



St Mary's Parish

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The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), Year A

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First Reading Dt 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 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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*
or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

- 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.)
- He has 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.)
- 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!*

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

*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:

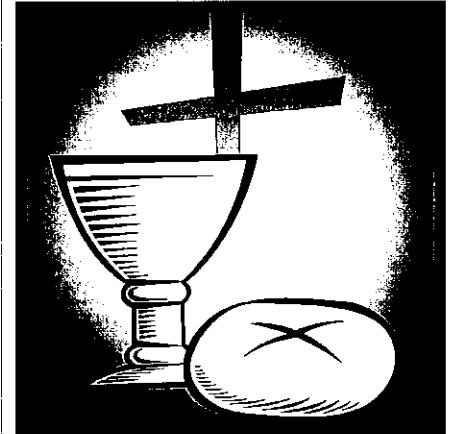
'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my 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.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers



the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970, the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES

29th June
Sts Peter & Paul Apostles

Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	Mass	9:00am
Glenthompson	SAWC	9:00am
Macarthur	Mass	9:00am
Penshurst	Mass	9:00am


**WEEKDAY MASS or
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

PENSURST		HAMILTON
Wednesday	Tuesday	10am Mass
10am Mass	Wed.	10am Mass
	Thur.	10am Mass
	Fri.	10am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat 5.30m before Mass

Other Mass Centres
Sundays
Before Mass



PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH
Christian Meditation

Parish House Wednesday 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S

7 pm Thursday & Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After Mass Wed. 10.30-12 noon.

**ST MARY'S ROSTER:
28th & 29th June 2014**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Helen Watt Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Ted Oliver	Pat Healy
First Reader	Margaret Meagher	Alida Aylmer
Second Reader	John Duyvestyn	Helen Tripovich
Offertory Procession	Francis & Rosemary	Stanhope family
PowerPoint and iPad	Pauline Murphy	Glenn Howell
Ministers of Communion	Team: 5 F Rhook, P Oliver-Snell, P Fallon	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

Ministers of Communion This Weekend

6 pm	Team: 4 J Gustus, G Bourke & R Roache (3 Required)
10:30 am	Team: 1 R Taylor, G McDonald & S Pierce. (5 Required)

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
29th June 2014**

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Catherine Loria
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Gifts	Loria Family


St Mary's Church CLEANING June


**J Foster
F Wollin**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 (YTD) : \$69,725
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150
Priest's Support: \$599.

This week's Count Team: 2 I Ferguson, L Stevens
Next week's Count Team: 3 R Corbett, B Shanahan, T Oliver.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: *Beryl Moore (Mother of Rhonda Reed).*


ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Eileen Monagle, Stanley Stewart, Ernest Trotter, Roy Brabham, Marie McGallin, Shelia Harrington, Tristan & Chantelle Dominik.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: *Marie Little, Gay Lee, Kerry McChuggage, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell.*
Please note it is the relatives' responsibility to submit anniversary names to parish office.


Fatima Statue

If you would like to share in this prayer activity please contact Ted Oliver (5577810) or leave your name at the presbytery. This week the statue will be with:

Mary Walter 60 Park Street
4 pm Rosary, Starting Tue. All welcome



St Mary's Parish Hamilton Congratulates
Noah Mulley - Jude
Jasper Mason - Hugh
who are receiving the Sacrament of
Confirmation this weekend.
Our prayers & blessings are with these children and
their families as they continue on their Sacramental
journey.



Catch up
Sunday 22nd June
After Mass come and
enjoy lunch with us!

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE
Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father
is to be taken up throughout the world on the
weekend 5th & 6th July near the Feast of Ss. Peter
& Paul. I am aware of the many demands made on
the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way
of appeals for financial support. However, this
particular Appeal does require special attention.
Through this collection we have the opportunity of
supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around
the world.
Bishop Paul Bird Ballarat.



Vinnies Winter Appeal
A leaving collection at all Parish centres
next weekend 28th & 29th June for
Vinnies Winter Appeal.
Donations of non-perishable food, clothing, blankets,
cash donations will be appreciated by the Society which
depends heavily on the Catholic community for support.
Donations can be left on blanket inside church from next
weekend.
Thank you.

St Joseph's — Penshurst
6th July Morning tea after 9am Mass
Parish team meeting All Welcome

Notes from the Pastor:

- * Please contemplate the Bishops' message for Refugee Week
- * 4 newly ordained Redemptorist priests are to be assigned to the diocese for one years pastoral experience: Hamilton, Colac, Maryborough, Portland are the parishes; each will begin in their parish on Oct. 18; Hamilton welcomes Felice, a native of Samoa. More as the time draws nearer.
- * A date has been set for a celebration of thanksgiving and farewell to Sr Marg, and thus the conclusion of 84 years of Good Samaritan ministry and presence: Sunday, December 14, 10.30am mass, combined with the St Mary's Primary School end of year mass.

