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Year A

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Week Day

Monday - NO Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday

4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday

ACU Signadou Chapel

All Welcome

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

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PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

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or Email: watson@cg.org.au



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 80: 17

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

FIRST READING

First reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

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 become proud of heart. Do not 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

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

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.

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.

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.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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.

The word of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - John 6:51-52

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

GOSPEL

Gospel - John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the crowd:

'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

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon – John 6: 57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

After a number of weeks I am happy to announce that the following parishioners have accepted a nomination to be on our new Parish Council. They are:

Stephen Sedgwick

(Parish Finance Council/5pm Sunday evening)

Roger Paul

(Parish Finance Council/5pm Saturday evening)

Emily Hall

(Parish Renewal Team/10 am)

Kate Watson

(Parish Renewal Team/5pm Sunday evening)

Lino Kim

(10am/5pm Sunday evening)

Chris Tisdell

(10am)

Nicole Webb

(5pm Saturday evening/ 5pm Sunday evening)

The Parish Council hopes to meet in mid June for its first gathering. Please pray for these generous parishioners.

FEAST OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday's feast is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful mystery of the Eucharist. According to the scripture reflections, the Eucharist is the 'sacrament that nourishes our faith and gives life to the world.' The advantage of a dedicated feast for the Eucharist (beyond that of the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday) is that enables a wider scriptural context.



PRISON MASS

Nothing focusses us more on something when it is taken away. Currently we are experiencing a situation in our society where seemingly the institutions of the Church can be requisitioned, summarily taken away; not to mention the denial of religious freedom or liberty of conscience. Now, whilst we may yet to experience the full extent of the totalitarian jackboot it is worthwhile to reflect on those in the past who, amongst other deprivations, have been dispossessed of the very sacrament we celebrate today, the Holy Eucharist.



Recently I have been reading an eye-opening book called the *Priest Barracks*, a collection of stories about priests detained in the infamous concentration camp at Dachau. One of the book's chapters describes how the Mass and the reception of Holy Communion were celebrated. Often these celebrations were strictly invigilated. Sadly, many priests never got the opportunity to celebrate Mass, this situation was, at times resolved when bread and wine were smuggled into the camp. Unfortunately, the German authorities would only permit German priests to say the Mass so the Czech or Polish priests were unable to offer a Mass of their own, this was in the days before celebration, and thus the privilege of saying Mass was forbidden to them.

Such was the desire to celebrate Mass that a number of these foreign priests engaged in extraordinary methods to acquire the very basics for a service. On one occasion a young lady from a nearby village would come to buy vegetables and flowers from the concentration camp's store, this produce was the fruit of the priests' labor. The young lady was asked by the priest running the store to see if she could smuggle in the necessities for Mass so the Czech and Polish priests could celebrate. The young lady agreed to this and provided seven hundred hosts a week smuggled in, she continued in this practice until the camp was liberated by U.S. forces on 29 April 1945.

On another occasion a Fr Hoffman, during the midsummer would try to gather ripe ears of wheat while he was helping in the fields. Hoffman would then carefully dry the grains, crush them and make them into hosts with the resulting flour mixture. In other circumstances some priests would use scraps of bread to offer Mass, although this bread was often leavened the exceptional circumstances, no doubt, suspended the usual customs around the matter for the Eucharistic sacrifice.

In the camps, such as Dachau, the celebration of Mass by non authorized priests saw frequent clandestine services. Often "a glass served as a chalice, a lid from a box of lozenges functioned as a paten, and a handkerchief became altar linen."

These remarkable stories are a reminder for us that the gift of Jesus' present under the appearances of bread and wine is something not to be treated lightly or taken for granted. Indeed, throughout the centuries the most profound and sublime celebrations of the Eucharist have taken place in prisons. There is no doubt that the Saviour, Christ Jesus, himself a political criminal, familiar with prison bars and the brutality of captors, would be quite at home in a prison cell more than some ornate basilica or cathedral.

May our remembrance of such devotion to the Eucharist by these valiant priests deepen our desire for Jesus'

Cont..... Eucharistic presence each day. May their fervor encourage us to never take the Mass or the sacrament of the Eucharist for granted but to treasure each celebration.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.
Fr Mannes OP

G.Zeller, The Priest Barracks: Dachau 1938-1945, (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2015), 186.

CORPUS CHRISTI

The feast of Corpus Christi is one time when our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed not just to faithful Catholics but to all the world. This is a time when Catholics can show their love for Christ in the Real Presence by honouring Him in a very public way. It is also a wonderful way in which we can show our love for our neighbours by bringing Our Lord and Saviour closer to them. So many conversions are a result of Eucharistic Adoration experienced from inside the Church. How many more there would be if we could reach those who only drive by the church in worldly pursuits.

