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SUNDAY, 6th June 2021 – CORPUS CHRISTI
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
Friday, 11th June 2021 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, 12th June 2021 – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	- 5:00 pm
	Sunday	- 8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	- 9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Friday	- Before 9.15am Mass
	Saturday	- Before 9.15am Mass or by appointment
BAPTISMS:	By appointment	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday in March, June, September & December	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Thursday	- 9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	
This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired		

Parish Pastoral Council: Meetings scheduled as required
Liturgy Committee: Meetings scheduled as required

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Joam Ji Hyo Kwon

Anniversaries: Ivica Pupek, Joanne Dwyer, Sybil Simon, Ivan Potocki,

We pray for: Day, Goodwin & Stafford Family

We also pray for our sick: Judy Melville, Tom Ladler, Jessica Tu, Tristan Schuyler Simeon, Anthony Fabin, Mereen Browne

Rosters: 2nd Sunday

5:00pm 1st READER/RESPONSE Theresa Di Paolo – 2nd READER – Jerome Vandenbosch

8:00am 1st READER/RESPONSE – 2nd READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL – Barbara Mucha

10:00am 1st READER/RESPONSE - Joseph Stone, 2nd READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL Sesalia Stone

EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR PARISH Next Sunday, 13th June 2021 at the 10am Mass Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will be celebrating the Mass, along with Fr Epeli and Fr Gustavo. We will bless St Anthony's bread which will be distributed afterwards by the Pope Francis Award Group from St John's Primary School. Lunch will follow in the hall, we ask that you please bring a plate as last week was so beautiful. All welcome!

INVIATION TO COMMEMORATE the 130th Anniversary of Rerum Novarum, the John Johnson Forum will be hosting a free zoom event with Fr Frank Brennan, *Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si: the relevance of Catholic Social Teaching to winning government*. **Details** Date: Tuesday 15th June 2021 Time: 7:30pm AEST RSVP for the zoom link: reply or email johnjohnsonforum@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPITAL COFFEE SHOP St Joseph's Hospital Auxillary is looking for volunteers for the re-opening of the coffee shop. If you are interested please call Margaret on 9649 1905.

KNITTING CLUB If your interested in learning how to knit or would like to knit in the company of others passionate about knitting, please join us in McDermott House every Friday morning after mass.

Y FACTOR – MADE FOR MORE During these July school holidays, experience 4 days of games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in their faith and relationship with God. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year! **Who?** Y-Factor is for teens in **Years 7 to 12** led by Sydney Catholic Youth in collaboration with Youth Ministry Coordinators from across the Sydney Archdiocese and Broken Bay Diocese. **When?** 9:30am, Monday July 5th – 1pm, Thursday July 8th, 2021 **Where?** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753

LOVE AND TRUTH RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES The Emmanuel Community in Sydney is offering a retreat weekend for married couples. This is the first of three *Love & Truth* retreats that will provide you with an opportunity to be strengthened, nourished and renewed in your marriage by discovering anew Christ's plan for you. The weekend will include talks, testimonies, prayer, sharing, and time with your spouse. **Date:** Saturday 26th-Sunday 27th June 2021 **Location:** Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville **Cost:** \$200 per couple includes overnight accommodation and meals. Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ>. For more information, email emmanuel Sydney events@gmail.com

OCCASIONS A new feature page appearing in *The Catholic Weekly* called **OCCASIONS**. You can feature your Wedding, Birth, Engagement, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Anniversary or Baptism. **DETAILS:** Send a hi res image, details of the event (ie: names of participants, date where it was held + 60 words about the occasion to personaloccasions@sydneycatholic.org. The team in Catholic Communications with the Archdiocese of Sydney is keen on hearing any interesting news from your parish, including landmark parish milestones and parishioners' awards and other achievements for potential inclusion in *The Catholic Weekly* and the broader media as well. If you have a good story to share, please contact Michael Kenny. Email: michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE Parish Ambassadors are gathering on July 3. How can you be involved in the Plenary Council? Pray the Plenary Prayer from Pentecost until the Assembly; Visit the Plenary Council website especially Fan the Flame site www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame; View the videos produced by the Sydney working group by Bishop Brady, Professor Sandy Lynch and Stephen Noone in response to the call from so many for spiritual formation <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/plenary-council-2020/#Plenary-Council-Assembly-October-2021>; Listen to the podcasts about the Plenary Council <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/listen/>.



