

# Catholic Parish of Blackiriars



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## VERITAS



HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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**Mass Times**

Monday - NO Mass

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**8.00am**

Wednesday & Friday  
5:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Vigil - 5:pm

Sunday - 8:00am, 10:00am,  
5:00pm

**Reconciliation**

Saturday  
4pm—4.45pm

**Adoration - Holy Hour**

Tuesday 12 Noon - 1:00pm

**Pray the Rosary**

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

## Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



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PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY**  
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## Corpus Christi focuses on Christ's presence un-

### 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 - Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
and blessed be God Most High  
for handing over your enemies to you.'  
And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 109(110):1-4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

## SECOND READING

### Second reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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 - Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### 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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## CELEBRATING CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Corpus Christi focuses on Christ's presence under the form of bread and wine. This focus was shaped by disputes within the Church in the Medieval period when the Feast began. In Europe at the time the religious beliefs of some groups called for deliverance from material things into the world of spirit. They dismissed Catholic sacraments in which God was seen to work through material things such as water, bread, wine and oil. These groups were focused in local areas and were seen as a threat both to the rulers of Europe and to the Church. Crusades were launched against them with great savagery. For Catholics the presence of Christ in the transformation of bread and wine became a central emblem of true faith and a rallying call. They found support in miracles where the Eucharist was seen to be turned into Christ's human flesh and human blood.

## CORPUS CHRISTI 2022

### 'Do this in remembrance of me'



As one gets older it is often the case that one looks back on one's life. This process of remembering can be assisted by looking at photos or old videos. Looking at these memorabilia can allow us to travel back to that holiday or that wedding or that other significant event. By using these things, we can be drawn back to the past. In some sense the Holy Eucharist is like this but more so.

**Cont...**When we celebrate the Eucharist we are asked to cast our hearts and minds back to those seminal events of our Christian faith, the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. Unlike those old photos or videos, the person we are remembering is not just limited to a piece of celluloid or the digital processes of a computer, but this person appears among us as living and as vital as he did when he walked this Earth over 2000 years ago. The only catch is that Jesus' presence among us under the appearance of bread and wine throws our sensibilities a little, but it is the way that Jesus himself intended for us to remain in communion with him. When we celebrate the Eucharist then we are not just remembering but rather we are opening ourselves up to being in Christ's presence now recalling his love for us and his victory over sin and death, a victory which is crucial to our eternal destiny.

**'Behold I am with you all through the days that are coming, until the consummation of the world'**

At the conclusion of St Matthew's gospel Our Lord says these words, promising that he will be with us till his coming again. What Jesus is promising is not just that he will be up in heaven thinking about us but that he would really be with us as we negotiate life's pilgrimage. In the Holy Eucharist Jesus' promise is fulfilled. In the Eucharistic species Jesus Christ true God and true man remains with us day and night in the tabernacles of our churches, he remains there waiting for us to commune with him, he is waiting there to fulfill his promise that he would be with us till the end of the world. Yet, Jesus' presence among us in this extraordinary way fills in the gap between our life in this world and in the world to come. In heaven, in beatitude, we will no longer experience the Lord in such a veiled and obscure sort of way but rather we will see Christ as he is, face to face. The Holy Eucharist then is the bridge between faith fumbling in obscurity and the blessed day we will see our God as he is. The Eucharist provides for us though even now that union for which we truly long.

**'My flesh for the life of the world'**

In Jesus' Eucharistic presence he accomplishes what he teaches. His very flesh is given so that we may have eternal life. The Sacrifice of the Mass and the sharing of Christ's body and blood remind us always what Jesus has done for us, that is, through his atoning death and life giving resurrection the life of the world is restored, renewed and elevated. It is with this mindset that St Paul when writing on the Eucharist in his first letter to the Corinthians penned the following words which we say at Mass occasionally "So it is the Lord's death that you are heralding, whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, until he comes." The flesh that Christ gives for the life of the world is something which we celebrate until the second coming. The Eucharist will continue to be celebrated every day until Christ returns and each celebration joyfully awaits that event. So our Eucharist then whilst it is an act of dynamic remembering of the past it is also a moment of anticipation for the Lord's coming.

As we celebrate the great gift of Jesus' body and blood given for us let us be mindful that this gift is given so that we can remember what Jesus has done for us, that he will be with us until the consummation of the world and

**Cont...**that this flesh given for the life of the world points us to that place which is beyond this world, the life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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

**TAKING PLEASURE IN THE THINGS OF GOD**

*The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).  
Fr Peter Hunter OP shows how the Holy Eucharist brings us the joy of an overflowing feast.*

I think it is fair to say that my mother doesn't particularly enjoy cooking (except perhaps on special occasions) but she certainly has always enjoyed seeing her family fed. One of her recipes was called 'chops for hungry chaps': tasty and filling food, it satisfied my brothers and me, even when we were ravenous teenagers. She taught me to enjoy food; that was just one aspect of a general pattern, that she and I somehow can always have fun together, take pleasure in whatever we are doing. I was reminded of this when one of my Dominican brothers said he lived for pleasure, and then explained that he meant he always tried to take pleasure in whatever God might send.

It seems to me that taking pleasure in seeing your family fed is a very human attitude, which finds deep echoes in our Christian tradition. Feeding someone is a fundamental way of loving them, of showing that you care for their well-being.

