

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [Year B]

Sunday 6th June, 2021

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!

Gospel Acclamation: 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.

Feast of Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

When I celebrated my first Mass at Roma following my ordination, I placed this picture in the booklet. I remember the story well. It was a set of twins born very premature. One was of a reasonable weight but the other was quite a bit lighter. They were placed in separate incubators and given the best care that was available. Unfortunately for the smaller of the two this was not making a great difference to his health. Desperate to find a way to help this weaker child the Director of Nursing decided to put them both into the same incubator. The nurse recalled that almost immediately the stronger of the two flung his arm out touching the warmth of his brother and within a short time they began to notice the heartbeat of the other growing in strength.

In my homily on that day I spoke of what a beautiful and powerful image of community this is. For each of us to have the ability to strengthen those around us with a physical touch or a touch of the heart through prayer and kind words.

Today as we celebrate this feast day we are reminded of the words of Vatican II when we think about the presence of Christ - Jesus is truly present in the Word proclaimed, the Blessed Sacrament, the Priest and within the community gathered.

Bishop Morris coined the phrase "*The closest you will be to Christ this day, is the person you are sitting beside.*" It makes us realise this presence of Christ working within and through us as believers, not as simply receivers of the Blessed Sacrament.

During this time of COVID whilst experiencing lockdowns, limited numbers in houses and exclusions from visiting nursing homes, hospitals, and aged care, we have perhaps a more nuanced understanding of community. There seems to me, to be a widening and narrowing of our understanding of community. Through this experience we have become in touch with a world that is struggling and we are drawn into a wider view of the community of the world. We also may have connected with people via modern media more than we have before. Many more of our aged population have become very au fait with modern ways of communication. However there has also been a narrowing of our focus too. We have become much more aware of what it feels like to be isolated from people and gatherings that we have loved and endeared. Our focus returns to what does it really mean to be close and connected to someone physically? Our view narrows down into resuming/fostering those connections that give us a fulfilled life experience. I believe we yearn to be part of a community that understands, accepts, loves and forgives us. **We simply cannot do community remotely or on our own.** I truly believe when it comes to our faith community there is a deep yearning to reconnect and to be part of community life which brings its own sense of belonging, comfort, joy and strength. **Maybe it's time to reach out and invite people to remember that they are valued as members of our St Pat's community.** Let us also rejoice in the many and varied places in which we experience the risen Christ as we journey together.



Many blessings on your journey this week – together. Fr. Michael

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** Rita Gleeson, Arthur Lee, Phillip Stephens, Patrick Amalemba, Laurie Byfield, June Hood and those who have died from Covid-19. 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:** Morgan O'Brien, Joseph O'Neill, Fr Charles Casey [1930], Fr Joseph (Pat) Hall [2019].

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially,** Mary Johnston, Regina Albion, Daniel Ligon, Rohitha Jayamanna, Ray Frelek, Patsy Quinn, Brian Machin, Graham McGovern, Madeline Gray, Loan Smith, Maria Brown, Kim Ireland, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, 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, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and those suffering from Covid-19.

TRY BOOKING: On the parish website (www.stpats.org.au) you will find TryBooking is now available for the month of June. **YOU MAY BOOK ALL OF THESE EVENTS IN ADVANCE.** Any queries please phone St Pat's office on 4637 1500.

Unit for Rent: One bedroom unit for an actively independent person around 60 years of age or older at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped in at the Parish Office. [Single unit rent \$162.50 per week].

Anointing Mass: St Thomas More's will be celebrating an anointing Mass on the 22nd June at 9.30am. This will be combined as an anointing Mass for St. Patrick's as well. Please feel free to come along for anointing.

St Patrick's Choir are looking for new members. Come to practice on Tuesdays 5.30pm - 7pm, (access choir through back door of church from Lawrence St carpark) or phone Vicky 0428 781 209.

CATHOLIC LEADER now available for this month on the welcoming table. Please feel free to take a copy and pay another time. Better in your home than on our table!

Blessings to those who celebrated First Eucharist this weekend

Riley Betros, Edward Boland, Reito Bumatay, Mia Casagrande, Caleb Cavanagh, Archie Collins, Phoenix Daniells, Finnegan Hannam, Lucy Hardy, Cooper Hoole, Annabelle Horne, Joseph Humphreys, Yujeong Jeong, Kobe Kearney, Mae Kearney, Elijah Kenyon, Charlotte Kidd, Camillo Lanzafame, Christian Lanzafame, Sia Luck, Phoebe Neenan, Alexander Nightingale, Imogen Nightingale, Grayson Nissen, Christian O'Reilly, James Ottobriano, Anjali Owens, Abby Phillips, Eve Phillips, Isaac Ragh, Alistair Scotts, Claudia Shoebridge, Stella Standing, Heidi Stockwell, Kaitlin Taylor, Isabella Timmins, Claire Ward, Hugo Watson, Casey Weedon.



Sunday 6 June	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	9.00am Celebration of First Eucharist 11am Baptism of Eleanor Rose Flynn 12pm Baptism of Evelyn May Murphy 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Monday 7 June	9am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	
Tuesday 8 June	7am Mass SPC 5.30pm Mass STM	6.30am Rosary SPC 5.30pm Choir Practice
Wed 9 June	7am Mass SPC	
Thurs 10 June	7am Mass SPC	5pm - 6pm ADORATION at SPC
Friday 11 June <small>The most Sacred Heart of Jesus</small>	7am Mass SPC 9am Mass STM	7.15pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Saturday 12 June <small>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</small>	7am Mass SPC 6pm Mass	11am Baptism of Kyara Mary Hopgood 12pm Baptism of Hugh Neville Gillam
Sunday 13 June	7am, 9am, 5.30pm Mass 9am Live Streaming SPC	11am Baptism of Haddie Lax & Nash Kuhl 4.30pm Bingo in the Cathedral Centre
Planned Giving:\$1103; Loose:\$545; Paypoint:\$500. Jabour Hanna, Craig or Amanda Hogan Thank you for your generous giving to assist the works of St. Patrick's.		