

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR B

14th June 2009

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

My friends, today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember that our God made Himself food for our journey through life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 19th June - Sacred Heart

Saturday 20th June Immaculate Heart of Mary

WHAT WE BELIEVE - THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Catholics must believe as an article of faith that when the priest says the words of institution, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood," over the elements of bread and wine, they cease in everything but external appearances to be bread and wine. They taste, look and have the properties and molecular structures of bread and wine (called "accidents" in philosophy), but their reality (called "substance" in philosophy) completely changes into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ as he now reigns at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Christ as God and man is now present. "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). The consecrated host is God.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Mat Talbot, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Joan Richardson, James Monahan, Fay Langfield, Sheila Smith, Harold Dean and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Gillespie, Maria Pren, Rita Byrne, John Thompson and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Margaret McCormack and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

Recently we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

LUCAS DOHERTY

EMILY DARMODY

FOR YOUR DIARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend at all Masses there will be a special collection for Propagation of the Faith.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

This Sunday the 10.30am Mass will finish with a procession to the Convent Chapel where there will be Adoration finishing with Benediction at 12.15pm.

SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS

Holy Communion from the cup will not be given at Masses until further notice. Also please note, some people may prefer not to offer a handshake as a sign of peace during this precaution period.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

There will be a Mass at 10.30am this Friday 19th June to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

FUNDRAISER FOR BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE

A comedy cabaret show will be held at Holy Spirit Hall, Lavington on Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm. Adults: \$15.00, Children: \$8.00, Family: \$40.00. Enquiries (02) 60432936.

Please see the noticeboard for details.

WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

The Catholic Women's League is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation which is a Public International Association of the Faithful. We will be having a Mass at 10.30am on 16th June at St Patrick's Church, and a light luncheon afterwards in the supper Room. All parishioners welcome. Please reply to the luncheon to Helen Sandral (02) 6023 6110 or helensandral@bigpond.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held at St Patrick's presbytery on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL

Responding to the need for Australian Catholic resources for the parish and classroom, 'Echoing the Word' is a unique web magazine offering unlimited access to a wide range of

liturgies, activities, black-line masters, prayer ideas and informative articles. A sample issue is available free of charge at: www.echoingtheword.com/sampleissue/index.shtml

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE

Sancta Sophia College is a residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set on campus at the University of Sydney. Open Days (also Sydney Uni Info Days) on Saturday 29th August 2009 and Tuesday 5th January 2010. For more information and details about applications and scholarships phone the College on (02) 9577 2100 or visit www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au

CATHOLIC WEEKLY

* Indian Priest: Australia safe and is not a racist country

SNIPPET

The primary gift of the Holy Spirit is to make each one of us holy. We do not achieve but rather receive holiness and it is nothing to be embarrassed or falsely humble about.
(Leonard Foley, O.F.M.)