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**As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
 We commit ourselves to actively working alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

22nd June 2014



LET'S CELEBRATE

The 2014 Confirmation/First Eucharist Students will receive the Creed at Mass today. Let's support these students and pray for them as they continue their spiritual journey.

BODY AND BLOOD

"The command of Jesus is very explicit: "Do this in memory of me." Do not respond to hurt by adding more hurt. Do not resolve a negative situation by more negativity in the form of hate or vengeance. Rather transform it, by giving yourself totally in service to the one who has hurt you. We can only achieve this by being empowered and constantly nourished by the loving God who resides within us. Being actively involved in the celebration of the Eucharist and being nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus we become agents of blessing and life giving change in these situations which are so full of negativity and death".

(Bishop Joe Grech)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Annabella Grace Cricelli
 and
Sophia Rose Cricelli

who are being baptised today. We welcome them into our faith community.



BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

St Thomas Aquinas has magnificently expressed the jubilant character of the feast of Corpus Christi in his famous hymns, especially in *Sacris Solemniis*. The following is an English translation of the Latin and is powerful reminder of what the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ultimately is all about:



*Great is the festive day, joyful and jubilant,
 Let us with loving hearts offer the song of praise;
 Freed from the sinful past, may we renew in grace*

*"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."
 - St. Maximilian Kolbe*



Those who have died recently	Gerald Murphy; Louis Arthur; Mary Flanagan
Anniversaries at this time	Armando & Maria Corbo; Norm Hooper; Keith Grumley; Giuseppina & Vincenzo Casuscelli; Jamesy Manning ***Jim, Leo & Kevin Dullard; George & Peg Brown-Graham; Jack Dullard; Carmela DiPett; Nicola Spina; Bill Doolan
Our sick and their carers	Lawrie Dwyer; Margaret Woodland; Mons Peter Jeffery; Mons John White; Fr. Jim Nihill*** Jim Caldwell; Glenn Spicer; David Wood

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

MASS	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
Sat 28 th June 6pm	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Pat Baldwin	M Corrigan	D Worm J Webster J Scrimizzi	Bill Woods
Sun 29 th June 8.00am	Ross Kelly	Betty Curtis	Keith Stewart	B Miller family	C Reilly L Cowan C Coulston	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 23-29 JUNE			
DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	23	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	24	9.15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	No Mass
Wednesday	25	9.15am Mass	5.00pm - Intention – Jack Dullard
Thursday	26	No Mass	1.30pm Anointing
Friday	27	9.15am Mass	No Mass
Saturday	28	6.00pm Mass	No Mass
Sunday	29	8.00am Mass	10.00am
ROSARY		9:00am before weekday Mass	
RECONCILIATION	28	11.30am	

JUNE DIARY DATES		
Mon	23	
Tues	24	Priests Jubilarian Mass & Dinner Birth of John the Baptist
Wed	25	GV Deanery Festival of the Sacred
Thurs	26	
Frid	27	Grandparents Mass, Tatura 9.15am Last day of Term 2
Sat	28	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun	29	Feast: Sts. Peter & Paul
Mon	30	School Holidays commence
		JULY
Tues	1	
Wed	2	
Thurs	3	Feast: St. Thomas
Frid	4	Feast: St Elizabeth of Portugal
Sat	5	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	6	Mass 8.00am
PASTORAL CARE		
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FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK –

ST IRENAEUS, bishop & martyr (June 28)

In a week which also marks the Nativity of St John the Baptist (June 24), the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 27) and The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (June 28), it is probably easy for our chosen saint's feast day to go unnoticed. The feast day of St Irenaeus has moved over the years. It was first celebrated in the Roman Catholic calendar on June 28, in 1920; then moved to July 3, from 1960, and then back to June 28, in 1969. The feast day marks the day of his death.

