



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) [Year A] Sunday 14th June, 2020

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; come praise the Lord. [Psalm 147]

Second Reading: Corinthians 10:16-17 Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one bread.

Gospel Acclamation: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever ALLELUIA!

Gospel: John 6:51-58 My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(This weekend's reflection has been prepared by Ms Sally Hood, parishioner of St Patrick's)

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to my activities of service to the church and to the whole world" – Pope John Paul II

When we receive the Eucharist, we become a tabernacle for the flesh of Christ to dwell within. When we walk back to our pews, out to our cars and head home – we walk declaring this reality. Christ dwells within me.

When I found out I was pregnant I experienced an overwhelming feeling of responsibility for the life that I now knew to be dwelling within me. The first day I drove to work after finding out I was pregnant I was shocked at what a reckless and careless driver I was! I left our house on autopilot driving as I normally would, it wasn't until 10 minutes or so into my commute I remembered "oh my goodness, I am pregnant! Slow down!!" I then proceeded to be the most diligent driver on the road, probably to the dismay of those driving behind me. The profound reality of *knowing* that there was a precious life growing inside of me was enough to halt me in my tracks. And it wasn't just my driving that was affected. We change so many of our behaviours when we are pregnant knowing that how we act can have a bodily effect on the life of our child. It struck me though, do we live with this same profound reality when we receive the body and blood of Jesus into our own bodies in the Mass? Does it change us? And if it does, is this change temporary – or does it have long lasting effect?

The Feast of Corpus Christi – the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is an opportune time for us to assess our relationship with the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Do we truly believe this to be the body and blood of Christ? And if we do believe and profess this – do we reverence the Eucharist with the honour it truly deserves? The Feast of Corpus Christi has existed since 1264 and traditionally has been celebrated through Eucharistic processions. Eucharistic processions are an ancient tradition that can be seen throughout the Old and New Testament, from the Ark of the Covenant to the procession of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. These processions give us a great opportunity to give a public witness to the "source and summit" of our faith – the Eucharist (CCC1324).

We also have an opportunity to host a personal Eucharistic procession each time we receive Christ's body and blood. As we leave that place of worship, we leave processing with Christ dwelling within us. Tabernacled, we process Christ into the world that we enter. Our workplace, schools, homes. And so as the profound reality of bearing a child often encourages us to alter our behaviour to be more mindful of the precious life we are carrying – so too should the profound reality of the reception of the Eucharist inspire in each of us to change the way we go forward from that place. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him." (John 5:56).

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MASS AVAILABILITY

From Monday, 8th June weekday Mass will recommence. As the government restrictions currently stand at 20 people only, St Patrick's will offer Mass - **Monday to Friday, 7am and 5.30pm, and Saturday, 7am**. This will also be offset with Masses available at St Thomas More's – **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am and Tues at 5.30pm**.

The first 20 who arrive will be able to celebrate, as per government requirements.

Attendance at these Masses will require recording of contact details, which will be destroyed once contact tracing is no longer required by the government. To make life a little quicker in the long run, everyone will be given a card and number, so when returning you will only need to produce your card to have your number recorded to make the process more streamlined. **You are the only one who can use that number.**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Jennifer Ridley, Fr Noel Connolly SSC, and those who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and beyond. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** George Saide, Mr and Mrs R Connelly, Fr Kevin Tuitu'u CP, Fr Thomas Sweeney [1995], Fr John Sinnott [1989].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Maria Brown, Fr. Jamie Collins, Mary Twidale, Helen Hoddle, Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and anyone suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. To register an expression of interest, please contact Celia Waters at the Parish Office on 07 46371500.

Mass in the Home: As from 1st June, the restrictions have risen to gatherings of 20. With this in mind the priests here at St Patrick's would like to invite you to consider a home Mass. This would allow you to invite others to your home. We are very keen to connect once again with you and feel this would be a beautiful way to gather once again. There is nothing extra needed, except a candle and small table! *We ask that you contact the front office here at St. Pat's on 4637 1500, or admin@stpats.org.au leaving your name, contact number and preferred date and time for a Mass.* After we discuss availability, one of the priests will make contact to make arrangements. Looking forward to begin reconnecting with each of you. God Bless our journey together.

PLANNED GIVING: Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064 786, Acc. No. 51289 0100, Ref PG (envelope number). We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so do not feel obliged or pressured to give at this time. Thank you.

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)

Opening Hymn: Come As You Are

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?
2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.
3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous,
I came to bring peace, not to condemn,
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?
4. Come as you are, that's how I love you.
Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
AMEN.

Psalm (Sung): Praise the Lord, Jerusalem; come praise the Lord.

Alleluia Verse: I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord:
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Reflection: The Fullness of God

1. Deep in Christ I pray you know
the power He can give!
May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live
strong in faith and built on love
until you know
how high and long,
how wide and deep the fullness of God!
2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve
Fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart
what hope his call now holds for you: His promise true:
to fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God!
3. Know the way you learn from Christ: to live life anew!
Let your heart be drawn to Him; let Christ renew
the hope in you to grow into Goodness and Truth!
And living so you'll come to know the fullness of God!
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Recessional Hymn: Take Christ to the World.

Refrain: Take Christ to the world,
celebrate our faith, manifest his love to all:
Take Christ to the world,
show that we are his in the way we live.

1. We are the body of Christ made incarnate in this time and place.
Let us open our selves to be truly pathways of his grace.
2. We are called to be hearers and bearers of the word of Christ:
May it flourish and grow in our hearts bringing others to his light.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN.