



Holy Family Parish Northeast Mallee

Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday, 14 June 2020



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Tues, Thurs and Fri

10am -2pm

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Incorporating the Catholic Communities of

Sacred Heart Church, Culgoa

St Michael's Church, Lalbert

St Joseph's Church, Lake Boga

St Joseph's Church, Nandaly

S's Peter & Paul, Quambatook

St Mary's Church, Swan Hill

St Mary's Church, Sea Lake

Notices for Bulletin need to be received at the office by Wednesday morning.

Parish Prayer

God our Father,

Through the intercession of the Holy Family our patron, we pray that you bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care; to the sick and the weak grant health; to the aged bring serenity; and to those in sorrow joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily life. Amen.



Recent Deaths

Weekday Masses

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 12pm Swan Hill

Anniversaries

Des O'Sullivan, Nathan Mangiameli, Anne Walsh, Kathleen Canavan, Gert McGregor, Robert Day, Barry Jennings, Alice Kelly, Emelai & Antonio Rullo, Mary & Peter Conheady, Esther Moyle, Mary Flannery, Isabella Rinaldi, Margaret Cloonan, Ellen Giddings, Francis Loughran, Leo McLoughlan. John McEwan, Maud Mary Rogers, Edna Ryan, Bob Shirley, James Kiley, Rosina Sheldon Collins, Ellen Giddings,



Schools within the Parish

Primary

St Mary's Primary School Sea Lake

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Principal: Michelle Haeusler

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Sick List

Jarrold Crimmins, Jack Donohue,

Sean Carroll., Ronald Duryea, Jude Lewis,

Yvonne Annan, Sarah Kenny, Michael Bourke

Chris Hall

During these difficult times your continued donations to the presbytery and parish support are greatly appreciated.

If you wish to drop off your stewardship envelopes please leave under door at Parish office or drop off on a Tuesday or Friday.



"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."

Finances

1st Collection (Support Clergy)

2nd Collection (Parish Support)

Including C/Cards and D/Debt

Thank you for your generous contribution to the running of the parish and the support of our priests

Saints / Feast Days

This Week

Mon: St Germaine of Pibrac

Tues: St John Francis Regis

Wed: St Emily de Vialar

Thurs: St Gregory Barbarigo

Fri: Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat: Bl Michelina of Pesaro

Child Safe Church

Here in the Parish of Holy Family North East Mallee follow the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government and we also implement procedures and standards as directed by the Ballarat Diocesan Office

The Parish Collections

We have had people enquire about how they can contribute to the normal collections.

The First Collection - This looks after Fr James and the running of the Presbytery, this collection is normally taken up first and in the past has been via cash, with the current situation you may wish to contribute to this by either dropping money into the office on a Tues or Fri or you can direct debit to the account. Account Name Holy Family Parish
BSB- 083874 Account 30-816-7018

The Second Collection- this is for the running of the parish, most people either use plan giving envelopes or direct debit, if you would like to contribute to this one the details are

Name: Holy Family Parish BSB 083874
Account 30-806-2531

If using direct deposit, please make sure you put your name in the reference box.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Why might Jesus have used the image of such an everyday item as bread to describe himself?

How might a Jewish audience have reacted to the idea of eating flesh and drinking blood?

Why might Jesus have used such a confronting idea?

In what ways can people be 'nourished' and 'fed' by Eucharist?

In what way do you understand Jesus to be 'present' in the Eucharist?

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released

Six Discernment and Writing Groups, one each for the six national themes for discernment that emerged from the Council's *Listening and Dialogue* phase, were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus. The papers were released on Pentecost Sunday and are available to read at the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Complimentary Trinity Resource

The Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our faith. For many, making the Sign of the Cross is the first and simplest prayer we learn. However great scholars have written volumes in trying to unravel this mystery. Trinitarian scholar, Anne Hunt will not demystify the Trinity, but she will give insights into this central tenet of the Catholic faith and provide material for reflection, prayer and discussion. This free faith guide is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – under News & Events - Coronavirus -- The Church's information and advice.

What can I do during this time of Covid19?

With some easing of restrictions please keep being safe and social distancing as we are not over it yet. Don't forget the elderly and vulnerable in your area. Keep checking in daily to make sure they are ok. If you can assist in any way eg shopping,collecting medication etc, this can alleviate some stress and arrange to leave it at their door when task is finished.

The Ballarat diocesan website has a list of links for Mass on line, resources for things like Sacred Space: 10 minute prayer and reflection, pray at home, pray as you go are just a few of the links as well as activities to do as a family so head over to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and discover what is on offer

Message from Fr James

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of our Lord, or as it is still commonly called, Corpus Christi. In this feast we celebrate the awesome gift of the Eucharist, and in particular the great mystery of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. It seems very appropriate therefore that this is the weekend that at least some of our parishioners can join in public celebration of the Mass. With the ongoing restrictions, we unfortunately cannot fit everyone in. For those who couldn't make it this weekend, we will make sure you are top of the list for the next two weeks. By our third weekend back everyone will have had the opportunity. Thank you for your understanding.

We also recognise that some parishioners in more vulnerable categories may still feel uncomfortable in attending a public celebration. If this is you, or if you know of someone in this situation, please let us know and we can look at arrangements for them to receive Holy Communion.



Gospel Reflection

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people



With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions

MASS IS RESUMING *BUT* WITH RESTRICTIONS:

From now on we will be celebrating weekend Masses. Next weekend, the 20th / 21st June, will be according to our usual roster for the 3rd Sunday of the month.

To help accommodate some extra numbers, Fr James will also temporarily offer an extra Mass in Swan Hill on Saturdays at 5.00pm.

Fr James will also offer Mass at 12pm on Friday 19th June for the Feast of Sacred Heart.

BUT

According to Victorian Governments directions
only **20** worshippers can attend each service

SO

For Swan Hill, book your seat by **Phone ONLY** from TUESDAY onwards by contacting the Parish Office on 50324144 **after** 10.30am.

Our country churches have been contacted and will make their own arrangements for their scheduled Masses

Pews will be sprayed after each Mass.

First Reading Dt 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 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Alleluia.

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 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.

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.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

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

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

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.

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 Jn 6:51-58

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 will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

