



# John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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**MASSES THIS WEEK****PSALTER WEEK 2**

**Monday - 8:00am**

**Tuesday - 8:00am**

**Wednesday - 7:00pm**

*St Ephrem, deacon, doctor*

**Thursday - 9:00am**

**Friday - 9:00am**

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**Saturday - 9:00am**

*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**12/13 JUNE**

*(11th Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time Year B)*

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**

**5:30pm**

**Sunday Masses:**

**8:00am, 10:00am and**

**5:30pm**

**4th Sunday of the Month:**

**5:30pm Mass in Tagalog**

**1st Friday of the Month:**

**7:00pm Mass in**

**Vietnamese**

**Fatima First Saturday**

**Communion of**

**Reparation 7.45am**

**Adoration/Benediction**

**8.30am**

**Reconciliations:**

**Saturdays — 4:15—5:00pm**

**Sunday — 5:00 —5:15pm**

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Contact the Parish Office**

**or Fr Dominic 0423 420 639**

**or Fr Richard 0451 910 634**

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year B)

5th & 6th June, 2021

### *The Body & Blood of Christ*

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons John 11, and James 8. The boys began to argue who would get the first pancake. Their mother took the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said to the boys: "if Jesus is here, he would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I will wait!'" James turned to his older brother and cheekily said, "John, you'll be Jesus. OK?"

Pope Pius XII put it this way: "when we receive worthily, we are what we receive. We are transformed into Christ."

Today we celebrate the Feast of 'The Body and Blood of Christ' which reminds us that Jesus' Body and Blood are given for us. He loved us so much that he was willing born as we are born, grew as we grow and died on the cross for our redemption. He loves us so much that he continues to be with us in the sacraments especially in the Eucharist which we receive Jesus' life under the form of consecrated bread and consecrated wine. According to Henri Nouwen, "The Eucharist can be seen only by those who already love the Lord and believe in his active, loving presence to us." It is like human love which we don't see but love bonds us to those whom we love.

In the movie Armageddon, the character played by Bruce Willis agrees to lead the mission to "nuke" an asteroid threatening the earth. He dies to save his would be son-in-law, to give happiness to his daughter, and to enable the world to survive. His sacrifice imitated Jesus' self giving on the cross. "while they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them and said 'Take it; this is my body', then he took a cup, gave thanks....'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Do this in memory of me'" Jesus calls for discipleship, a deep personal union with him. He wants us to participate in the Eucharist and to share the very life of God.

Let us pray that as the disciples of Jesus and being nourished and sustained by the very life of Jesus Himself, we will carry on Jesus' mission in our world by generously sharing our gifts, talents, time, love and forgiveness with others and always strive for reconciliation and unity.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

1324 The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and oriented towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.'

**The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything;  
they just make the most of everything they have.**

**Fr Dominic**

## NSW Restrictions for Churches due to Covid-19

Places of worship are now allowed to have one person per the 2m<sup>2</sup> with no maximum cap. From Monday, 29 March, no cap on numbers at funerals and weddings, provided a 2m<sup>2</sup> rule is observed.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **Masks are no longer compulsory, but you are welcome to wear them if you feel more comfortable.**
- **Parishioners who wish to attend Masses are required to provide their contact details as they enter the Church. Registration forms are available on tables at the entrance of the Church.**
- **You could also use the QR Code option to register before entering the Church.**

## Faith Matters

### Why are there two Eucharistic species, the host and the chalice, instead of just one?

Jesus Christ – body and blood, soul and divinity – is present in the host and the chalice. As a consequence, one receives Communion fully even when one only consumes the host. Nevertheless, God gives us the body and blood of Christ in distinct forms because we participate in the Eucharist as a sacrifice, not only as a sacrament. Since the Eucharist is a sacrifice, the body and blood are separate on the altar just as the blood of Christ was shed from his body on the cross.

### Come, Follow Me: Discipleship Retreat Days with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

*What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?*

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three **one-day retreats**. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: *Making the most out of Mass*, *Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus*, *Breaking open Scripture* and *A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints*. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession.

#### Date and locations

13 June, St Mary's Cathedral

26 June, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills

17 July, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

#### Registration essential at

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 [emmanuelasydevents@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelasydevents@gmail.com)



### 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## St. Joseph: An Obedient Father

As he had done with Mary, God revealed his saving plan to Joseph. He did so by using dreams, which in the Bible and among all ancient peoples, were considered a way for him to make his will known. In every situation, Joseph declared his own "fiat", like those of Mary at the Annunciation and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In his role as the head of a family, Joseph taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (cf. Lk 2:51), in accordance with God's command (cf. Ex 20:12).

During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. That will was to be his daily food (cf. Jn 4:34). Even at the most difficult moment of his life, in Gethsemane, Jesus chose to do the Father's will rather than his own,[16] becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). The author of the Letter to the Hebrews thus concludes that Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered" (5:8).

All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation."

*(Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, PATRIS CORDE – "With a Father's Heart", no.3)*

## CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY



Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace.

May we never take the gift of your presence for granted.

