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14 June 2020

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalm Response: Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel Acclamation: John 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: John 6:51-58

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ken HEATH Dale MAHER Rebecca
MCGREGOR Fr Bernard O'BRIEN Lucy
PERKOVIC Trevor SALTER Ren WILSON

Recently Deceased: Fr Noel CONNELLY
Paddy LAIRD Mary MCTIGUE Shawn
TAYLOR Catherine ZARB

Anniversaries: Eddie GRECH Joe GRECH
Marie SAAD Charles TADD



*Our Parish is committed to the
Safety, Wellbeing And Dignity of all
children and vulnerable adults.*

**Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith,
valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all**

THE BREAD OF LIFE AND THE CUP OF SALVATION

St John devotes the whole of chapter six of his gospel on the Eucharist. The chapter begins with the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. The next day, Jesus teaches that "I am the bread of life" (6:35). He continues: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life and I shall raise them up on the last day" (6:54).

TODAY'S FEAST: has been celebrated since 1264. When we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist on Holy Thursday it is understandably overshadowed by thought of the coming death of Jesus on Good Friday. One of the advantages of a separate feast, the Body and Blood of Christ, (Corpus Christi in the old days), is the mystery of the Eucharist can be set in this wider scriptural context which is in the first reading today.

Our first reading today is the teaching of Moses reminding the people that God fed them with manna and water as they wandered in the desert for years. Our gospel reading contrasts Jesus with Moses. Whereas the manna sustained the Israelites only for a time, after which they died, Jesus gives "The Bread from heaven." which will sustain us for eternal life.

The new Bread from heaven that he will give as 'my flesh for the life of the world' (6:15) alludes to his death, in which, in a supreme gift of love, he will lay down his human life so that the world might share his divine life.

THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL: Meals are very important events. While we need food and drink to stay alive, we use meals to mark occasions and celebrate events: birthdays, weddings, reunions, etc. On my day off, one of the joys is sharing a meal with priest friends—generally a long lunch with plenty of talk. There is a sacredness about gathering with friends and family to share a meal. Stories are told and memories are shared.

Our Mass is a meal. We share God's Word. We gather to give thanks. Jesus told us "Do this in memory of me."

LIVING 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 and so are to live like Christ.

In 413, St Augustine taught if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other after the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life with the giving of ordinary bread to sustain human life. Today, an average 26000 die everyday of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, "The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it." We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to. Fr Pedro Arrupe (1907-1991), a former world leader of the Jesuits, who may be beatified said, "While there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete."

As God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

What an inspiring effort last Tuesday and Wednesday by 500 volunteers giving their time searching in freezing conditions for Will Callaghan.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we extend to Terry McTigue as his wife Mary aged 77 years entered eternal life last Saturday. Terry and Mary built their home in Sunbury in 1970. they were blessed with five children. For 22 years, Mary worked in the Presbytery caring for the priests in the morning and then working in the afternoon in the Parish Office as the bookkeeper. Her Funeral was held last Thursday ending at the Sunbury Cemetery.

....Kevin McIntosh

SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

20 participants will be welcome to celebrate one of three SUNDAY Masses or one of two Weekday Masses.

- **Saturday evening 5.30pm**
- **Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**
- **Wednesday 9.30am**
- **Friday 9.30am**

Bookings for all Masses will be taken by telephone (only) and open from Monday morning. As the office is closed please leave a clear message which will record the time of the call and booking. Please nominate your preferred Mass time. Details of names and contact numbers of each participant is required. If booking for a family member please give their details as well. All bookings will be confirmed by Parish Staff from Tuesday. These details are stored for the Victorian Health Department.

Please allow time before Mass for details to be checked and regulations to be fulfilled.

Parishioners are invited to celebrate ONE Mass only this week unless there are vacancies available. Anyone who has missed out will be booked for the following week. We can only book one week at a time.

Strict directives from the Victorian Health Dept. and Melbourne Archdiocese will be adhered to.

The Masses can be celebrated only if sufficient volunteers are available to meet the required regulations by the Victorian Government. Please contact the Parish office and volunteer. Each Mass will require:

LECTOR	SINGER	MUSICIAN
ALTAR SERVER	AUDIO VISUAL	MASS SET UP
2-3 CLEANERS	2 MONITORS	2 USHERS

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 16 June 3pm Parish Finance & Development Committee
Wednesday 17 June 10am Parish Education Board.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Edmund Zarb as his mother Catherine entered eternal life suddenly on Pentecost Sunday aged 93 years. Catherine, her late husband, Victor and their nine children migrated from Malta to Melbourne in 1964. Catherine and Edmund have been with us on Sundays since coming to Sunbury in 2005. After a fall at home, Catherine was in hospital one day during which she answered the prayers commending her to the Lord. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on 4th June concluding at Altona Cemetery.

Prayer of Pope Francis Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS: While the Sunbury Winter Shelter (SWS) is postponed this winter due to coronavirus, volunteers from SWS are assisting Careworks, the Salvos, Vinnies and other local charities. Vincentcare, which is the local agency with DHS, is now having a presence in Sunbury on Mondays.

MASS DISPENSATION: during this time of Covid 19, the Australian Catholic Bishops have dispensed all Catholics from the obligation to take part in Sunday Masses. As we take small steps to returning toward opening churches, please be assured Spiritual Communion and on line Masses are still available for those who can't attend Mass in church.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all our generous Parishioners who are telephoning many of our Parish community and those who have offered to shop for the housebound.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: due to Covid-19 the Parish Office operating hours are temporarily changed to Tues, Wed, Friday 9am-5pm (closed lunch time 1-2pm). **The office is not open for face-to-face contact for safety of all staff and public.** Please make all enquiries via telephone 9744 1060 or email sunbury@cam.org.au. To drop anything to the office, please use the locked box near the front door of the parish office. Staff are still checking messages, email's and letter boxes. Thank you for your understanding.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE: A copy of our Parish Newsletter will be available outside St Anne's church over each weekend and during the week. **Please use gloves when opening the box for the protection of all.** Please pick one up for your family and a neighbour who may require one in their letterbox. Thank you.

VINNIES CRITICAL OF HOMEBUILDER PACKAGE: the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society while praising the Prime Minister and the National Cabinet for looking after low-income people in the pandemic, is disappointed that the Australian Government HomeBuilder Package costing \$688 million does not include social housing. To access the package, homeowners need to spend \$150000 which fails low income homeowners. Social housing has gone backwards over the last 15 to 20 years.

PROMINENT CATHOLICS HONOURED IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LIST: three Catholics were Officers in the Order of Australia— Jay Bonnington of Catholic Health Australia, Francis Sullivan, former CEO of the Church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council and Julien O'Connell for his contribution to aged care and higher education. One of Julien's daughters, Jane Barlow, is a teacher at St Anne's.

POPE FRANCIS CAUTIONS OVER COVID-19: last Sunday, he said, "Be careful, do not sing "Victory" yet, do not celebrate victory too soon! It remains necessary to follow the rules in force carefully because they are rules that help us to prevent the virus from gaining ground." "I wish to express my closeness to those populations when the virus continues to claim victims. With our prayers, let us be close to them."