'The writings of St Irenaeus entitle him to a high place among the fathers of the Church, for they not only laid the foundations of Christian theology but, by exposing and refuting the errors of the Gnostics, they delivered the Catholic faith from the real danger of the doctrines of those heretics. He was probably born about the year 125, in a maritime provinces of Asia Minor where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous. He was most influenced by St. Polycarp who had known the apostles or their immediate disciples.'



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

"Meditation according to St Francis of Sales"

Part 2 of a talk on "Meditation according to St Francis of Sales" by Fr Doroteo Bravi & Bro Massimo Chang. St Brendan's Shepparton, Mons Peter Jeffery centre, Wed the 25th of June at 7pm. everyone welcome. Enquiries to Peter Wright: 0418589083

ADVANCE NOTICE

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

The Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass will be on **Saturday 16th August at 6pm** with Fr Michael concelebrating with Bishop Leslie Tomlinson.

Confirmation and First Eucharist will also be at Tatura on Saturday, 16th August 2014.

UNVEILING & BLESSING OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Save the date for the Unveiling & Blessing of the Diocesan Memorial Sculpture of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

Friday 17th October 2014 at 11.00am at the site south side of the Cathedral.

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JOHN 6:51-58

Many traditional peoples believe you are what you eat. So do many health-conscious modern people. Chicken gives you chicken energy. Beef may leave you waddling through the day.

This idea is not so far from ancient Jewish law. Leviticus 17 forbids the eating of blood, or flesh containing blood, because the essence of a creature, the soul, is in the blood. When we consume blood, we begin to resemble the animal itself. Just by eating, we come to resemble the creature whose life/soul we have consumed.

The biblical prohibition against consuming flesh and blood also extended to fat, especially the fat around the liver, because the life/soul of an animal exists also in the fat, and the liver is filled with blood. Flesh and blood are God's food, and to eat God's food is to strive to become like God, which the law says you shouldn't do under pain of divine punishment.

So what is John up to in this week's reading when he goes beyond the image of the "bread of life" and to the image of eating Jesus' flesh and blood? Some biblical scholars suggest that when Jesus tells the Jews who have been following him that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood, he is pointing back to these same Levitical and Deuteronomic prohibitions. This time, however, Jesus tells them to go ahead and consume the body and blood in order that they might ingest God's soul, so that they might come to resemble God. Manna might have gotten earlier Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land, but it will take a more intimate communion with the Divine to gain the capacity for the promise of eternal life. One's very soul must come to resemble the Divine.

There is such intimacy here, an actual absorbing of another's essence. To be invited into this transformation is disorienting: It is on the one hand humbling, on the other empowering. This covenant is no longer a contract; it is a symbiosis with God. Our concepts of being one with God don't tend to include so much, well, oneness. And yet, we are what we eat.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The liturgy today invites us to reflect on the goodness of Jesus and God's gracious mercy in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. What a blessing we have to recall that Christ accompanies us as we journey in faith towards newer and deeper life offered freely by God.

When Jesus inaugurated the Eucharist, his body and blood given in the form of bread and wine, he gave his disciples an example that they were to follow when he said after the words referring to his body and blood, "do this in memory of me." What does *this* mean in the context of Jesus' consecrating words? By "*this*" Jesus means to do as he did and was about to do by pouring out his life (and most especially in his death and resurrection) in service of people like us.

"Do this" continues the saving work of Jesus throughout his entire life of being "poured out" for us. Our invitation is to live our lives as Jesus did giving of ourselves for others especially those most in need in our communities. When the Eucharistic ministers hold out the consecrated bread or wine (now the body and blood of Christ) they say "The Body/Blood of Christ," referring to the consecrated elements of Holy Communion. This is saying to each one of us - you who with faith, hope and love are receiving this sacrament, *are* the body of Christ; therefore live out your everyday life *as the Body of Christ*. So as we reach out to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we are taking on the imitation of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Each of us is challenged to live our lives for others as Jesus did; and as community we are equally challenged *to be the Body of Christ* for others.

