

## **BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A**

**25th May 2008**

### **THEME: John 6: 51-58**

Today we give thanks for the gift of the Blessed Eucharist: the bread of life and the cup of salvation, Jesus, God the Son, really present under the appearances of bread and wine.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Monday 26th May, Philip Neri, priest

Friday 30th May, Sacred Heart

Saturday 31st May, Visitation

### **BODY & BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**

We do not understand how Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament; but we do not refuse to believe. Our faith is founded upon the authority of Jesus Christ. It is no harder to believe that He remains with us in some mysterious way under the appearances of food, than it is to believe that the divine Son of God dwelt amongst us in the form of the carpenter of Nazareth. While all the appearances of bread and wine remain after the consecration in the Mass, a real, invisible change has taken place, and Jesus Christ is really present under these humble forms of food.

When we receive Holy Communion and are well disposed, we receive Christ. His life transforms our activities, so that we love what he loves, we will what he wills, his interests become our interests, his affections become our affections. Our life becomes his life, if we will but let it. Only then can we cry out with St Paul: "I live, not I, but Christ lives in me." The Eucharist is the means God has provided for the working out of salvation. It is the cure of our modern civilisation with all its ills.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, Kelly Harty, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Jack Walker, Marjory Stott, Stephen Aldridge, Gerri Boldrini, Mary Egan, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Allanah Barnes, Anthony Gilchrist, Rosel Free, Luke Heffernan, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Maureen Pidutti, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Helen Saffrey, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, John Williams, Gregory Cummins, Ben Harper, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Bess Harris, Sandra Varrasso, Effie Ray, Patricia Bourke, Bob Woods, Marie Cook and Luke Westaway.

Grant eternal life to:

Brian Twomey, Joe Mullavey, Bob Speers, Richard (Dick) O'Grady, Norm Cameron, Yvonne Wells, Malcolm Wright, Andrew Gibbs and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Vera Kemp, Mary Nesbitt, Michael (Royce) Gleeson and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Frank Percy, Phillip, Anne-Maree & Mary Percy and all our dear ones deceased.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

**ISLA WITT**

**RANDY MILLER**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

It is St Patrick's turn to host the first Friday Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 6th June from 6.00pm to Saturday 7th June 9.00am. It is necessary that we have at least two people in the Church during this time. It would be appreciated if people could choose a time which suits them and record their name on the roster in the church porch this weekend - it need not be a full hour.

#### **CARPENTERS' BREAKFAST**

The next Carpenters' Breakfast will be held on Saturday morning 31st May from 7.00am-10.00am in St Patrick's Hall. The guest speaker will be John Garratt. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

#### **INVITATION**

Parishioners of the Albury Deanery are invited to a presentation by Fr John Frauenfelder at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, North Albury on Tuesday 10th June. There will be two sessions: 10.00am-2.00pm and 7.30-9.30pm. You are most welcome to attend one or both sessions. Fr Frauenfelder will help people to have a better understanding of the Eucharist and Mass.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The Albury branch of the Catholic Women's League is hosting a conference for all members of the CWL in the Wagga Wagga Diocese on Wednesday 28th May beginning with Mass at 9.30am in St Patrick's Church. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Hanna. The conference proper will be at the Commercial Club. All Catholic women are welcome to attend as observers. If interested, please contact Frances Murphy on 6041 1721.

## TEN PIN BOWLING FOR YOUTH

Young people 12-18 years and WYD Pilgrims are invited to come bowling with St Patrick's Youth Group on Sunday 1st June from 7.00-8.30pm. The cost is \$7.00 a game. If you would like to come please let us know by 28th May. Contact Fr Lee on 6041 2588 or Miriam on 0400 419 981. For more information see poster on the youth noticeboard.

## ALBURY DEANERY WYD FUNDRAISER

A roaring twenties Ball will be held on Saturday 31st May at Holy Spirit Hall Lavington at 7.00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each with proceeds going towards Albury WYD pilgrims. Live Jazz band and prizes for best dressed. Event is open to people of all ages. Come along and help support pilgrims going to WYD. For more information see the poster at the back of the church. Contact Miriam 0400 419 981 or Carmen 0418 637 707 for tickets.

## VERITAS CENTRAL EVENTS

### \* Thursday 29th May @ 6.30pm - Blessed Mother Teresa Information Night.

Come and learn more about this extraordinary nun. Fr Andrew Grace, Parish Priest of Darlington Point, will do a talk and presentation on the late Mother Teresa and her works.

### \* Thursday 5th June @ 6.00pm - Mother Teresa DVD Night (Bookings essential).

Starring Golden Globe winner Olivia Hussey this film powerfully portrays the life of Mother Teresa and has been described as the most spiritually uplifting film since The Passion of the Christ.

### \* Thursday 12th June @ 6.30pm - Divinity Board Game Night (Bookings essential).

Come and enjoy a night testing your knowledge of the catechism against other players. This board game is the fun new Catholic Catechism Learning System.

Tea and coffee available after all events.

## SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE

University Student Accommodation - Applications Now Open

Sancta Sophia College is a friendly and vibrant residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set in beautiful grounds on campus at the University of Sydney and is open to those studying at any of the universities in Sydney. Open Days are Saturday 30th August 2008 and Tuesday 6th January 2009. For more information and details about applications and scholarships please see the website or contact Mrs Jacqui Ingram on (02) 9577 2100 or email: [sancta@mail.usyd.edu.au](mailto:sancta@mail.usyd.edu.au)

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## SNIPPET

Let us take others to our heart. They, like us, are broken in many ways. They are hurting and confused. They have all the love in their broken hearts to give. Let us know this and honour it and learn like Jesus to welcome their gift. (Michael Fallon MSC)