

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (continued)

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Response.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.
Jesus replied:

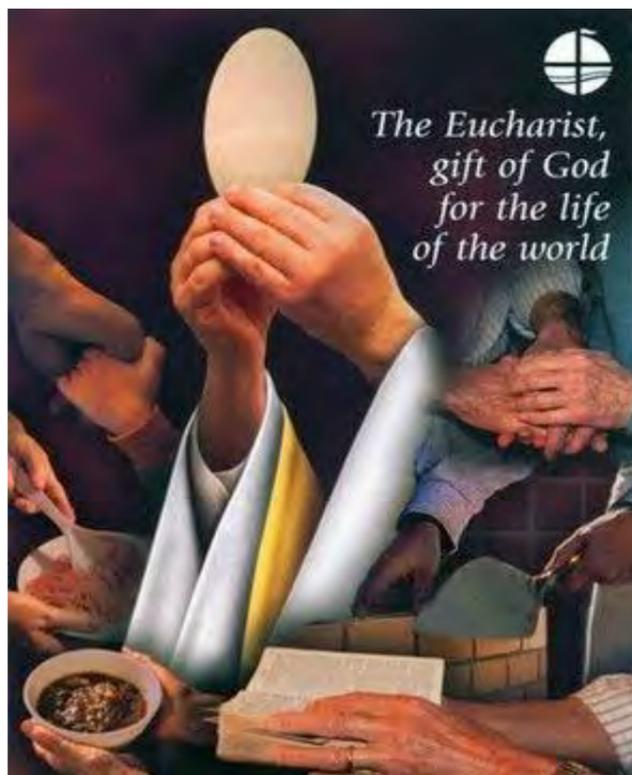
'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; Mt 10: 26-33.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 9.30am (changed to 10 am till further notice)
MONDAY: No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism: Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage: By appointment.
Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year A)
13th / 14th June 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

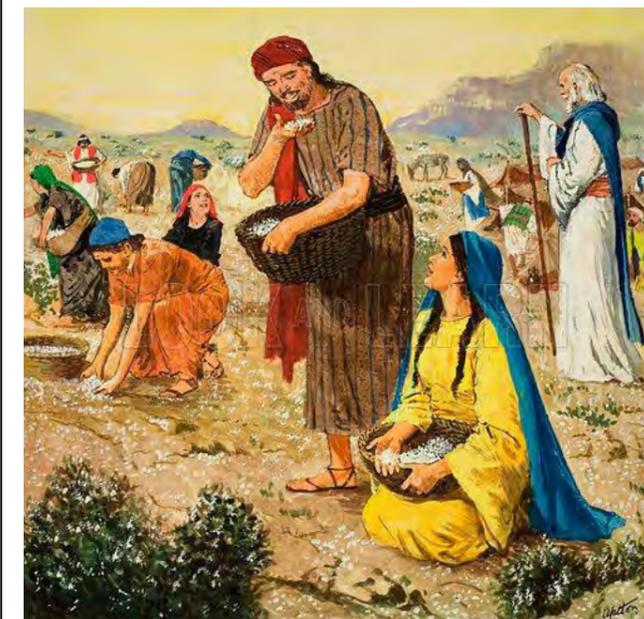
He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

Response.

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A Message from Father Roberto.

My dear brothers and sisters,

Even though the restrictions of Covid19 are getting eased in Australia which is letting us celebrate now masses in our parish with a limited number of 50 at every mass; the fear of contagion and getting very sick or the possibility of dying is still strong in the hearts of many. This is getting exacerbated by the possibility of the spectrum of a second wave of the virus and the terrible increasing death toll around the world; the social unrest in some countries like USA and Hong Kong and the financial instability. All these issues add to extra uncertainty of the times.



Although we seem to be winning the battle against this invisible enemy, Covid19, I urge everybody to continue to be vigilant, alert, always keeping a safe social distance from others, everywhere you go, not forgetting washing your hands very often and staying at home if you don't feel well. I want to thank all those parishioners who have already been attending Church. Last week in all our weekdays and weekend masses we had more than a 100 people - a great beginning. And thank you also to all those who come forward to help disinfecting the church after every mass. Also thank you to all volunteers who resumed their ministries within the parish. The dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass still stands, so don't worry if you are not ready to come to Mass yet. You can continue practising your faith through your prayers at home with your family or watching a streamed online Mass; also if you can pray the rosary it would be great; the great Saint Padre Pio said: "Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today."