Food, for us human animals, goes far beyond what it is for our furry cousins in the rest of the animal world. Like them, we need it to survive, but we eat together to build up friendships, to show love, to celebrate our great successes in life. It's a human, natural way of creating a community.

It's such a rich symbol in human society that God can use it to communicate to us Himself. The feeding of the five thousand which we read about in the Gospel today is a richly meaningful event. At the most basic level, Jesus simply shows his love for those who have followed him to this place. But of course, it is also a rich sign, of the way in which God feeds us every day, providing us with our daily food, loving us by sustaining our existence. And at a third level, it is a sign of the way God feeds us with Himself, the way Jesus loves us by sustaining us spiritually, giving us His body and blood. Just as food can create a community, or express and strengthen a friendship, the food that God gives us makes us part of the community of the saints, and expresses and strengthens friendship, but in a way beyond any human expectation: by making us friends of God, sharers in His life.

God loves us by seeing us fed, by satisfying us spiritually with the Living Bread. Indeed, God delights in it, he delights in giving us all we need. And yet, ironically, we are never satisfied. "Show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied," Philip says to Jesus, as if the company of God With Us was not enough.

What this miraculous feeding shows us in a symbolic way is that what God gives us is not just enough, but more than enough to satisfy us, to fill our every desire. Jesus doesn't just give the huge crowd enough food, but much too much, an excessive amount.



**Cont...**There is a small mountain of food left over. And so it is with all God's acts. We need forgiveness, and God gives us glory. We need to be restored to our humanity, and God gives us a share in His own, divine life. We need spiritual support to turn us from a self-destructive life, and God feeds us with Himself, moulding us into the image of His beloved Son.

Whatever God gives us, whatever good we find in our lives, is enough and more than enough. We are not willing to be satisfied and want something else, but God patiently waits, offering us what we really need, and more than we need.

And perhaps, then, taking delight in the good things God sends our way, however little they may seem to us, is a very important part of our Christian life. God is in fact showering on us everything we need, and infinitely more. The joy I have in the things I share with my mother have, perhaps, taught me something about enjoying the gifts of God. [Fr Peter Hunter OP](http://english.op.org/torch), <http://english.op.org/torch>

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a feast of its time.

It is also a Feast for every time that encourages us to pray, to wonder at Christ's continuing gift to us through his presence and his continuing activity, and to follow him in giving ourselves to those in need.



### Corpus Christi

There will be a Holy Hour from 3:30 pm - 4:30pm with Benediction in honour of Corpus Christi

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society is holding its annual Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses this weekend. For cash donations, please donate into the donation buckets. If you require a receipt, please donate to our volunteers in the foyer. For electronic donations, there is an eftpos machine in the foyer and there is a QR code on the appeal posters in the foyer for those wishing to donate online. If you want to donate online later, you can make an internet donation as follows:

- BSB: 062786. • Account no: 14760
  - Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society.
- Description: [Donor name] [Conference name or code, ie Watson or 416] [Winter Appeal].
- There are also envelopes in the pews for those unable to donate on the day. These can be returned next week.

### MASS CANCELLATION

There will be NO 8:00am Mass on Thursday 23rd June. There will be a School Mass at 10:00am which parishioners are invited to attend.

### PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving (Weekly Envelopes) for those parishioners who are using the envelopes they will be available in the foyer over the next two weeks.

Please let the office know of any changes.

'Nothing is easy. Easy is something you earn. It is something you figure out. Easy is a process of failure, discomfort, discovery, getting knocked down, and getting up again.'

### PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill: Greg O'Neill, Ruth Bourke, Frank Zobec, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Veronica & Paul Cornelly, Mimma Gia, Rosa Maria Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Philip Bailey, Peter Catlin, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Mary Lou Pentony, Elizabeth Webster, Terry Stephens, Pamela Sandy, Maureen Blood, Beth Delos Santos, Patricia Zorzi, Sue King, Eddie Pook, Anthony Parsonage, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Fr Rafael Cabezon

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.  
Gwen Gleeson, Bill Tanner

**BIBLE STUDY** Verbum: Bible study for Young Adults (18-35) Monday nights at 6pm (except public holidays) in the Parish Centre a group of young adults from around North Canberra come to study the scriptures and pray. Currently the group is looking at St Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

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

**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP** meets 2.00pm 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursdays in the Parish Centre. Contact the Office for information.

**CRAFT GROUP** meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays.

**DOMINICAN LIBRARY** will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 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 Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - [www.wccm.org](http://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

### ROSTER 25 / 26 June 2022

<b>Saturday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - D. Gauci
	Reader - J. de Riva O'Phelan
<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	- Acolyte - K. Linard
	Reader - N. Webb, Noah Webb
<b>Sunday 10.00am</b>	- Acolyte - T. Johnson
	Reader - C. Rheinberger
<b>Sunday 5.00pm</b>	- Acolyte - L. Kim
	Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson

### DONATIONS TO PARISH & PRIESTS

**Parish details** to contribute to the Planned Giving. Bank details - Account Name: Blackfriars Parish Watson BSB: 062786 - A/C : 000013341 - Reference: Name

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Don't follow the path.  
Go where there is no path and begin the trail.  
When you start a new trail equipped with courage,  
strength and conviction,  
the only thing that can stop you is you!