

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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

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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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

### PREFACE I OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

### LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### THE GIFT PAR EXCELLENCE

When Jesus ascended on high, he gave gifts to his followers. To the community of believers, he gave some people as apostles, and others as prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Eph 4:8, 11). But the greatest gift that Jesus gave is his very self. This is made possible through the sacrament of the Eucharist which we celebrate with solemnity in today's feast of *Corpus Christi*. Saint John Paul II points this out: 'The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ her Lord not as one gift however precious among so many others, but as the gift par excellence, for it is the gift of himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of his saving work' (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11).

Today's Gospel speaks of the mystery of Jesus' person. When Jesus declared, 'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink', many in the crowd, including some of his disciples, could not accept that he was from God, the bread come down from heaven. Peter, however, expresses his faith (on behalf of the believing disciples and the Church throughout history): 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God' (Jn 6:68).

The Eucharist is indeed a mystery that demands faith. The sacrifice of Christ and sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice... It is a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation... it is also the memorial of Christ's Passover, and the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body' (CCC no. 1359, 1362, 1367). The whole Church together with Christ enters into the hidden mystery and anticipates the heavenly banquet.

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FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

#### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

#### COLLECT

P. O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits

of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or 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 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.

R. Thanks be to God

#### SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



# The Catholic Communities of Rose Bay and Dover Heights



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## Shepherd's Corner – Fr. Christopher Slattery.

BULLETIN MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

I would like to remind everyone of the HONEYBEES CONCERT next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 3.30pm. I can guarantee an afternoon of an exceptional and inspirational singing and music! Tickets \$26 (\$16 Concession) from: [sticktickets.com.au](http://sticktickets.com.au) \$30/\$20 at door (if still available) Proceeds from the concert will go to 'Orange Sky Laundry'

First Holy Communion Dates for children who made their First Reconciliation in 2017 – now in Year 3:

Session 1 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am in the Church      Session 2 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am in the Church

Session 3 Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9.00am in the Church

First Holy Communion Mass Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 5.00pm.

First Reconciliation Dates for children in Year 2 (2017):

Session 1 Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5.15pm in the Church

Session 2 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 5.15pm in the Church

Celebration of First Reconciliation Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm

Registration Forms for these Sacraments are available on the Parish Website

The next Baptism Preparation Session is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.15am in the Parish Centre. If you would like to assist with this ministry of preparing couples for the Baptism of their child, kindly contact the parish office

I will be away from the parishes 19<sup>th</sup> June until 25<sup>th</sup> August. Father Kelvin Lovegrove has been appointed Administrator during my absence. Please remember me in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers Fritz Shroader and Leith Myerson who have recently been embraced by the Father. May they rest in peace and may the Lord give comfort to their families

Envelopes for the St Vincent de Paul 'Winter Appeal' are available at the entrances to the Church

The MEDITATION GROUP will gather on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm

There will be no gatherings during the school holidays 4<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> July

The Meditation Group will resume on 'Wednesday' 19<sup>th</sup> July Everyone is very warmly welcome to come to these gatherings

A very HAPPY 99<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO Jean Finnane, may the Lord continue to bless her with peace and joy!

May the Holy Spirit transform us into living reminders of the Risen Lord by taking us, blessing us, breaking us and giving us to each other in love and humble service!

## Announcements

### WRAP WITH LOVE

The next sewing day is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June in the Parish Centre from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Please bring lunch and sewing items. Morning and afternoon tea are provided. For more information please contact [Elizabeth](mailto:Elizabeth@magdalene.org.au) 93716791.

## Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata.

The Deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplin, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, Fritz Shroader, Leith Myerson.



Gods Peace to ALL.  
**Fr. Christopher**

## Weekly Liturgies

**Sunday Mass**  
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm  
**Weekday Mass**  
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am  
**Confession**  
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday 8:30am-9am  
**(Fri) Rosary after 9am Mass.**

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## Weekly Reflection

## From Pope Francis

*The Gospel of John presents the discourse on the "bread of life", held by Jesus in the Synagogue of Capernaum, in which he affirms, "I am the living bread come down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (John 6:51). Jesus underlines that he has not come into this world to give something, but to give himself, his life, as nourishment for those who have faith in Him. This our communion with the Lord obliges us, his disciples, to imitate him, making our existence, through our behaviour, bread broken for others, as the Teacher has broken the bread that is truly his flesh.*

*Instead, this means for us generous conduct towards our neighbour thereby demonstrating the attitude of giving life for others. Every time that we participate in Holy Mass and we are nourished by the Body of Christ, the presence of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit acts in us, shaping our hearts, communicating an interior disposition to us that translates into conduct according to the Gospel. Above all, service to the Word of God, then fraternity amongst ourselves, the courage of Christian witness, creative charity, the capacity to give hope to the disheartened, to welcome the excluded. In this way the Eucharist fosters a mature Christian lifestyle.*

*The charity of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, renders us capable of loving not according to human measure, always limited, but according to the measure of God. And what is the measure of God? Without measure! The measure of God is without measure.*

*Everything! Everything! Everything! It's impossible to measure the love of God: it is without measure! And so we become capable of loving even those who do not love us: and this is not easy. To love someone who doesn't love us ... It's not easy! Because if we know that a person doesn't like us, then we also tend to bear ill will. But no! We must love even someone who doesn't love us! Opposing evil with good, with pardon, with sharing, with welcome. Thanks to Jesus and to his Spirit, even our life becomes "bread broken" for our brothers. And living like this we discover true joy! The joy of making of oneself a gift, of reciprocating the great gift that we have first received, without merit of our own. This is beautiful: our life is made a gift! This is to imitate Jesus. I wish to remind you of these two things. First: the measure of God's love is love without measure. Is this clear? And our life, with the love of Jesus, received in the Eucharist, is made a gift. As was the life of Jesus. Don't forget these two things: the measure of the love of God is love without measure. And following Jesus, we, with the Eucharist, make of our life a gift. ■*

### St Mary Magdalene Roster—25th June

25th June	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Elizabeth Moore		
Info Desk		Isabella Zucco	
1st Reader	Therese O'Brien	Hazel Mezger	Margaret Douglas
2nd Reader	Mark O'Brien	Stuart Green	Thomas Jones
Eucharistic Minister	Barrie Lum Carmen Kapfenstein	Jay Gilbert Anthony Gilbert	Thomas Jones
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/Anthony Williams	Dave/Ella & Abby	

### St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—24th June

**Commentator**— Kate Cosgrove | **First Reader**— Tony Carroll  
**Second Reader**— Susan Scarf | **Acolyte/Senior Server**— Matthew Scarf



## HONEYBEES GOSPEL CHOIR

**Winter Soulstice Concert**  
25th June 3:30 pm (Doors open 3:00pm)  
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
835 New South Head Road, Rose Bay