

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14 June 2020



Readings for this week:

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



Readings

for next

Sunday

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33



### Liturgical Jottings Sequences

Four Sequences remain in the current Lectionary (the book of readings for Mass): they are poems or chants, said or sung before the Gospel acclamation: Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Corpus Christi and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (14 Sept). The Sequence for the Dead (Dies Irae) is retained in the Liturgy of the Hours.

### Corpus Christi Sequence

Behold the bread of angels,  
sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children  
meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types  
foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from  
heaven.  
(verse 11 of 13)

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### Looking at the Readings

The COVID-19 lockdown of churches began in the third week of Lent. Holy Week and Easter, the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost came and went without the great liturgies and festivities we love to celebrate. Many were able to see Mass online or on TV. Many came to appreciate variety of liturgies, scripture readings and homilies yet many missed the Eucharist. This missing out of receiving Holy Communion will be felt more so today on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi - the very feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We are celebrating what we cannot receive.

The readings, moreover, speak of hunger; of the Exodus people in the desert and secondly of the crowd Jesus fed with the five loaves and two fish. God provide manna and Christ offered them living bread. We are those hungry people here and now. John's Gospel chapter six (vv 1-21) tells of the miracle, then the "Bread of Life," He is the Word of the Father to nourish us (vv 22-48). Finally (vv51-68) Jesus moves to offer more: his own body and blood. He is speaking in a new sacramental language, many cannot grasp his meaning (vv52, 60 & 66). But Peter, the great Apostle of faith exclaims: "You have the words of everlasting life!" Let us appreciate anew the words of scripture and continue to look forward to receiving again or for the first time (catechumens and first communicant children) the Eucharist in communion with our faith communities.

### Quote for the Week

We are Christ's members, and are nourished by means of His creation. Therefore, the drink, which is part of His creation, He declared to be His own Blood; and by this He enriches our blood. And the bread, which comes from His creation, He affirmed to be His own Body; and by this He nourishes our bodies. St Irenaeus (d. 200AD) Against Heresies v.ii.2-3

### Idea for this Week

While Masses are limited to 20+ attendees, Sunday Masses for all are impossible. Weekend day Masses are resuming in some parishes. The Roman Missal contain Votive Masses that may be celebrated on feria days (non feast days), They include Holy Trinity, Holy Eucharist, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Holy Spirit and newly composed Mass for our time "Mass in Time of Pandemic"

### On the Lighter Side



Why did the lawyer cross the road? To pick up his law suit from the dry cleaners. Why did the auditors cross the road? Because that is what they did last year. Why did the banker cross the road? Because he ran out of sense."

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|  | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving | Charlotte Ellen DeGrazia (Fr Brian Carey's sister) |
|                                                                                   | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time            | Antonietta Carrafa                                 |
|                                                                                   | Our sick and their carers                                  | Rob Miller, Sandy O'Sullivan, Dixon's Family       |



"Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (mention your petition).

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.

Amen

**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR  
PRIVATE PRAYER  
FRIDAY MORNINGS  
11:00 AM UNTIL 12:00**

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*

*John 1:29*

### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Application Forms are available on our website <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

The closing date for this year's entries will be Friday 31 July 2020.

## Rosary & Mass on Wednesday Morning

Commencing on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Fr John Paul, will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday Mornings at 9:15 am.

We are limited to 20 people for Mass and the Rosary, and you will need to **fill in the attendance form**.

Rosary will commence at 9:00 am

Please note there Church will be closed at 10:00 am following Mass.

The Church has to be cleaned after each Mass so if you are able to help, please let Mary know.

## YOU NEED TO BOOK ONLINE FOR MASS

Online bookings for Mass will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 17. **If you have already attended a Mass service recently, please wait until Saturday Morning to book to allow those who need help with on-line bookings to get a chance to attend Mass.**

To book go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BJZHN>

It is essential that you book if you have difficulty accessing the on-line booking platform please call Mary on 0484 332 397, or Debbie on 0417 051 366.

### Mass Times

**Saturday 20 June: 6:00 pm Sunday 21 June: 9:30 am**

### This week on the Journey (Ep 358)

This week on the Journey Jesus' great gift – his body and blood with Fr Mark: he says it is a mystery that we should ponder often and deeply. Mother Hilda's wisdom– challenging our attitudes of seeing people in terms of "goodies" & "baddies", but God just sees all as His children. Plus, Dave Callaghan on Golems, the mythical Jewish creature directed by words – we too must identify what words are destructive to our life & to grow & change let God rewrite new words for us. Plus, all your favourites and great music! And it doesn't stop there! Have a listen and let us know what you think!

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