

The Living Word

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

7 June 2026

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. 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.)

2. 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.)
3. 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

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.

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

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received *and* a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi (Year A)

7th of June 2026

News from our Parish Pastoral Council

1. We would like to welcome Father Jossy who has kindly agreed to stay with us and tend to our spiritual needs until a Parish Priest can be appointed. Father Anh will continue to be our Administrator for the next few months.
2. The Parish Pastoral Council is also considering a new upgraded sound system for St Patrick's Church, but no decision has yet been made. We do have one quote but are keen to find another. If parishioners have knowledge of a company that does this type of work, please pass on contact details to one of our administration staff at the presbytery.
3. The issue of damp in the walls of St Patrick's Church, is also to be addressed in the near future.
4. Father Anh is currently investigating a "tap and go" system for each of our churches so that donations can be made by those who wish to do so. More information to follow....
5. We are also asking for volunteers across all aspects of Parish life. We need readers, Eucharistic ministers, cleaners, people to mow grass at our Kilmore cemetery, gardeners, etc.
6. ***In the foyer of each church, you will find Volunteer sign-up sheets. If you wish to help out in the parish, please ensure your name, which church you attend and your phone number and email, are written on top of the sheet. There will be a box available for completed sheets.***
7. Margaret Fleischmann is now the Chairperson for the Parish Pastoral Council and Marita Dumaresq is the Parish Pastoral Council Secretary.

Margaret Fleischmann

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford
	6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan
	10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)	

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

DONATE

To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.



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UNITED IN
MISSION**
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyanika Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



Synod Corner: *Why discernment is essential*

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 6 Jun: WEEKDAY, 9TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 7 Jun: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



Special Collection—Propagation of the Faith Appeal

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the
Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's
12 noon Baptisms, St. Patrick's

Mon, 8 Jun: WEEKDAY, 10TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
Parish Office closed, due to public holiday.
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Society (Kilmore
Conference) meeting, in the St Patrick's
Parish Office

Tue, 9 Jun: WEEKDAY, 10TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 10 Jun: WEEKDAY, 10TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 11 Jun: ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 12 Jun: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Reconciliation 7th lesson,
St Patrick's Parish Office

Sat, 13 Jun: WEEKDAY, 10TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes
primary school children for First Eucharist)

Sun, 14 Jun: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
(Includes primary school children for First
Eucharist)
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes
primary school children for First Eucharist)

PARISH RCIC PROGRAM 2026

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children-

Baptism for children aged 7 years and above)

Information day: Monday July 13th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes are held in the Church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the
Monday afternoon of the 20th, 27th of July, 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th, 31st of August and 7th September.

Baptism Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday
September 13th, at 12 pm (noon).

**Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll
your child into our sacramental program for 2026,
by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au**

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>6/7 Jun</u>	<u>13/14 Jun</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	6 Jun	13 Jun
Reader	E. Leahy	P. Kelly
EMHC	A. Leady	J. Dixon
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	6 Jun	13 Jun
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	TBA
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	V. Barro
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	7 Jun	14 Jun
Reader	F. Thompson	C. Quinn
EMHC	P. Hutchinson	T. Cooney
EMHC	S. Buckley	J. Sapiano
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	7 Jun	14 Jun
Reader	S. Ramganathan	D. Selar
EMHC	C. Dodd	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
FLOWERS:	M. Fleischmann	P. Duff
HOME EUCHARIST:	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	G. Kim	M. Ramsey & family

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Mary Mc Tigue, Joanna (Ena) Cumberton, Maggie Hayhoe,
Connie Aldridge, Marcia Mertelj, Mary Grace Clancy, Tony
Randone, Regina Bortko, James Davie, Rosa Belforte, Shirley
Margaret Stone and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie
Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan,
Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield and all people
who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

*If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the
parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than
yourself and family, please obtain their permission.*

Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences
persecution or discrimination because of their faith.

In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan & China,
Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to
abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to
gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable
courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives
at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers
and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in
prayer and solidarity.

Through **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**, discover their
stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu
and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who
were kidnapped for their faith.

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code, or visit aidtochurch.org/bulletin