XAVIER HOUSE—

Ignatian Spirituality Center Hong Kong is organizing an International Conference on Ignatian Spirituality this year. The theme of the conference is "An Ignatian Pilgrimage—From Personal Interiority to Shared Apostolic Vision".

It will be held from **28 November to 1 December 2014**. For detail, please visit website:

<http://xavier.ignatian.net/html/ic2014/>

Third term school commences Monday 14th July and finishes on Friday 19th September

2015 Enrolments for Sacred Heart School are now being taken.

Please contact Debbie in the office to make an appointment with Trish (this includes all existing families).



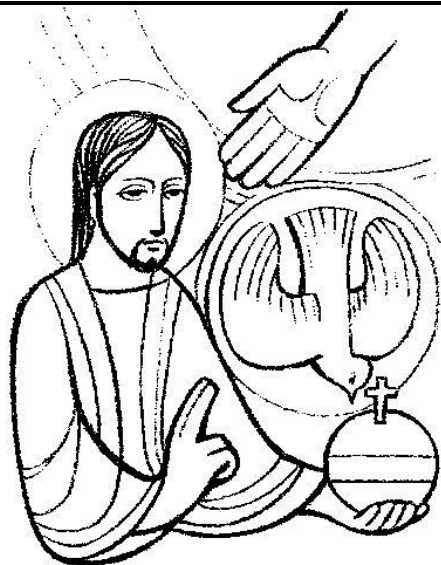
Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Matthew 16:13-19



Liturgical Jottings

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father. *GIRM 281*

Joy of the Gospel

Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church; everyone can be part of the community, nor should the doors of the sacraments be closed for simply any reason. This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself the door: baptism. The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium n47

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Looking at the Readings

Jesus is teaching in the Synagogue at Capernaum, a town on the West coast of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus had a place after he had moved out of home in Nazareth.

This is part of the great Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel Chapter 6 which begins with the feeding of the 5000. Afterward Jesus teaches in the synagogue at Capernaum saying that he is the bread of life. Some disciples left him after this. Jesus then challenges the Twelve and Peter answers 'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' We who believe that Jesus is the Bread of Life can only echo Peter's affirmation of faith!

In John's Gospel, the central act of the Last Supper was the washing of the feet of the disciples. The institution of the Eucharist is not mentioned. However Christ's sharing of the loaves and fishes, and this discourse are powerful and explicit teachings on the Eucharist.

Bread along with water is the most basic diet staple. Jesus' listeners had often heard of God's gift of Wisdom, which would nourish the people. They often looked back at Moses' gift of bread (Manna) and linked it with the gift of the Law, the supreme Wisdom that gave life to those who lived it. Jesus shatters all these ideas by claiming that the bread (not law or wisdom) he is about to give is his flesh for the 'life of the world.'

In the Eucharist we see love. The life-giving power of Eucharist is not just eating Christ's body and drinking his blood. It is life-giving from the presence of a loving God, made available to us in the body broken and blood shed on the cross, because of that love. As Jesus shows his love for us we are asked to do the same – 'Go, the Mass is ended.' Eucharist is a way of life!

Featured Feast of the Week

On Friday we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo was the first cathedral to be dedicated under that title in the world!

Quotable Quotes

"Eat my flesh", Jesus says, and "drink my blood" The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients. He delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children.

St Clement of Alexandria

On the Edge

There are an estimated 350,000 Catholic Masses celebrated every day in every nook and cranny on the planet, by every nationality and race, and using every language. These Masses are celebrated generally using the same scripture readings and the same prayers.

QUOTE –

"Every Mass is a taste of Heaven – and Heaven is out of this world: Mass is meant to be different to everyday life."

(Jean Elizabeth Seah, Singapore)

- How does the Eucharist nourish you?
- How does the Eucharist sustain and nourish you in living out your faith day by day, week by week?