



**THE MOST HOLY BODY  
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
YEAR A**

**11 June 2023**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

**OPENING PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your sufferings and death.*

*May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood*

*help us to experience the salvation you won for us.*

*Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

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.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

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

2. He has established peace on your borders,

he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

3. 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. (R.)

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'



## **REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of

the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of the Lord's Supper. May it be a prophetic sign of the unity of the human family and the whole of creation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who struggle to find a place at the table of life. May the Eucharist set hearts on fire with a passion for a just sharing of the world's resources. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the gift of wisdom. May the Spirit of truth guide and guard us in this age of artificial intelligence and social media. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for an end to the pitiless war in the Ukraine. May no more lives be wasted or cities wantonly destroyed. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the church in Australia. May the approaching anniversary of the Plenary Council's resolutions redouble our efforts to implement them in full. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the members of parish St Vincent de Paul conferences. May this Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart provide them with ample resources for the needy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Archbishop Frank Carroll, Jenny Bodman, Maurice Farley, Violet Davis, Ross Lawless, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers, that they may be cared for by loving family, friends and community. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, Paul Jeffery, Ann McDougall, Hans Ferlitsch. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they rejoice forever at the banquet of eternal life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*you give us your body and blood in the Eucharist as a sign that even now we share your life.*

*May we come to share it completely in the kingdom where you live for ever and ever..*

*Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mondays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am**

**Meditation: Thursdays in Presbytery at 10.30am**

**Social Justice Group: Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 9.30am, at the Presbytery**

**Krawarree Mass: 30 July at 11am.**

**The funeral for Ann McDougall** will be held next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

At the usual 10am Tuesday Mass Father Mick will offer the Mass for Ann also. The Prayer Service will then follow at 11am.

This weekend we welcome to our parish Siobhán from ACN who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. She will have a table at the back of the church with items for sale.



Aid to the Church in Need

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**Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?



Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal still open:** the theme of this year's appeal is 'What if your mum, grandma or sister became homeless?' If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by using an envelope from your seats (place in 2<sup>nd</sup> collection bag), donating online at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by calling 13 18 12. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

**Vinnies Braidwood is looking for donations of blankets.**



Your donation of blankets will be sold in-store here at Braidwood to assist with providing Emergency relief to members of our community needing assistance with their electricity, food, petrol, living expenses, medical expenses and clothes. If you are in need of assistance, please call 13 18 12 and the Vinnies Relief team can arrange help.

Braidwood and district thank you in advance of you support with donations.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Deut.8:2-3,14-16. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 Cor. 10:16-17. Gospel John 6:51-58.

**Next week: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Exodus19:2-6. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rom. 5:6-11. Gospel: Matt. 9:36-10:8

**Radio Church:** Sundays at 6pm on FM 88.9

<b>Ministries for our Mass:</b>	<b>10 June</b>	<b>17 June</b>	<b>24 June</b>	<b>1 July</b>	<b>8 July</b>
Welcomer:	Geraldine	Cathy F	Helen P	Geraldine	Cathy F
Acolyte:					
Reader 1:	Wendy M-B	Ann T	Michael	Bobbie	Wendy M-B
Reader 2:	Germaine	Wendy H	Cathy F	Tommy	Germaine
<b>I just noticed I have two June 3 entries on the roster. Please adjust your rosters from that date forward.</b>					
<b>Ministries of service:</b>	<b>9 June</b>	<b>17 June</b>	<b>23 June</b>	<b>30 June</b>	<b>7 July</b>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy
Cleaning:		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Wendy	
Counters: 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	Pauline & Bobbie.		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Sunday: Wendy H		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday:	volunteer please		4 <sup>th</sup> : Phil Owen		
Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.					

Keep warm and take care of each other, Helen

The Parish of St Bede's Braidwood acknowledges the Yuin people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for many thousands of years. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.