

## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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**SUNDAY – June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**RECENT DEATHS:** Tony Collins, Geoff Waldron

**FUNERAL –** for Tony Collins Tues June 4 at 2 pm.

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Nell Fay, Mick Sherman, Majorie Lancaster, Peter Frichot, Margaret Cuthberston, Jean Finch, Gary Sargent, Ray Umbers, Rose Duggan, Eileen Hanley, Jack Martin, Fr Brendan Smith, Monica Flynn, William Michael Fay, Mona Walters, & Eddie Verlinden.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTER:**

#### ***Introduction & Reading***

Today: Angela Gerrard

June 9<sup>th</sup>: Bernadette Franc

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Today: Bernadette Franc

June 9<sup>th</sup>: John Jess

#### ***Assembly Leaders***

Today: Clarrie & Genevieve Johnston

June 16<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mahony & Angela Gerrard

#### ***Special Minister***

June 16<sup>th</sup>: Clarrie Johnston

#### ***Music***

Sue Mahony

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers***

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colleen Briody

June 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

#### ***Church Grounds***

June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Gerard Briody

June 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: Bill Franc & John Jess

#### ***Newsletter***

June: Bernadette Franc 0427678830

### **MASS TIMES**

**Next week: June 9<sup>th</sup> Mass 8.30 am**

### **MAY 26 BAPTISM**

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Edward Robertson. Fr Ed and our little community were happy to welcome baby, Edward, and his family.

### **ANNIVERSARY of the BALLARAT DIOCESE:**

Please note we will be lighting our Anniversary Candle during our Lay Led Assemblies.

***May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese, our community of communities from the Murray to the sea.***

### **NEWSLETTER HEAD:**

You will notice some changes to our newsletter head. This displays the recent changes to our Parish setup whereby Fr Ed Moloney has been appointed our Parish Administrator and Fr Jim McKay and Fr Francis Kureeckal as Assistant Priests. Contact phone numbers and email addresses have been amended to reflect these recent changes.

### **The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Today's feast (Corpus Christi in Latin) focuses upon the Eucharist as a symbol and sacrament of unity. Although we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday, today we pause to give special consideration to the Bread of Life that nourishes our lives. When we break bread and share the one cup we recall that sacred meal between Christ and his disciples just before he sacrificed his life on the cross. We know that, like those disciples, Christ's death and resurrection has bonded us in a special relationship. For this reason, the Eucharist is never a private affair, but always a call to unity. As you receive communion today, be conscious, not only of Christ's presence in the eucharistic host, but his presence in those who are receiving with you.

**UPCOMING FEAST:** June 7 Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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 had 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.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

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## THE NEW COVENANT

Our readings of this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ deepen our understanding of the death of Jesus as inaugurating the new covenant he makes with God and all God's people.

In the first reading Moses shares with the people all the words of God he had heard in his encounter with God on the mountain. The people answer with one voice that they will observe all that the Lord has decreed. Moses seals this covenant ritually with burnt offerings, the sacrifice of oxen, and the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and the people.

The Hebrews' reading illuminates the difference Christ makes with the sacrifice of his own self and blood: he is the 'mediator of a new covenant'.

Mark's Gospel presents two scenes. The first occurs 'on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed'. Jesus, portrayed as an observant Jew with his disciples, makes preparations for Passover. The second drops us among those gathered for that Passover meal, 'while they were eating...' Here we are invited to see Jesus take the bread, bless it and break it, saying 'Take, this is my body.' Then we see Jesus take the cup, give thanks and give it to them. They all drank from it. Jesus' words tell us that 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many'. The closing words, hymn and movement to the Mount of Olives signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant.

May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Ex 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.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

**R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)**

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 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.

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## 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!