



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 2 June 2024

First reading: Exodus 24:3-8. This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

**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. This is my body. This is my blood.

*“Lord, God, whose Son left us, in the Sacrament of his body, **food for the journey**, mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our friend may come to the eternal table of Christ.”* These words taken from the Mass for the Deceased in the sacramentary find a place in my heart when I think of the Eucharist. I find the image of *“food for the journey”* of life powerful, and resonates strongly with my understanding of the importance of this feast day. When I connect this to the teachings of Vatican II, I find an even greater depth. When you consider the four-fold presence of Christ as we gather for the celebration of Mass, we can appreciate deeply the gift that Eucharist is to us in a myriad of ways. Vatican II reminds us that Christ is present –

- In the Bread broken and the Wine shared;
- In the person of the ordained minister;
- In the Word of God proclaimed; and
- In the assembled people of God.

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy CSL #7)

So let us reflect for a moment on the ways in which this four-fold mystery is indeed *“food for our journey”*.

The historical and biblical connection to the last supper and the Passover paves for us an understanding of the promises and pathway that Christ opens for us when HE consecrates the bread and blesses the wine in our time. This *food, for our journey* ignites in us a desire to change, it gives us the strength to trust in God, as Jesus did. It invites us to “become”, as St Augustine says, “what you eat and drink”. Each time we receive this grace we take a sometimes subtle movement to be more like Christ in our lives. The priests I know in my life become the *“food for my journey”* through the wisdom they share, the generous and life giving actions and words they live by. As I reflect on the priests I have had the privilege to serve with over the years I am struck by their ability to be so like Christ, each in their unique way, and that feeds me, aids me, strengthens me and fills my life with hope. When we hear the Word proclaimed it is spoken by Christ himself. It is God speaking through Christ who is with us “until the end of the age”. What a powerful image of taking Christ with us that continues to be *“food for the journey”* as we walk the streets, the corridors of work and the pilgrimage of life. When we make the gospel real in our lives, we are fed, and with that we feed others along the way. When we consider the impact of the assembly as the presence of Christ, hopefully it is evident that we share a common journey of life filled with all its wonder and awe, joys and sorrows, celebrations and disappointments, and somehow we, who become the very food we eat, are Christ to each other. Within the assembled people we sit beside Christ, we share a smile with Christ, we extend a hand of welcome to Christ himself.

In each of these ways we receive *“food for the journey”*, but not in a passive way – we are indeed called to **change** (reception of Eucharist), to **encounter** (Priest), to **listen and live** (Scriptures) and to **share** (Assembly).

How do you encounter Christ as *“food for the journey”* in your life?

God's blessings, Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Fr. Jim Smith (Brisbane), Dorothea Morrison, Bernard Mawn (Roma).

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph O'Neill, Mr and Mrs Bou Samra, Terry and Marie Evans, Gerard McCafferty, Gemma Gleeson, Rita Gleeson, Ann Gainey, Fr Joseph McKey [1982], Fr Kevin Noble [2010]

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community** – Bill Thygesen, Rae Blinco, Frank Marino, Christine 'Saus' Barron, Rita Irwin, Alyshia Morris, William Garrahy, Gabrielle Saide, Bev Smith, Louise O'Connor, Sheryl Grunke, Noel Roshan Francis, Kate Gibbs, Therese Odri, Kath Smith, Freddy Nield, Ray Frelek, Bob O'Sullivan, Blake Cusato, Greg Coddington, Stanley Poon, Jamal Abraham, Judy Moloney, Perlita Torrecampo, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Madeline Gray, Braxton Rayner.

Winter Shelter – This year St Thomas More's has been allocated three evenings to host the homeless on June 24, July 22 and August 19. Volunteers are needed for preparing the church and set up, cooking of meals or snacks, spending time with the guests, staying the night to supervise, breakfast and pack up. If you are interested in helping please contact Jacinta at parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au for more information.

St Vincent de Paul Society Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive is now on. Please bring donations of clean or new blankets to Mass or drop them off to the parish office. Winter appeal envelopes are also available on the tables which can be returned to the collection box, or placed on the collection plate during Mass.

Please collect your **Planned Giving Envelopes** from the table located at the Neil St entrance.

Thank you all who give this way and every way to assist the work at St Patrick's Cathedral!

Communion Ministers are needed to assist at the following Masses - 6pm Vigil; Sunday 7am and 5.30pm. Please contact St Patrick's office on 4637 1500 if you can help at any of these times.

Thank you for considering helping with this ministry.

We welcome **Cate Power** to St Pat's Administration team. She will be working Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays in the office beginning Wednesday 5 June. Cate has spent many years working at St Mary's College as a valued member of their administration team.



Frs Hal and Nandana are both recovering from operations this week, please keep them in your prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

June edition of the **Catholic Leader** is now available on the table. Please take a copy even if you have no money with you, it's better in your home than unread in the Cathedral.

Sunday 2 June [SPC – St Patrick's] [STM – St Thomas More's] The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	7am, 9am, 5.30pm. Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Mitchell Anthony Kenny and Confirmation of Candice Kenny 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 3 June Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions	5.30pm Mass SPC 9.00am Mass STM	9.30am Rosary Making in Parish Conference Room 9.30am Mass at Brodribb
Tuesday 4 June	9am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	5.30pm Choir Practice
Wednesday 5 June Saint Boniface	7am Mass SPC	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Thursday 6 June	7am Mass SPC	7.30am-8.30am Adoration at St Patrick's 5.30pm Liturgy Meeting in the Presbytery
Friday 7 June The most sacred Heart of Jesus	7am Mass SPC 9.30am Mass STM	9am Ladies Friendship Group in Parish Conference Room 7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 8 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass SPC	6.30am Rosary at St. Patrick's 8am – 9am Reconciliation SPC 11am Baptism of Abrielle Mammoottil 12pm Baptism of Ivie Jean Bateman
Sunday 9 June 10th Sunday Ord. Time	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Live Stream 9am	11am Baptism of Adelaide & Maeve Egerton 12pm Baptism of Harrison Trueman 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre

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