

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 11th June, 2023

The Most Holy Boy of Christ. Year A

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maureen Costigan, Neville Waldron, Luke Atchison, Les Buckwell, Bill Cochrane, Max Young, Chris Byrne, Sr Rosemary Kelly, Pat Cleary, Jack Baubage, Pat McCluskey, Dot McCoy, Gloria O'Loughlan, Ann Agterhuis, Michael Wise, Daryl Pearce, John Bidmade

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy, Tony Collins, Eileen McManus and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Clarrie Johnston

June 18th: Genevieve Johnston

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Genevieve Johnston

June 18th: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leaders

June 18th: Jim and Sue Mahony

Special Minister

June 18th: Clarrie Johnston

Music

Today: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

June 18th: Carmel Milenkovic & Judy Franc

Jun 25th & 2nd July: Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard

Church Grounds

June 18th: Peter Milenkovic & Charlie Franc

Jun 25th & 2nd July: Jim Mahony & Tom Franc

Newsletter

June: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

MASS TIMES

June 25th: **8.30am Mass**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We welcome Sr Helen on Sunday June 25th to celebrate her recent 80th birthday.

All welcome after 8.30am Mass

for morning tea in the Parish Centre.

A Prayer for Christian Unity

God of justice and truth,
we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call
to do good and to seek justice.
May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ,
and walk in the way of
peace and reconciliation.
May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth. May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Refugee Week 2023 - Finding Freedom Luncheon

The House of Welcome Ballarat who assist Refugees, Asylum Seekers, students and those in need are holding a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 21st June from 1.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard St Sth., Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. Cost: \$25pp. To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com. Donations can be made to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963. *flyer attached.*

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Donations to the St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Winter Appeal can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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; 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.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

A PROMISE OF LIFE

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to consider the sustaining love of God in the past, present, and future. Deuteronomy calls us to remember how God nourished the people of Israel in the desert. Amid great hardship on that long journey to the land of promise, it was the living God who provided the people with the means to overcome thirst and hunger.

In trying to help the Corinthians address the division among them Paul stresses the role the Eucharist has in the present. United with Christ’s great act of self-giving, Christians are called to celebrate the source of their unity. Moreover, their participation is a solemn pledge to overcome division by working to reflect who they are, the body of Christ Jesus.

The future aspects of the Eucharist become apparent in today’s reading from John’s Gospel. It reflects how the early church had come to understand that the Eucharist they celebrated was the most precious of gifts. Unlike the manna in the desert, it is a source of life that will carry us through all of life’s journeys and is a reminder, promise, and preparation of the eternal life that awaits us.

The Eucharist prompts us to remember God’s sustaining acts in the past as a source of encouragement for the present. We are called to continue Jesus’ mission and message by working for unity in the present to be ready and worthy to share in eternal life which has been prepared for us in the future.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

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FIRST READING

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

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 to 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.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

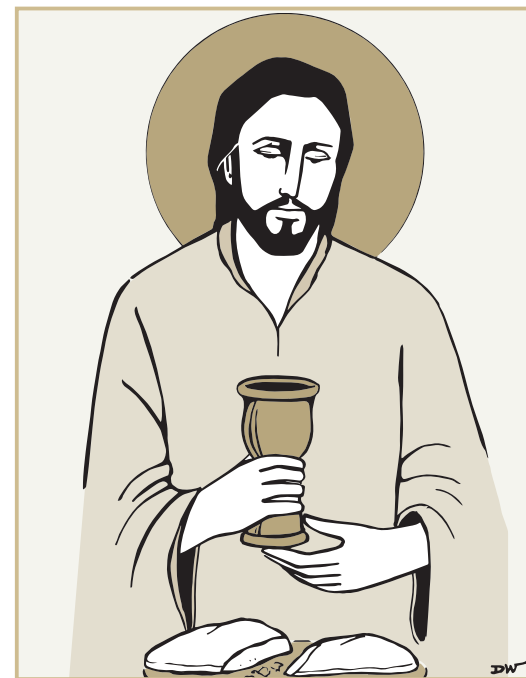
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or 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 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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!