FEAST DAYS June
24th - The Nativity of St John the Baptist
27th - The most Sacred Heart of Jesus
28th - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
29th - Sts Peter & Paul Apostles

Fr Brendan Davey
Retires as the Ararat Parish Priest
July 23rd 2014.

Happy 90th Birthday Jean Clarke

Simpson Church, 50th Anniversary
Sunday, 13th July, 2014, Mass 11am. Lunch, \$15 to follow. Must have RSVP by 23-6-2014 please. If possible, please forward lunch fee to Mrs. Mary Dillon, 349 Gallum Road, Coorimungle. Vic. 3268 or phone 5598 7293.

Parish Calender

Sacred Heart Month throughout June
Monday evenings @ 7pm Monivae Chapel Mass.

29th June St Vinnie's Winter Appeal
leaving Collection

3rd July Pastoral Care Group Meeting

5th & 6th July Pope's Appeal leaving Collection

17th July Anointing @ St Mary's 10am

Prayer

Lord our God, our ancestors
journeyed through a wilderness
where you fed them with manna,
and with water flowing from the rock
you quenched their burning thirst.
The bread we break
is our sharing in the body of Christ,
and the cup of blessing
is our sharing in the blood of Christ.
At this table nourish us, sustain us,
form us as your people.
Thus may many become one,
and all who hunger
and thirst be fed at our table.
Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Refugee Week: Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement on Asylum Seekers

THE Australian Catholic Bishops have been involved in many ways with asylum seekers. Some of us have detention centres close to home, and we have worked hard to ensure that asylum seekers receive proper pastoral care and human assistance. We renew that commitment here.

The Bishops have also intervened with Government in an attempt to make policy more respectful of human dignity and basic human rights, which today are being seriously violated.

We now make this urgent plea for respect for the rights of asylum seekers, not only in Government circles but in the Australian community more broadly. Federal decision-makers in both major parties have made their decisions and implemented their policies because they think they have the support of the majority of Australians. Therefore, we want to speak to the entire Australian community.

The current policy has about it a cruelty that does no honour to our nation. How can this be when Australians are so generous in so many situations where human beings are in strife? Think of the way the Vietnamese boat people were welcomed in the 1970s and 80s. The question becomes more pointed when we think of the politicians who are making and implementing the decisions. They are not cruel people. Yet they have made decisions and are implementing policies which are cruel. How can this be so?

Island dwellers like Australians often have an acute sense of the "other" or the "outsider" – and that is how asylum seekers are being portrayed. They are the dangerous "other" or "outsider" to be feared and resisted because they are supposedly violating our borders.

Do racist attitudes underlie the current policy? Would the policy be the same if the asylum seekers were fair-skinned Westerners rather than dark-skinned people, most of whom are of "other" religious and cultural backgrounds? Is the current policy perhaps bringing to the surface not only a xenophobia in us but also a latent racism? The White Australia policy was thought to be dead and buried, but perhaps it has mutated and is still

alive.

There may also be the selfishness of the rich. Not everyone in Australia is rich, but we are a rich nation by any reckoning. The asylum seekers are often portrayed as economic refugees coming to plunder our wealth. But the fact is that most of them are not being "pulled" to Australia by a desire for wealth but are being "pushed" from their homeland and other lands where there is no life worth living. No-one wants them.

The policy can win acceptance only if the asylum seekers are kept faceless and nameless. It depends upon a process of dehumanisation. Such a policy would be widely rejected if the faces and names were known. Bishops have seen the faces; we know the names; we have heard the stories. That is why we say now, Enough of this institutionalised cruelty.

We join with the Catholic Bishops of Papua New Guinea who have voiced their strong opposition to the use of Manus Island for detention. They have urged Australia "to find a more humane solution to people seeking asylum". We do not accept the need for off-shore processing. But even if it continues, it surely does not require such harshness.

The Government and Opposition want to stop the boats and thwart the people-smugglers. But does this require such cruelty? Could not the same goals be achieved by policies, which were less harsh, even humane – policies which respected not only our international obligations but also basic human rights? Can we not achieve a balance between the needs of people in desperate trouble and the electoral pressures faced by politicians? We believe we can; indeed we must.

The Australian Catholic Bishops call on parliamentarians of all parties to turn away from these policies, which shame Australia and to take the path of a realistic compassion that deals with both human need and electoral pressure. We call on the nation as a whole to say no to the dark forces, which make these policies possible. The time has come to examine our conscience and then to act differently.