

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE NEW COVENANT

Our readings of this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ deepen our understanding of the death of Jesus as inaugurating the new covenant he makes with God and all God's people.

In the first reading Moses shares with the people all the words of God he had heard in his encounter with God on the mountain. The people answer with one voice that they will observe all that the Lord has decreed. Moses seals this covenant ritually with burnt offerings, the sacrifice of oxen, and the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and the people.

The Hebrews' reading illuminates the difference Christ makes with the sacrifice of his own self and blood: he is the 'mediator of a new covenant'.

Mark's Gospel presents two scenes. The first occurs 'on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed'. Jesus, portrayed as an observant Jew with his disciples, makes preparations for Passover. The second drops us among those gathered for that Passover meal, 'while they were eating...' Here we are invited to see Jesus take the bread, bless it and break it, saying 'Take, this is my body.' Then we see Jesus take the cup, give thanks and give it to them. They all drank from it. Jesus' words tell us that 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many'. The closing words, hymn and movement to the Mount of Olives signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant.

May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

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FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

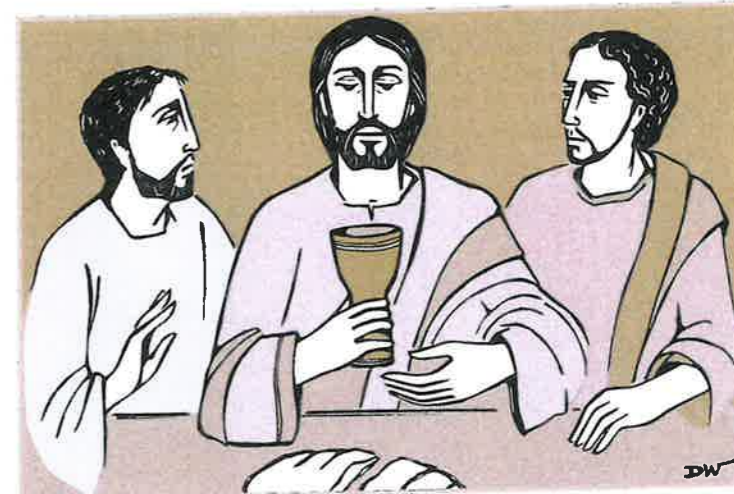
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise; / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 51-52

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

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Mass Sunday's at 10am
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As requested following Mass
St Patrick's Weekday
Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am
Except Third Friday of Month
Nursing Home Mass
9.30am Yallabee Lodge
11am Sir William Hudson

Adaminaby -9am 2nd Sunday
Nimmitabel
Mass 3rd & 5th Sunday
*5pm Sat Vigil Mass
1st 2nd, 4th Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla
Mass 4th Sunday at 5.00pm
LITURGY 2nd Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale
Mass 2nd & 4th Sunday of month
Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm
1st 3rd & 5th Sunday Liturgy
of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne
2nd 3rd & 4th = Vigil Mass 5pm Sat
1st & 5th Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased, "We have loved them in life,
let us not forget them in death": Greg McGufficke, Funeral Tues at 11am; June Reichenback,
Beryl Neal, 'Yarra' Gregor,
Anniversaries & Special Intentions: "In loving memory of our departed family and our
friends those who have no one to pray for them!" Clare Nowland,*

*Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort
and hope in His constant presence" David Harvey, Tania Giuliani, Don McDonald*




IT SEEMED GOOD TO US AND THE
HOLY SPIRIT (ACTS: 15-28)

Year Of The Holy Spirit

August 2023 - 2024

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for the Archdiocese

**O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice
in his consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



June - The Month of the Sacred Heart - The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God's love for us; in this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God's passionate love for us.

Roster	2 nd June	9 th June
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Bosco	Darren Steinke
Usher	Terri Rick	Carol Byrne/ Mary
Reader Commentator	Kevin Dunne Susan Tighe	Joan Simpson Suja Tessa
Special Minister	Sue McPhie	Mike Introna
Mass Servers	Natalia & Amelia Zieja
Children's Mass	Suja Tessa	Carol Byrne
Linen	Gaie Mooney	Jolanta Zieja
Church Care- reminder (always shown week in advance)	9 th C Byrne J Upton P Stewart	16 th Jo-Anne Brown J Kelly G Mooney
Hospital	Joan Simpson	Margaret Quodling

**** Adaminaby Mass: 9am on the 9th June 2024**

Flowers: Claire Neumeyer

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Next weekend Readings

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

1st Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15, 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1 Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35

Hello volunteers,
We are looking forward to the
new Sep 2024 Rosters.
Please advise any changes you
might need to suit your
availability and continued
support of our Parish.
Thankyou the invaluable role
you play in our Parish and
beyond.

Fr Mark.

St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage 2024. Pambula Parish Council extend a warm invitation to you/ our communities to join Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads the annual Mary MacKillop pilgrimage in Eden on Saturday, August 3rd. This pilgrimage holds a special significance as it commemorates Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the very site she visited on two separate occasions, in 1899 and 1901.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Dear God, the earth longs for rain, eagerly awaiting your touch to rejuvenate the land and its inhabitants – from the flowing rivers and serene lakes and dams to the flourishing crops, pastures and vibrant gardens. Grant us plentiful rain, we implore, and guide us to become more conscientious stewards of the abundant blessings you bestow upon us, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.