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|  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~*****Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ |

Any family event that is celebrated with a meal and a drink is a cause for great joy and happiness. Friends and relatives, some of whom we may not have seen for a long time gather around the table be fed, nourished and refreshed. Food is eaten, stories are told and memories are created. The transforming power of a family meal should never be ignored, dismissed or underestimated. Jesus was very fond of eating and celebrating. There are many times in the gospels where we are told that he sat and ate with people. He sought out and ate with those who were despised and excluded; the tax collectors, the sick and the poor. This became such a feature of his daily life that some of the Pharisees and Scribes even said, *‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them’.* Nobody was excluded for the company or table of Jesus. Can we say the same them today?

Who are those who in our families and communities who are not allowed to gather around our table and the table of the Lord because we have decided they don’t belong or because they are different from us. We need to be careful that we are not becoming like the Pharisees and the Scribes. Pope Francis challenges us and reminds of this when he says in the Joy of the Gospel, *‘The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak’*. This means you and me; it means all of us. We don’t come to share in the Body of Blood of Jesus because we have earned it or because it is our right. We can’t demand it. We come because we are invited around the table of the Lord out of love. It is a gift given to us.

The Body of Christ is not just or even something that we receive. As the Church, the People of God, we *are* the Body of Christ. Through our baptism and confirmation, each of us has become a part of and a member of the Body of Christ. We all belong to the Body of Christ. If one part is missing, excluded or made to feel unwelcome, then the whole body is suffers and is poorer because that person is missing. Jesus excluded no one, so how can we?

The words of St. Augustine, and early church writer echoes down through the centuries to us; *‘Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are, the Body of Christ. When we say ‘amen’ we are saying, Yes, I believe this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and I will become the Body of Christ for others’.*

On this great Church feast, may we not only receive the Body and Blood of Christ in faith, may we also realise deeply that we *are* the Body of Christ in and for the world today.

*An excerpt by Michael Moore OMI*



**‘CLERGY’**

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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’ Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

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 **Care Group: Anne Huebner 0269473406**

***Responsorial Psalm***

***Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.***

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

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

**Body & Blood of Christ Year A**

 **June 18th2017**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

***Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!***

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 17th & 18th June   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Trish Matthews |
| Reader |  Evelyn Heffernan |  Monica Webb |
| Commentator |  Shirley Kenny |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason Elliott |  Maya Stiles & Ella Lindley |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 5: Sandra, Maria & Margaret Dean |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th June |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Peter Malone |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Sue Bulger |
| Commentator |  School Mass |  Howard Young |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Fran Butler |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |
| Church Care | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen, Teresa & Bev  |

 R O S T E R S

FEAST DAYS 21st June: Saint Aloysius Gonzaga 22nd June: Saints John Fisher & Thomas More 23rd June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 24th June: The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

 PRAYER FOR THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Dear Jesus, I offer you my thoughts, words and actions of this day, for all the intentions of your most sacred heart. MAY THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS BE EVERYWHERE, KNOWN AND LOVED.

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**CONFIRMATION** we congratulate all the candidates who received this special sacrament and thank Archbishop Christopher for his presence. **PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES** for the new financial year are ready for pick up. These can be collected from table in church foyer. Please note that envelope numbers have changed for most parishioners, therefore it would be much appreciated not to use your existing envelopes after 30th June. If there are any parishioners who would like to contribute to this plan and do not have envelopes please contact the Presbytery.  **STREET STALL CO - ORDINATOR** Cathy Purcell is retiring from this position, we would like a kind person to replace her. Our parish registers for 2 street stalls annually, our next stall will be on Friday 18th August 2017. We would like to sincerely thank Cathy for her many years of service to the parish. **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – WINTER APPEAL** envelopes are available in the church if you wish to make an offering to this appeal. **CATHOLIC VOICE** June edition out now. **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS** please take your copy of the Winter 2017 Parish Edition.  **A** **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who contributed their help or assistance in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Jim Whitaker, Matt & Edith Downing, Con & Ennis Twomey, Pauline Shedden, Bob & Sheila Wortes, Robert & Gertrude Tuncks, Ron & Pauline Hamilton, Noel Cook, Hassel McGrath, John Hourigan, Brian Gee, Filomena & Rudi Comai, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Artie & Dulcie Piper ,Tom Kevin Ruben & Harriett Arentz, Kevin Hawthorn, Kevin Marie & Ray Cowan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Ken Gee, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Tom & Sam Sturt, Harvey Evans, Chris Ballard, Anna Do, Col Fuller, Emily Fuller, Linda Mulvihill, Stan Kenny, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Leo Elvie Holt, Terease Lionel Holt, Hugh Oliver, Andrew Jansen, Imelda, Frank & Harriet McInerney, Mick Bristow, Keith Higgins, Kitch Shedden, Arch French, Tom & Dorothy French and James Kelly.

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