Amen

**GARDNER NEEDED:** We are looking for someone to assist us with parish gardens one day a week. Preferably someone retired or semi-retired but still strong. Let Fr Dominic or Fr Richard know if you're interested or call the parish office for more details.



**Baptisms:** If you wish to Baptise your child please contact the parish office to make an appointment with either Fr Dominic or Fr Richard.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

A 138 children will be attending a Communion Retreat this weekend and will make their First Holy Communion on the weekends of 12th and 13th and 19th and 20th June. Please keep the children in your prayers.



**CONFIRMATION** will take place on **Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September at 7:00pm** in the Church. Please keep watching this space for changes and updates.

Any enquiries please contact Linda Barilla on 0409 914 083.

### The prayer of the Church

The Eucharist is not just the prayer of the individual, nor of the priest who presides over it, but is truly the prayer of the whole Church gathered to worship God through Jesus, our Saviour and great high priest (Hebrew 7:26; 8:1). The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (no 10) affirms this when it says the liturgy (the Mass) is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all her power flows. For the goal of apostolic works is that all who are made children of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of the Church, to take part in her sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's Supper.

All the power of the Church flows from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. All the church's many activities are brought together and offered to God as a sacrifice of praise in the liturgy of the Mass. The Mass reminds us that all gifts and power in the Church come from God, and to offer all that we do back to God as a pleasing sacrifice by uniting it with the one truly acceptable sacrifice, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

*At home with God's people. P.128*

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**Program:** Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

*Your Prayers are requested for the following, for whom Mass will be offered:*



**Sick:** Orlando DAYOAN, Joe OLIVERI, Bozana VUKOV,

Lachlan BENSON, Gino BORG, Gung Jec MENG,

Thip SAKOUNKHU, Cindy CALDEJON, Julia CEFAL,

Melda MIZZI, Rita SHAH, Virgilio MARIANO, Kristian SERIC,

Gary LOMAS, Giuseppe LETTIERI, Giuseppina LETTIERI

**Recently Deceased:** Gabriel STORNELLI,

Emmanuel (Bill) TABONE, Arthur LANG, Anabel LIE,

Carmen ENRIQUEZ,

**Anniversary:** Milan DRENOVAC, Kue Chai LEE, Ngo Hai BUAI,

Paul Xeng SAYAVONGSA, Mary TIAN, Kenneth JIANG

**Other:** Ivey FERNANDES, Royola FERNANDES, Pamela MARTIN,

Alexandra PIEROTTI, Michael GRIMA, Marion FENECH,

Jimmy FENECH and Maryann FENECH, Clifford FERNANDES,

Gloria O'BRIEN, Thanksgiving St Anthony and St Jude, Souls in

Purgatory



We welcomed back the Jordan Youth Group last week. It was great to see many happy and enthusiastic children join us in prayer, reflection and activities. Thank you to Fr Dominic and Fr Richard for welcoming the children.

Please join us at our next session on 27th June. Our aim is to encourage young people within our community to come together to engage, learn, pray, become involved in spiritual life and explore our Catholic faith. Children will be involved in prayer, activities, games, short films, reflection and group discussions.



## Feasts of the Week



### St Ephrem

St Ephrem was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time.

He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organised the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

**Feast Day:** 9th June



### The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The heart has always been seen as the "centre" or essence of a person. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ himself, but in particular ways of mediating on his interior life and on His threefold love - His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will and His sensible love that affects His interior life.

**Feast Day:** 11th June



### The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotional name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her virginal love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception teaches that Mary, the mother of Christ, was conceived without sin and her conception was thus immaculate. Mary's sinless conception is the reason why Catholics refer to Mary as "full of grace".

**Feast Day:** 12th June



## Parish Ministries:

Parish Pastoral Council Chairman: Jeff Lai  
Finance Committee: Tanya Scarvelis  
Community Care: Tina Dunn & Sharon Cook  
Readers and Catechists: Nina Laureti  
Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: : Linda Barilla  
Confirmation: Linda Barilla  
Reconciliation and First Communion: Tamara Vella & Kylie Farias  
Altar Servers - Fr Richard

Children's Liturgy: Angela Galdas  
Church Linen: Michelle De Luca  
Church Cleaners: Ann Gorla  
Piety Stall: Millie Breden  
Morning Teas: Teresa Vartuli  
Jordan Youth Group: Silvana Scamardella  
Housie and Money Counting: Yvonne Smolinski  
Men's Group: Branko Poljak

**For any inquiries, please call the parish office.**

## Next Sunday:

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Year B)

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

## Reflection Questions.....

- ♦ I could better relate receiving Christ's body and blood and my being and becoming Christ's body and blood if.....
- ♦ Like Christ, I give my body and blood for other whenever I.....
- ♦ What Christ's new covenant requires me to "heed and do" (first reading) is.....

## First reading

**Exodus 24:3-8**

### A reading from the Book of Exodus

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

## Responsorial Psalm

**115:12-13, 15-18**

***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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

## Second reading

**Hebrews 9:11-15**

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

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 the 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

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 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

**Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

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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