

LITURGY OF THE WORD
The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ Year C

First Reading *Gen 14:18-20*

A reading from the book of Genesis
Melchizedek brought bread and wine.
Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: ‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’ And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

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

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master: ‘Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.’
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power:rule in the midst of all your foes.
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. ‘You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.’

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

Second Reading *1 Cor 11:23-26*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.
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 to his death.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Sequence

*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,

And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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!

Gospel *Lk 9:11-17*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
They all ate and were filled.
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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Tasting the Future

The feeding of the five thousand in today’s Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come. We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: ‘You give them something to eat,’ rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly. And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus’ vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task. The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the *glorified* humanity of our *Risen* Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future. We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord’s Command: ‘You give them something to eat’! so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 21st - St
Aloysius Gonzaga
Wednesday 22nd - Sts
John Fisher and Thomas
More
Thursday 23rd- St
Paulinus of Nola

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE
TRADITIONAL
CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND
THE
WALBUNJA PEOPLE OF THE
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NATION.
WE PAY OUR
RESPECTS TO THEIR
ELDERS, PAST,
PRESENT AND
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**For the celebration
of the Word and the
Eucharist**

**Upcoming
events**

**Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm**

**Wrap With Love
Wednesday 29th
June @ 1pm
Meeting Room**

**Craft Group -
10am
Thursdays**

**“Enjoy the Good
News” Wednesday
after 10.00 am in the
Parish Office**

**Adoration Tuesday
@ 4.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after
Mass
Venue: Corrigan’s
Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT**

The Body and Blood of Christ - YEAR C

PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 20th June - 26th June

Tuesday: Adoration 4.30pm
Mass 5.30pm
**Wednesday: Memorial Mass for Mrs Lois
White 11am (No 9.00am Mass)**
Thursday: Mass 9.00am
Friday: Mass 9.00am
Saturday: No Reconciliation
Vigil Mass 5.00pm - Confirmation Mass
Sunday: Mass 9.00 am
Mass 5.00pm - Thanksgiving Parish Mass for Fr
Eden Langlands - Parish Festivities to follow with BBQ



NOTE: This is the Last Sunday Evening Mass

CONFIRMATION

*Saturday 25th June at
5.00pm Mass, the children of
the Parish will receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation.*



*Please hold these
children and their
families up to the Lord
in prayer this week*

Choir Practice

**for Confirmation and
Eden's First Mass in the
Parish:
THURSDAY JUNE 23 AT
11.30 AM IN THE
CHURCH.
We'd love more people
to join us for these two
important celebrations
in our Parish.
Any questions? Please
ring Phil 0428593191**

**Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
JUNE**

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION will be celebrated @ 7pm on July 7th at St Bernard's - an opportunity to pray with and for each other as we celebrate this sacrament of Christ's mercy and forgiveness. **PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY!!**

MINISTRY SHEETS

For those who were not present last weekend the sheets are still in the foyer to be filled out. Please complete them and leave them in the tub provided. It is noted that most of the positions on the Parish Pastoral Council and some on the Liturgy and Finance Council have not been filled - if you wish to remain involved in those councils, or want to be involved in them, please fill out the form. Many thanks.

FR EDEN LANGLANDS will celebrate a Parish Mass on the 26th June at 5pm in appreciation for your prayerful support of him during his Pastoral Placement year and as a Deacon.



There will be a Parish celebration following the Mass, so we invite you to put it in your diary and come to Mass and the festivities to follow. A bbq will be held in the Meeting Room. **All are welcome.**

RETIRING COLLECTION
For a gift for Eden will be taken at the end of Mass if you would like to leave a donation.

**St Vincent de Paul
Winter Appeal**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANKS YOU for your generous donation of \$ 1,648-00 to our Winter Appeal.

We continue to collect blankets/ doonas & adult/children's beanies, socks, gloves and scarfs from June - August. **Please leave donations in foyer collection containers.**

Parish Financial Support

During the coming week or so, a Finance Council representative will be speaking to you about money. It's always difficult, especially in times when people are under economic pressure and limited income. Also, the request is made whilst being aware of diminishing numbers in the Congregation. We would like to thank you for your generous and selfless support prior to this information talk, but as you will see there are real needs that we are trying to meet. Thank you **Fr Tom**

Remembering the Sick:

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided. **We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

**Celebrating Christ's Gift of the Eucharist -
Corpus Christi**



The Feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of the hospitality of Jesus. It is a feast that encourages us to pray, to wonder at Christ's continuing gift to us through his presence and his continuing activity in the world through our commitment to 'become what we receive' (St Augustine).

This feast is at the heart of why we gather as a community of believers and as we proclaim the Mystery of Faith we say, 'When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again'. We not only remember, but we celebrate and experience God's love as a community of faith, hope and love.

At the Second Vatican Council, the Church has emphasised more strongly the presence of Christ within the community, which St Paul called the Body of Christ. In this vision all Catholics are active as well as receptive in the celebration of the Eucharist. Christ is present not simply in the consecrated bread and wine, but as the one who forgives, speaks, feeds, gathers together and makes present his offering on the Cross... Christ is present in the bread and wine because he is active in the Church. In the Eucharist, he calls us to prayer and reverence. He also calls us to follow his way in feeding the poor and giving spirit to the excluded and in taking up our own cross. (Andrew Hamilton SJ June 2022)

Pope Francis reflected on the gift of the sacrament of the Eucharist and he stated 'with great simplicity Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament in a humble gesture of giving and sharing'. Pope Francis goes on to remind us that 'Jesus does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the crowds, but he breaks himself at the Passover supper with the disciples and Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve.' He reminds us that the Eucharist is not a reward of saints but that it is bread for sinners - each time we receive the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. (Pope Francis Angelus Address Feast of Corpus Christi 2021)



Sr Joan Chittister in Conversation with John Warhurst
Thursday 23 June at 7.30pm - join online with Sr Joan Chittister OSB and John Warhurst as they explore issues crucial to Church renewal ahead of the second assembly of the Plenary Council in a few weeks. Register with garrattpublishing.com.au

**PARISH FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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