



The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) – Year A

10th / 11th June 2023

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

The thought is on the meaning of hardship which Israel suffered in the wilderness. This, too, is an example of God's providence. It was God's means of humbling the nation. Teaching them their utter dependence on Him, rather than on themselves.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Just as an unbreakable bond was forged between two men if they ate each other's bread and salt, so a sacrificial meal formed a real communion between the God and his worshipper. Jesus was comparing old traditions to the new sacrament of his body and blood.

John 6:51-58

The new revelation of God in Jesus Christ is confirmed in the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is an offering of Christ to each of us and in partaking of the sacrament we have promised that we, who eat this bread, will live forever.

Next Week:
**11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

Universal Prayers

1. For those who do not have enough food or shelter for themselves and their families.
We pray to the Lord.
2. For those who are in danger by putting their lives at risk to fight for freedom for us around the world.
We pray to the Lord.
3. For those who are sick and poor who do not have doctors or others to care for them.
We pray to the Lord.
4. For those who protect us from all dangers in our cities and towns.
We pray to the Lord.
5. For those who have suffered the burdens of lost marriages and broken friendships.
We pray to the Lord.
6. For those who give us the message of faith in our Churches who are discouraged that no one hears them.
We pray to the Lord.

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tue	13 th June	Mass	8.00am
Wed	14 th June	Mass	8.00am
Thu	15 th June	Mass	8.00am
Fri	16 th June	Mass	8.00am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 14th June 11.00am

Mass Intentions

Saturday	10 th June	Frank & Gloria Carlon
Sunday	11 th June	Peter Hine
Sunday	11 th June	Larry Sheehan
Tuesday	13 th June	Clem & Rosie Carlon
Wednesday	14 th June	Meg & Steve Chadwick
Thursday	15 th June	Aileen Hewitt
Friday	16 th June	Special Intention

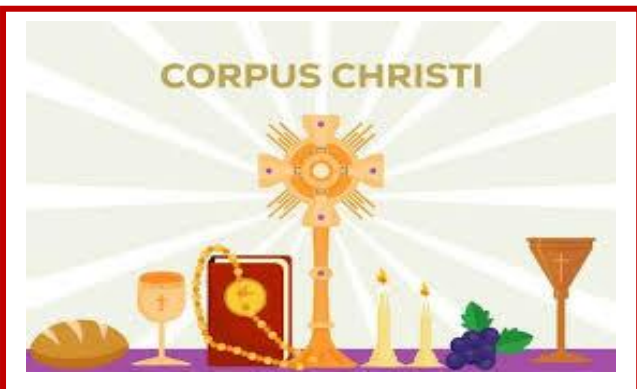
Please also remember in your prayers the many sick of the parish, and for the recently deceased:

Charles Lawson, Roz Vaughan, Frank Phillips, Geraldine White, Kevin Deacon, John McGinnes, Edwin Thurn, Gladys Hunt, and Peter Awit.

Office Hours

Just a reminder the Office will be closed on Wednesdays as we trial a new model of operation. Please use Tuesday, Thursday or Friday to call in or contact the Office.

Thank you for your understanding.



Feast of Corpus Christi

This weekend (10th & 11th June) we celebrate our parish feast day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 10.45am-11.30am on Sunday in St Thomas Aquinas Church. During adoration, readings on the Eucharist and hymns will be sung to highlight the importance of this feast in the Church & our Parish.

For the Life of the World Let us review for a moment what has happened in the special season just gone by. I suppose this is a summary of the summaries! It leads to Sunday's feast, which is a great remembrance of our salvation.

Holy Thursday: we saw Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, cleaning their feet, wiping off the dirt. Then on *Good Friday* we saw Jesus refuse the way of riches, honour, and pride, instead of following the way of love. He could have avoided the cross, but love said yes to God instead. It was the highest example of real, lasting love we know of. It showed us who God is, in the flesh.

The Sundays after Easter: After his resurrection, Jesus spoke to us about his sacrifice and his having risen from the dead, showing how these are signs of the Father's love for the whole world. Then the *Ascension*. Jesus was going away, back to the Father. He was to take his love back to the Trinity - where it started - thus completing the circle. Therefore, he left us, and if that were the end of the story we would have only memories.

On *Pentecost* he sent his Spirit into our hearts. We ourselves, his followers, were to receive that Spirit and become his new and continuing body for the life of the world. There is only one condition: that we let go and allow his Holy Spirit to dwell in our lives. Gradually we would sense with Spiritual eyes what *The Holy Trinity* is all about.

How, exactly, are we to let the Holy Spirit find this dwelling place within us? If we look around at our culture, it seems impossible. A lot of our neighbours have thrown away the idea of a soul altogether and even the notion of a God. Others just dive into the flesh pots, so to speak, and by doing so, deny that there is such a thing in them as a depth where some Holy Spirit could dwell.

But we do have such a depth, all of us and each of us. We just need to let go and learn to be loved by this Spirit of Jesus and of his Abba. Then it will occur to us why the Christ had promised the Holy Spirit and then sent it.

However, one unhandy fact remains. We are flesh and blood creatures, not merely spirits. Would Christ have gone away to heaven, leaving his followers to make their own way without him? No. The sacrament of his Body and Blood is the way we join in the complete life of Christ. Just as the Holy Spirit comes together with our spirit, the sacrament of Christ's body becomes one with our own bodies in a gradual but intimate transformation.

To put it another way, we need Manna if we are to survive! Today's *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ* shows this. The great plan of God could get lost unless there were a Manna-like sacrament to draw our bodies and our spirits into Christ's presence.

And so, now the Easter picture is complete. Christ remains in the world for all time. He is spiritually and physically present to the world in us, as often as we accept his body and dwell in his Spirit.

That is the reason for this final feast after Easter.

Fr John Foley, SJ

"Women at The Mill" We have been meeting for 6 months as a small weekly Gospel reflection & coffee group. We read the upcoming Sunday Gospel, then listen & discuss each other's reflections, often in relation to our everyday lives.

This is a welcoming space to be a Catholic woman in a supportive and community focused environment. Say a little or a lot, attend whenever it's convenient & enjoy each other's company. Women of all ages, and young children, are most welcome.

"Women at The Mill" meet weekly at 9.30am on Wednesdays at the outdoor dining area behind The Mill Cafe, Bowral. BYO Coffee. Please contact Louise McRobbie on 0424100706 or just come along. We look forward to meeting you.



PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

Sunday 11 th June	Corpus Christi - Adoration	10.45am-11.30am - Church
Sunday 11 th June	Corpus Christi - Parish Lunch	Following Adoration - Fr Glynn Centre
Monday 19 th June	Catholic Women's League	10.30am Parish Hall
Sunday 25 th June	Solemn Vespers & Benediction	4.00pm St Thomas Aquinas Church
Tuesday 18 th July	Scripture Study	6.00pm Parish Hall
Thursday 27 th July	Conversations	10.30am Parish Hall