

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:12-13. 15-18

RESPONSE: I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

Response

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

Response

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

Response

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16. 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ezek 17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4: 26-34.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

Catholic Weekly is on sale.



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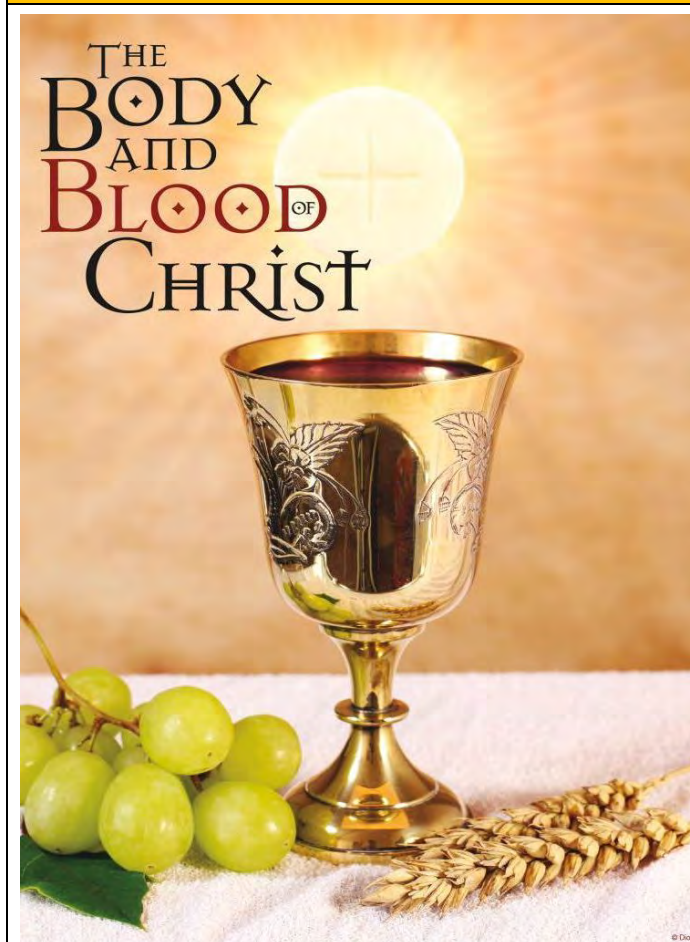
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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year B) 5th / 6th June 2021



FIRST READING: Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus
This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied
them with honey from the rock.**

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5 / 6 JUN 2021 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	J KWONG	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Altar Servers	GROUP 1A: I PILENA & A SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Altar Flowers	K PERERA / T CHAMISA	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

12 / 13 JUN 2021 – 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Altar Servers	GROUP 2A: Z O'DONOGHUE & N EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: A CALLAGHAN
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Leonie Cracknell (*who lived in our parish for more than 60 years*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



First Holy Communion at St Therese.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS Sunday at 11.30am.

The candidates are:

- Tom Edwards,
- Elsie Goronwy,
- Nicholas Harutoonian,
- Daniel Jun,
- Legolas Kwok,
- Valentina Ligorio,
- Genevieve McPhie,
- Sophia Na,
- Hannah Nguyen,
- Leo Pessagno,
- Alyssa Widjaya.



We congratulate all the candidates and their families and continue to pray for them all.

Covid19 update.

- Masks no longer compulsory.
- Congregational singing is permitted.
- Singers or choir members should still remain 1.5 metres away from each other and from members of the congregation.
- There is no limit on how many people can attend Masses, weddings, funerals and other religious services subject to observing the 2m2 rule. **OUR CHURCH LIMIT is 140 people.**
- Avoid congestion before or after Mass.

Parish Council Meeting Update – 4 June 2021.

At the June Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:

Liturgy – Preparation completed for the children to receive First Holy Communion this weekend.

Maintenance – A list of all the working bee activities will be made available in the cleaner's cupboard.

School – Enrolments completed with Fr Roberto being involved in all the interviews.

Thank you.

Thank you to Gaby Bayeh for taking the time to steam cleaning the carpet in the church. It looks wonderful!



Please support your Parish.

You can help support the parish by donating through the Planned Giving envelopes? **Please call Gayle during normal parish office hours to organise this.**

A quick rundown on our collections:

FIRST COLLECTION - helps cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday lives.

SECOND COLLECTION - consists of "Loose" money (*used for the upkeep of the church, electricity, and wages for our secretary*) and "Planned Giving Envelopes" (*helps to maintain the church and pay our property insurances and save for future projects*). Planned Giving Envelopes enables people to actively commit to helping the parish in a financial way. Tax deductibility is 30% and a tax receipt is issued annually.

Also, if you currently contributing weekly by cash donations but would like to change to monthly credit card payments, then please also call our parish secretary and she will ensure this happens.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Brothers and Sisters,

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of the centrality of the Mass in the lives of Catholics. The following are some wonderful thoughts about this Sacrament which gives life to the Church and also some doctrinal points and rules to remind us of the importance of preparing well to receive the Bread of Life. Hope this helps you to understand the greatness of this Sacrament.



One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve the soul from sin, and to help those who fall through weakness to rise again. It is much more profitable, then, to approach this divine Sacrament with love, respect, and confidence, than to remain away through an excess of fear and scrupulosity.'

St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Always remain close to the Catholic Church, because it alone can give you true peace, since it alone possesses Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, the true Prince of Peace." St. Padre Pio

"Many Christians take their time and have leisure enough in their social life (no hurry here). They are leisurely, too, in their professional activities, at table and recreation (no hurry here either). But isn't it strange how those same Christians find themselves in such a rush and want to hurry the priest, in their anxiety to shorten the time devoted to the most holy sacrifice of the altar?"

St. Josemaria Escriva

The Catholic Church sets out specific guidelines regarding how we should prepare ourselves to receive the Lord's body and blood in Communion. First, you must be in a state of grace. "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:27-28). This is an absolute requirement that can never be dispensed. To receive the Eucharist without sanctifying grace in your soul profanes the Eucharist in the most grievous manner.

<https://www.catholic.com/tract/who-can-receive-communion>

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven."

St. Jerome

"The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks." St. Therese of Lisieux

Only through the Eucharist is it possible to live the heroic virtues of Christianity: charity, to the point of forgiving one's enemies; love for those who make us suffer; chastity in every age and situation of life; patience in suffering and when one is shocked by the silence of God in the tragedies of history or of one's own personal existence. You must always be Eucharistic souls in order to be authentic Christians

Pope John Paul II

Save our Graves Petition – St Marys Cathedral.

The NSW Government announced that it will merge all cemetery trusts into a single government-run trust and to dismiss faith-based operators. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is petitioning to reverse the government's decision, citing concerns that old graves may be disturbed "to clear the way for land development" and the cost of new graves will increase "beyond the reach of most people".



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has established a petition to 'Save Our Graves' copy the following link to sign the petition or go to <https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/save-our-graves-...>