REAL PRESENCE, MYSTICAL BODY

The Eucharist, we now understand, creates the Church; the Church does not create the Eucharist. So the real presence is the sacrament of the unity of the Church and of the presence of the risen and glorified Jesus in our midst, in our world.

'What is happening at Mass is that the body of Christ on the altar gives new life and strengthens the body of Christ - us -- gathered as the Church. At the altar, Christ is not only on the altar. He is there with the priest acting not only in the person of Christ but in the person of the Church leading the people.

'But there is a further dimension to this feast: the risen and glorified Christ sacramentally present in the Eucharist then points to the future. We are experiencing a future in which the whole of creation is to be transformed. The feast of Corpus Christi is, of course, related to the institution of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, but, celebrated as it is after Easter, it is related also to the Paschal mystery as a dying and rising with Christ.

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The feast has been transferred from a mid-week Thursday to a Sunday. There are many who regret this liturgical change. But, if -- as the bishops suggest -- the feast was not being properly observed, then there is perhaps something to be said for transferring it to a Sunday when there is a larger assembly of the people of God present at the liturgy. [Excerpt from a homily by Fr Denis Geraghty OP](#)

REFLECTION

Today's reading takes place the day after Jesus has miraculously fed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish. Now he wants the crowds to understand that he has come to give them "the living bread." Earthly bread, even manna, can only keep us alive for a time. But it cannot give us eternal life. Only Jesus himself, the Bread of Life, can do that.

As Catholics, our greatest prayer of thanks is the Mass. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. When we receive Communion, we say Amen; that is, we believe that the bread and wine are now the Body and Blood of Christ.

MASS TIME CHANGES

Mass Time Changes to Parish weekday Mass

- Thursday 15 June will be the Yr 5 Mass at 10 am
- Thursday 22 June will be the Yr 4 Mass at 10 am
there will be no 5:30pm Mass on those days.

PLANNED GIVING

Please let the office know by telephone: 6248 5925 or email: watson@cg.org.au if you would like to continue with using Planned Giving Envelopes.

Other options available for Giving are monthly Direct Debit or Credit Card donations (please contact the office for further details), Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) as per banking details below, Tap & Go or Cash donations can be made in the donation boxes provided at the exits.

Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the running and upkeep of the Church and Fr Mannes.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Join us for a winter carol service, mulled wine, roast dinner ... and lots of Christmas cheer!

Friday 30 June, 6.00pm - Holy Cross Hackett.

\$20.00 Adults / \$5.00 Children - All welcome

Book online - www.holycrosshackett.org.au/christmas

MORNING TEA

We are assured of reserved seating in 'The Stalls' away from draughts on the third Thursday of June from 10-30am 15th June. Sister Veronica is now at the University of Canberra rehabilitation hospital. If not this month hopefully she will be well enough to join us again in July. Look forward to seeing our regulars this month and new comers always welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI - EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Sunday, June 11, following 11am Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka, all are invited to honour the feast of *Corpus Christi* in a short Eucharistic procession. The procession will feature prayers, hymns and Benediction.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion - Credit Card, cheque and cash donations totalled \$6,370.00. Sincere thanks to all who donated.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

Behold, I make all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

A women's Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Saturday 24th June - 10.00am - 4.00pm St John Vianney School, Waramanga

Registration : <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>

Questions: sydney@op-tn.org

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ST THOMAS MORE ANNUAL DINNER

St Thomas More Forum Annual Dinner: Friday 23rd June at 7pm Mecure Hotel Ainslie, speaker is Madeline Brennan KC. She is a practicing barrister and daughter of Sir Gerard Brennan (former High Court Chief Justice dec.) and sister of Fr Frank Brennan SJ OA. Register now at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> by 11am Friday 16 June 2023.

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart... I always hug them with my prayers.

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Sr Veronica Dunphy, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP,

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.

Mary Martin, Dominic Pangelo, Graeme Clarke

IN LOVING MEMORY

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or www.wccm.org

WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday.

All parishioners are invited. - Meet in the church Office.

HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.

VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35

On recess at the moment. It will restart in early June with the Eucharist in Scripture.

ROSTER 17 - 18 June

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauci
Reader - E. Smith / J. Smith

Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - R. Tanzer
Reader - P. McDonald / V. Wilson
Computer - J. Cortese

Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - P. Tran
Reader - M. Proctor
Computer - T. Malone

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