church to guide local discussions for submissions. These are **Communion, Participation, and Mission.**

To assist participants to explore the fundamental question, the following questions aim to provide a framework for discussion in a one-on-one or group setting. These questions serve as a catalyst for discussion. Participants are welcome to explore topics relating to the life and mission of the local Church beyond the questions provided.

Communion

1. What are the factors that make a great community? What brings people together?
2. How can the church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains deepen communion, and still honour the rich diversity of our community?
3. How do you try to accompany or 'walk with' family and friends through their struggles and joys?

Participation:

1. What are the challenges or pressures that stop you from being more engaged in your local faith community?
2. How can we encourage greater participation in the life of the Church at both a local and Diocesan level?
3. How does your community effectively identify and share the gifts of its people?

Mission:

1. What do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?
2. How do we ensure the ongoing nourishment of our faith communities, while expanding the tent for others to be included?
3. Describe your local community and the needs you perceive. What are the ways in which we can meet the needs of today and into the future? Provide one practical suggestion on how we could meet that need.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 17th / 18th June 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Exodus 19: 2 - 6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 99: 2 - 3, 5
2nd Reading	Romans 5: 6 - 11
Gospel	Matthew 9: 36 - 10: 8

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 4th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned to the Office by Monday 21st August.



The Ordinary Time / Winter Edition of Catholic Outlook is available after mass this weekend. Please take one home to read with your family.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: FINANCE COMMITTEE

Do you have a background in finance, fundraising, property or insurance and have a few hours to spare for a meeting bi-monthly?

We are seeking Expressions of Interest to join our Parish finance committee.

If you are interested please email your EOI to joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Are you an Architect or do you know one ?

We are looking for a suitable qualified architect to help with some design work for our parish. If you are able to help please contact Rodney on 4721 2509 or email

manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Holy Communion

We congratulate the 96 children who will be making their 1st Holy Communion over the next 2 weekends.

The Holy Communion masses will be held at our normal weekend masses (except 7.00am) on **Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th**

Please be aware there will be extra people attending these masses



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will be held at the 10.00am mass each Sunday.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,
Thanks to the kind prayers and support that showed to Catholic Foundation appeal for First Nations people. This fund will be used by the diocese to give practical support and development opportunities. So far we raised **only \$3345.00**. Unfortunately we did not get much response to this appeal. We only raised a quarter of our parish quota. As you know this charity is tax deductible. You can claim the amount of this **donation in your tax return**. Please write your name and address for tax receipt. If you can, please be generous to this charity. Envelopes are at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance.

Fr. Joe, PP.

HOUSEKEEPING

Dear friends,
We have a duty to look after our parish property. It is our responsibility to make our church and other facilities to keep it clean. Every week we have cleaners come to clean our church and its facilities. Please be considerate enough to leave the toilet clean after your use. Please do not put paper towels on the floor of toilets or to flush. Place them in the containers. The toilets are getting blocked all the time. Keep them clean as you leave for the next person to use. Thank you for your understanding.
Fr Joe, PP.

CALENDAR

Monday 12/6	Tuesday 13/6 St Anthony of Padua Memorial	Wednesday 14/6	Thursday 15/6	Friday 16/6 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity	Saturday 17/6 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial	Sunday 18/6 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am Mass	6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Robert Hardy 7.00pm Prayer Group Hall	9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena	9.00am SMM Yr 6 Mass 9.30am Mass 10.30am Mass The Royce	6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass 7.30pm BNP Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 11.45 Baptisms 6.00pm Mass

PARISH ROSTER 17th / 18th June

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Ricardo Limjap Damian Wheelahan		Kathleen Smith	Connie Limjap	Ray DeBono Lee Scully	Amen Choir Eric	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Jacob French Denis Wiggins		Evette Isaaks	Yvonne Baccan	Ramon Bru Margaret Scicluna	No Music	Carol Gill
8.30am	Margaret Cobden Craig Walsh	Michael Ostrea	Marie Prendeville	Rose Walsh	Orlan Nugpo Carol Wright	Jeffrey Mizzi	VOLUNTEER NEED-ED
10.00am	John Jordan Joe Tabone	Elidie Gal Nicholas McWhirter	Louise Gal	Liza Alimangohan	Arnel Alimangohan Carol Gill	CFC Janet	BNP
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Ninea Nepomuceno	Angelo Aish	Carolyn D'Mello	Natasha Joseph	Lynda D'Lima Darlene Streher	Adrian Catt	Sharon Shahoud

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