

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!

GOSPEL

Mk 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 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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

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THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ allows for a more sustained reflection upon the meaning Christ impressed upon the Eucharist than is possible on Holy Thursday. Take, for instance, the words Jesus pronounces over the cup, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many".

"Blood of the covenant" alludes to the ritual that sealed the covenant God made with Israel. Moses read out to the people the Torah (Law) he had received from God on Mount Sinai. Following their consent to abide by all its commandments, he sprinkled them with blood from a sacrificial animal, saying "This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you." The ritual sealed and confirmed Israel's entrance into covenant relationship with God and into all the blessings guaranteed to flow from it.

By describing the contents of the Eucharistic cup as "blood of the covenant" Christ indicated that the shedding of his blood on Calvary the following day would have the same symbolic effect as the ancient rite on Sinai. It would be the inauguration of a "new covenant" ratified in his blood.

The Eucharist is the means whereby believers of subsequent generations come under the scope of that new covenant and receive the blessings of salvation flowing from it. We drink from the cup as "the many" for whom Christ's blood was "poured out" in sacrificial love. We commit ourselves to live by the values that he displayed in life and death.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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.'

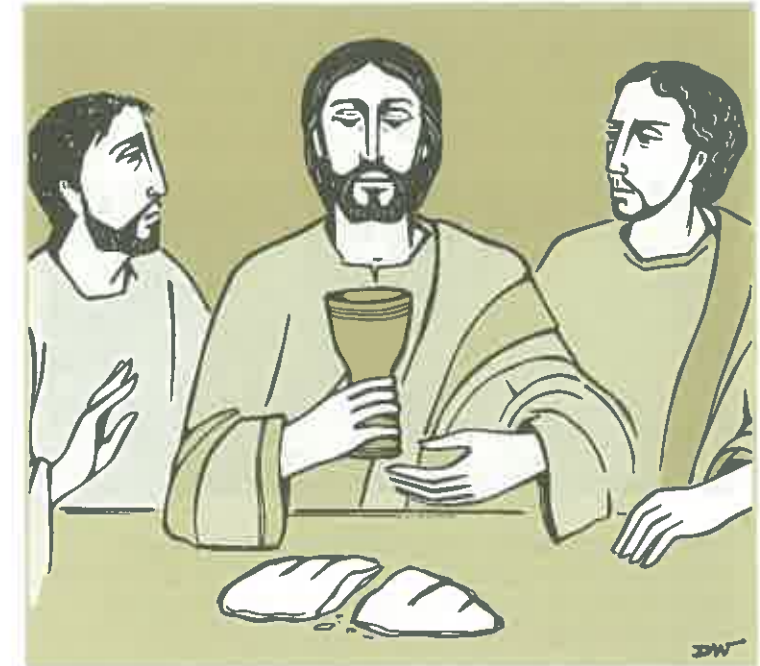
■ **The word of the Lord.**

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.

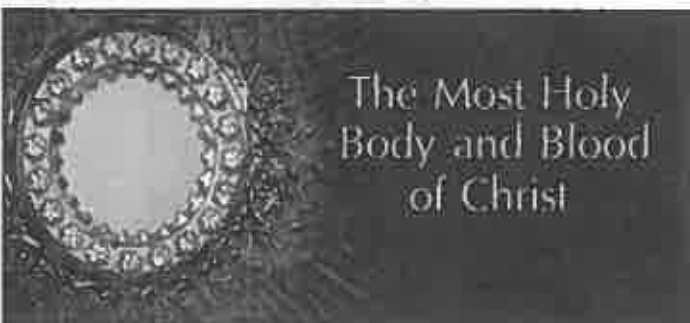
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Plenary Council 2020—Listen to what the Spirit is saying
 Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online : www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Pranzo Speciale

La comunità Italiana di S.Clemente Bulleen organizza un pranzo per "La Festa di S. Antonio" presso il Ristorante Carlucci in Templestowe per il 17 giugno 2018 alle ore 12.30pm. Vino BYO

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Catholic Mission Appeal— this weekend Appreciate your contribution

'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news' Isaiah 52:7

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's school add grades to ensure continuity of education and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

The first five years : A seminar celebrating Pope Francis's pastoral vision of Mercy, Justice, Love & Care for the Earth.

When : Fri 15 June
 Time : 10am—3pm
 Venue : The Oratory, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville VIC 3052.

Events are free. Please book ASAP by email/BYO Lunch
 For further information Br Mark O'Connor—9389 3106 or mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Special Collection

St Vincent de Paul (Mass for the Poor) winter appeal will take place on 16/17 June weekend. Appreciate your generosity.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Hendrik Van Heeswyk

Death Anniversaries : Carmelo, Carmela & Joe Guarino, Raymond Tinawy, Solange Hannoush, Guiseppe Cassino, Arnaldo Ciorciori, Severino De Giacinto, Amerigo Spinosa, Concettina Di Giovine, Andrea D'Amico, Anna Di Pietrantonio, Leonella Palmieri, Leanne Thiesz, Joseph Amalsi
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Tue 5th June @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Parish Office
 Fri 8th June @ 9.15am—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Solemnity—Grade 5
 Sun 10th June @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café
 Tue 12th June @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Parish Office
 Thurs 14th June @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office
 Thurs 14th June @ 7.30pm—Scripture Studies in the School Library

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,442
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,077
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.

RECONCILIATION: TERM 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 23rd June @ 10.30am (ASRE)

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Parish Office
 Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 17 July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 21 July @ 5.30pm
 Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 8 September 2018 @ 10.00am
 First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 15 September 2018 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Scripture Classes :

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome

You are invited to come to some or all of our gatherings for an in-depth exploration of Mark's Gospel. Meetings are fortnightly and held in the School Library from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please contact: Mark Gregor @ mgregor@bigpond.net.au or Sue De Bortoli @ sue.28@bigpond.com or Martin Teh @ mcyteh@gmail.com or cecilia.tan@cam.org.au
 Resources will be provided. Dates are as follows:

14 June 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 5
28 June 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 6
12 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 7
26 July 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 8
9 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 9
23 August 2018 (Thursday)	Mark 10
6 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled
20 September 2018 (Thursday)	Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
2/3 June	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis Ng
Corpus Christi	COMMENTATOR Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	Reader May Teh	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers Reg Lecordier	Pam Mitchell
	Maree Marsi	Maria Papalia
	Martin Teh	Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
9/10 June	Sacristan Rita Gagliardi	Francis Ng
	COMMENTATOR May Teh	David Mitchell
	Reader John Bruce	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers Enza Wilcox	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Warwick Wright	Gabriella Grande
	John Bruce	Eleanora Mascitti
		Pam Mitchell
		David Mitchell
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL'EUCHARISTA
10 JUNE	P.LOMBARDO I.ROMANIN	FAM.E.CASTRIOTTA	L.VETTORETTO G.VETTORETTO C.TRAVAGLINI

Occasional Parish Jottings

I am looking for a parishioner with a Gerni (or similar) pressure washer to restore the Maureen Clifton forecourt and the Piazza to optimal condition. If you can help out please call me at the Parish Office on 9850 3262.

Jewish and Catholic Friendship Dinner

Sunday 17th June 2018
 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
 Catholic Leadership Centre
 Corner Albert Street and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.
 Cost \$50.00 each for 2 course buffet
 Kosher Meal including drinks
 Bookings : www.trybooking.com/VSMN
 Tel : 9272 5641