



and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one  
another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of  
Man

and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink  
my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live  
for ever.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

# The Living Word

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A**

**11 June 2023**

## First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your  
gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. *(R.)*

2. He has established peace on your  
borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. *(R.)*
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I am the living bread from heaven,***

***says the Lord;***

***whoever eats this bread will live for ever.***

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever;

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**COVID-19** is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICES** If you are interested in a diocesan events, please collect a copy of additional bulletin at the back of the church.

**LILIAN THERESE COUGHLIN**, a parishioner of St. Mary Queen of Heaven parish for many years, have been called to her eternal reward on Wednesday 31st May. A requiem Mass is scheduled for Friday 16th June at 10am in our parish church.

**2023 WALK WITH CHRIST** event celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi. In this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, archbishop Fisher invites all the faithful in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to unite and honour the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The walk will take place this Sunday commencing at 2:30pm from the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place. It will be preceded by a Festival in Martin Place

commencing at 1.00pm.

**PARISH BUS TRIP** to 2023 Walk of Christ. THANK YOU to Jim Baba has offered to drive a 24 seater bus for us. There is no cost to the parish as the Archdiocese covers the cost of transport. Departing 1.30pm sharp from the church carpark. Please be seated on the bus by 1.15pm

**CHILDREN LITURGY** – 18 June – the next Children’s Liturgy will be celebrated at 10am Mass next Sunday. All children are welcome to attend, they will be taken to the hall and will get the opportunity to discuss the Gospel at their level and a chance to do a fun activity.

**2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION** Information Night—Wednesday 21 June @ 7pm  
Commitment Weekend - any Mass 24/25 June  
Sacrament - Wed 16/8, Thurs 17/8, Fri 18/8  
All enquiries: email: [nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au)

**REMEMBRANCE BOOK DISPLAY** As explained in the

booklet “Mass offering, Mass stipend, Mass intention” available at the entrance to the sacristy, the purpose for which this display was established is no longer practiced. In order to avoid any misunderstanding, the display will be used with proper explanation only in the month of November.

**FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA** – 13 June – born in Lisbon Portugal in 1195 and dies in Padua Italy in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** – 16 June – This devotion, which dates back to the Middle Ages, flowered in France in the seventeenth century as a result of the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. This feast was extended to the entire Western Church by Pius IX in 1856. It recalls the mystery of God who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.

**THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** – 17 June – this commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God’s will in all life’s circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**LAY MINISTRY ROSTER** - Anyone wanting to serve as Greeters, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes - please prayerfully consider how you can assist AND put your name down on the list at the back of the church OR email to [veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:veronicad.smgh@bigpond.com)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** to those in need will be from now on offered during the Mass on 1st Tuesday of the month. Please consider to bring your shut-in loved ones to this Mass.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** is now available on Wednesdays from 5-5.55pm prior to the 6pm evening Mass and on Fridays from 9.30-10.30am after the 9am Mass.

**MASS OFFERING BOOKLET** explaining matters relating to Mass Offerings, Mass Intentions, Mass Stipends is now available at the back of the church, at the entrance to the sacristy. Feel free to take a copy.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS** are available for gluten sensitive persons. If you or your child would like to receive such host, please inform the celebrating priest prior to the commencement of the Mass.

**ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP** Thursday during school term in the iCentre, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady’s statue.

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**PARISH WEBSITE** - is updated on a weekly basis, if you have any feedback on content please email: [gracemokdassi@gmail.com](mailto:gracemokdassi@gmail.com)

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)** Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children. Please contact the OSHC on 0438 118 864 or [veenita.chand@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:veenita.chand@syd.catholic.edu.au)

**SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH** - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. – check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese’s Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com).



*Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick*

Michael Kairouz, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons



*Rest In Peace*

*Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died*

Lilian Therese Coughlin, Nicola Rega, Irene & Pietro Raffin, Elias Khalil, Maroun Azar, Marian Pientka, Victor Litvensky, Maria Binh Nguyen, Peter Baulman, Ike Brooks

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*