Also it is important that in these strange times we do everything we can to keep our faith strong. One way of doing this is by reflecting on the great mysteries of our faith. And this weekend we celebrate the wonderful mystery of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a perfect time to think about the Eucharist the Lord present in this miraculous sacrament and you know how essential is for our lives especially during all the past weeks that you were deprived from receiving during the lockdown.

Remember that it was at his last supper that our Lord instituted this wonderful sacrament. The sacrifice of his Body and Blood. In this Sacrament celebrated in the context of the Passover his sacrifice on the cross continues in our days.

This is a Sacrament of infinite love because Jesus died for love of the world; *"There is no greater love than the one who gives up his life for his friends."* It is also a sign of unity; in the partaking of the Eucharist, we all become one with God and at the same time with the community; Christ lives in us and we in him. The Eucharist is also a paschal banquet; it is Christ's Passover, Jesus is the Lamb of God sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins. In this sacrament abundant blessings are poured upon us and our minds can be filled with his grace, our hearts become more like the heart of Jesus and receive the promise of glory awaiting for us. It is the beginning of Heaven, because we are around the sacred altar together as one big family and where our Lord becomes present through the power of the Holy Spirit and serves his banquet of the Bread of Life.

Keep in your prayers all the children who couldn't receive their First Holy Communion yet, due to the pandemic and they are waiting for that beautiful day to come that they can understand and learn the great love God has for each of them.

God bless you all.

from Fr Roberto Castillo

Planned Giving donations via credit card are now possible.

This week we have received the news that we can now accept credit cards for your Planned Giving donations. If you wish to do take advantage of this please call the presbytery and ask for the credit card authority form to be emailed to you ASAP.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Elizabeth Handover.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



Update!

Wasn't it wonderful to resume Sunday Masses in the church last weekend and see familiar faces amongst the congregation.

We thank all those who followed the instructions of using the front main foyer as the entrance to the church, signing the attendance book and using the hand sanitiser. All these are necessary precautions at the moment the health and safety of everyone.



Continuing on this positive note:

- Reading rosters – if you wish to resume your reading ministry we suggest you come a little early and let Fr Roberto know that you there and available to read .
- Altar servers can resume their rostered ministry with the permission of their parents. Only 2 altar servers at each Mass.
- We have a new paper towelling dispenser in the church toilet for when you wash your hands; therefore removing the washable hand towels.

Currently we are still only allowed 50 people in the church and we will continue with some restrictions.

They are:

- No projection until further notice
- No choir or communal singing until further notice.
- No printing of the bulletin till further notice
- No counters until further notice.



We just need to patiently wait until the restrictions are eased further and everyone feels more confident in resuming their community and parish lives.

Prayer to Our Lady during the pandemic:

Mary, Help of Christians,
we fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of God's holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of
healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are
vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church
to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus
to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
Knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus, Amen.

OTHER NOTICES:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN OUR PARISHES ON THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI: This **Sunday 14 June** marks this special feast- a time to unite in our love for the Blessed Sacrament. We would normally celebrate the feast through our Walk With Christ procession through the streets of Sydney, but we can't gather this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Archbishop Fisher has recorded a video message ahead of this special feast day. Please feel free to download the video and share it via your parish social media platforms:

<https://vimeo.com/427601264>

OPEN OUR CHURCHES NATIONAL PETITION: While it is pleasing to see progress made on the easing of restrictions on churches in NSW, our fellow Catholics in some other states and territories are still struggling to practice their faith under unfair restrictions at this time. You can voice your concerns directly with all the premiers and chief ministers by signing the Open Our Churches petition at this address: www.openourchurches.com.au

LIVESTREAMING OF PARISH MASSES: The Archdiocese of Sydney is regularly updating its website and social media platforms with the latest information on parishes that are offering their Masses online for parishioners to watch during this time of pandemic. Please contact Michael Kenny via email to share any of these updates that can be posted online- Email: michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org