This week we welcome Fr Gustavo Criollo to St John of God Parish, Be sure to give him your greetings!

CORPUS CHRISTI

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

"...We all go to Mass because we love Jesus and we want to share, through the Eucharist, in His passion and His resurrection. But I do wonder, and each one of us should wonder: I, who go to Mass, how do I live this? Do I try to help, to approach and pray for those in difficulty? Or am I a little indifferent? Or perhaps do I just want to talk: "did you see how this or that one is dressed?" Sometimes this happens after Mass and it should not! We must concern ourselves with our brothers and sisters who need us because of an illness, a problem. Today, it would do us such good to think of these brothers and sisters of ours who are beset by these problems here in Rome: problems that stem from the grave situation caused by the rain and social instability and unemployment. Let us ask Jesus, whom we receive in the Eucharist, to help us to help them.

A last valuable indication comes to us from the relationship between the Eucharistic Celebration and *the life of our Christian communities*. We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not ù we make; it is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an *act of Christ!* It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes Himself present and gathers us around Him, to nourish us with His Word and with His life. This means that the mission and the very identity of the Church flows from there — from the Eucharist — and from there always takes its shape. A celebration may be flawless on the exterior, very beautiful — but if it does not lead us to encounter Jesus Christ, it is unlikely to bear any kind of nourishment to our heart and our life. Through the Eucharist, however, Christ wishes to enter into our life and permeate it with His grace, so that in every Christian community there may be coherence between liturgy and life.

The heart fills with trust and hope by pondering on Jesus' words recounted in the Gospel: "he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn 6:54).

Let us live the Eucharist with the spirit of faith, of prayer, of forgiveness, of repentance, of communal joy, of concern for the needy and for the needs of so many brothers and sisters, in the certainty that the Lord will fulfill what He has promised us: eternal life. Amen. So be it!...." Pope Francis

Yours in Christ, Fr Epeli Qimaqima

Readings:

Exodus 24:3-8 ³When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." ⁴Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. ⁶Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." ⁸Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Hebrews 9:11-15 The Blood of Christ ¹¹But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹²He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! ¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI – YEAR B

Mark 14:12-16 The Last Supper ¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

Mark 14:22-26 ²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵ "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Today, all over the world, congregations like ours are coming together to celebrate as we are celebrating with heartfelt thanksgiving in a great act of common worship. It is over 2,000 years since Jesus Christ said 'Do this in memory of me.' The gospel reading tells us of the simple beginnings of the Mass, how Jesus, on the night he was to be betrayed, celebrated the Eucharist, his final meal, with his disciples. He took time to eat this meal with them so that they could share in and be part of his work. He took bread, broke it, saying: 'Take it, this is my Body.' Then he took a cup and when he had given thanks said 'This is my blood, poured out for many.' From the earliest days, the church has taken the Lord at his word. By doing what Jesus himself did on that occasion we experience repeatedly his real presence among us. With the gifts of bread and wine we bring what we are and what we have as an offering to the Lord.

Corpus Christi is a festival for pondering with thanks on God's hospitality to us, the supreme and final gift of his love. The offering on the cross of our Lord is, for each one of us, fully effective. We remember with gratitude the promise he made to be with his friends and followers as their food and nourishment in their pilgrimage through life. All of us are people on a journey facing the trials and sufferings of everyday happenings. What better companion can we have for support than the presence of Jesus? Although we have not yet reached our final destination, travelling in his company is a powerful assurance that we are on the right road. He is food for our souls and the spiritual help we need to make us break off the chains that bind us to this earth. Holy Communion is the remedy for our daily faults and not the reward for sanctity attained. It is not because we are holy that we receive Jesus but because we wish to change and to become like him. What is demanded of us is that we share the Eucharist with others, for we make our pilgrimage through this valley of tears as a community and not as isolated individuals.

One of the fruits of our weekly gathering should be a great increase in charity among the assembled faithful. Union with Christ in the Eucharist means drawing closer to our brothers and sisters, especially the weak and the poor of our community. There should be no dissention, strife or bitterness amongst those gathered around the table of the Lord. This is the acid test of the sincerity of our belief. In our daily life we are asked to forgive, to overlook weaknesses, to understand the failure of friends and not to close our hearts when we are hurt. For God to love us we must try to be loving also. The celebration of the Eucharist is the great festival of the church, the centre from which all grace flows. We bring to it all the possibilities, desires and longings of our existence. To have time for God and to give ourselves to him is an important expression of our faith.