

Saints and Masses this Week

Tuesday 9 June – Ord time wk10, **Wednesday 10 June** – Votive St Joseph, **Thursday 11 June** – St Barnabas, **Friday 12 June** – Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Saturday 13 June** – Votive BVM3, **Sunday 14 June** – Sunday Ord time 11A.

Parish Working With Children Check (WWCC) Thank you to all who have provided copies of their card. If you still need to update your card or obtain one, please see Fr Ashkar and he will do what needs to be done and no cost to you. If you have a WWCC card through another organisation, you do not need to get another, just allow us to get the details for our files.

2026 Collection/Observance Details		
7 June	Propagation of Faith	Catholic Missions
14 June	Winter Appeal	St Vincent de Paul
28 June	Peter's Pence	For Holy Father charities

Corpus Christi Procession This Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi, all people are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in sharing the light of Christ at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession. The procession begins at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, moves through the streets of the Melbourne CBD, and concludes at Federation Square.

Pledge to Pray The Vocations Office invites you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia. Prayer cards can be found next to the Sunday bulletin stand.

Can you help Victims of Church-related Abuse? For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities). You could help by considering donating a car from a deceased estate or which is no longer required.

Also, since 2020 the "Lifeboat Car Project" began, one dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate, assisting recipients or purchasers with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help! So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) for more information.



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MASS TIMES		ROSTERS THIS WEEK	
TUES – SAT	9am at St Mary's	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
SAT VIGIL	6pm at St Mary's	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SUNDAY	8:30am Tallarook 10am at St Mary's	M Winnell	T Bolton
MASS PREPARATION		COMMENTATORS/LECTORS	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
J Bottaro	S Anderson	D Mercovich	S Royals S Liddell
COUNTERS		COLLECTION SUPERVISORS	
C Mansbridge	C Spykers	SATURDAY C. Spykers W. Spykers	SUNDAY C. Spykers

Thanksgiving Env - \$546.50

RECENTLY DECEASED We pray for the repose of the souls of Joan Kragt and of all those who have died recently.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH 7/6-13/6: Fran Wilkinson, Patricia Burns, Carl Bacash Jnr, Monica Coughlin, Margaret Ring, Sister Pierangla Debono, Brigid Dowling, Wally Grattan.

ILLNESSES: We pray for: Anne King, Sonia Willett, John McMahon, Peter Matthews, Colin Cooper, Jeremy Stokes, Pete Dillon, and all who are suffering from the Corona Virus and all those unwell at the present time, who receive support from our prayers.

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Sat: M Winnell	Sun: M Flynn
LECTORS	Sat: M Winnell	Sun: A Allison S Anderson
MASS PREPARATION	Sat: M Winnell	Sun: C Crowe
COUNTERS: A & V Hall	M Muscovich	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 147)

ANTIPHON: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

(Or) Alleluia.

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

NEXT WEEK (11th Sunday Year A) Ex 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

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Partaking in the living bread



7 June 2026 Body and Blood of Christ Year A

The Eucharist not only keeps alive the memory of what Christ has done by giving his life for us. More profoundly, the Eucharist manifests the ever-present experience of what Christ and the Spirit continue to do for us throughout our lives.

This week's first reading (Deuteronomy) connects the celebration of the Eucharist to the Exodus event of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Again, the Israelites do not just remember what God has done for them in the past – liberating them, and feeding them in the desert with "manna from heaven" – but celebrating the way God continues to be with them throughout all of life's trials, tribulations, hopes and joys. Everything we have – food, shelter, love, friendship and personal talents – are gifts given to us by God to share with others.

In St Paul's Letter to the people of Corinth, we are told the gifts of bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ enabling us to be in communion with the Trinitarian God. Moreover, Paul's emphasis on "one loaf" means, in the words of the hymn, "we though many are truly one."

Hence the importance of the sign of peace we offer to one another each time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the gospel, we hear Jesus speak of the "living bread that comes down from heaven."

Pope Francis told us that "the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but medicine and nourishment for the weak!" In saying this he is not suggesting we should go to the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding us that all of us, without exception, come

to the Eucharist as sinners in need of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others. First, he says, we need to relate to people, sharing in their joys, hopes, sorrows and sufferings. Furthermore, this should enable us to reach out to the poor, sick and marginalised people, seeing in them the face of Christ.

Second, experiencing God's forgiveness in the Eucharist should enable us to see ourselves as "forgiven sinners" who are empowered to reach out in forgiveness to others. In this way the Eucharist enables us to overcome pride and division.

Third, the Eucharist should enable us to become active disciples of Jesus Christ. While we Christians do not claim to be better than others, we nonetheless recognise our particular mission is to make Christ known and loved through a spirit of prayer, action and care for all our brothers and sisters, most especially those in need.

In the words of Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot, Christ is "the still point of the turning world." It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine.

For He is indeed truly present among us as the very life of the world.

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