

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



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

2 June 2024

Readings

Next Week

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 3:9-15

Ps 129

2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Mk 3:20-35

in a nutshell

This is My Body. During the Passover meal the Jewish people remember God's saving deeds in the past. In this act of remembering, God's saving power is experienced in the present. Through the ritual of the last supper Jesus points to a future event, his crucifixion, in which his body will be broken and his blood will be shed to inaugurate a new covenant between God and human kind. In the Eucharist we remember Christ's saving action and participate in it's fruit.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Margaret Marshall, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees, Frankie Pettinella, Tony Aulich For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

First Friday Mass at 11.30am at Warburton on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

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

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) 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.

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.

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. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

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

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—4:30pm (EST)
7:00pm (EDST)
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am Yarra Junction
First Friday—11:30am Warburton

Reconciliation

Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. Remember children should be accompanied by an adult to the toilets.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Michael Fahey
Paul Latham
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Wednesday, July

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

Parish Notices

First Friday Mass

As on all First Fridays of the month, there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Warburton on June 7 at 11:30am.

Stewardship Corner

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means we offer our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

May Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: **\$1695** Total Expenditure: **\$2796.59**

Your financial support can be made via:

- Cash using the stewardship envelopes
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Sacred Heart Church**: 670642723, Presbytery: 649237379
- The website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarra> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.

Not part of the Stewardship program?

Have you considered contributing to assist in the upkeep of the Parish through a formal stewardship pledge? Contact the office to become part of this either by direct debit or envelopes.

Please note envelopes for either Parish can be placed in the collection and will find their way to the correct account.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist: My heart feels as if it were being drawn by a superior force each morning just before uniting with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. I have such a thirst and hunger before receiving Him that it's a wonder I don't die of anxiety. My hunger does not diminish after I have received Him in Holy Communion, but rather, increases steadily. (St. Padre Pio)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am Mount Evelyn

St Mary's Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meet every Friday in the church from 2-3 p.m. Come and join us! All Welcome!

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea on 24th May. Your urgent support is needed now. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png

Pro-Life News

There will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd June 2024, at 9:00am. Sponsored by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to the edge of the 150m zone on Wellington Parade. All welcome.

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024

In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing. This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. Next week we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

National Pilgrimage 15th - 26th of October 2024: "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop."

Join us on this profound journey, tracing the path of the Australian trailblazer, Mary MacKillop. This pilgrimage invites you to explore sacred sites integral to her inspiring story. Through prayer and reflection, connect with the essence and spirituality of Mary MacKillop as she dedicated herself to addressing needs with compassion. Witness first-hand how her legacy continues to thrive in Australia and overseas.

Reserve your spot today and be part of a pilgrimage resonating with the spirit of compassion, courage, and faith. Don't miss the chance to enrich your life with the remarkable story of Mary MacKillop and contribute to her legacy. For more information: Phone 0289124818,

Email: national.Pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session

Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot ctc@ctc.edu.au

Something to bring a smile...

At the reception following the wedding of a young couple, the Master of Ceremonies polled the guests to see who had been married the longest. To loud applause one couple announced they had been married for sixty years. The MC said, "What advice would you pass on to the newlyweds?" "The woman said, "The three most important words in a marriage are, "You're probably right." Everyone looked at the husband who immediately said, "She's probably right."

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Readings Reflection

[Blood of the Covenant](#)

All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see Hebrews 10:1).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His Twelve Apostles "actualizes," makes real what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering Himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Eucharist IS the Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Jesus

How is Christ truly present in the Eucharist?

[Jesus said:] 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. (Jn 35, 53-55)

[Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22:19)

The Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly, really, and substantially present—in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. The bread and wine consecrated by the bishop or priest in the Liturgy of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church has always recognised Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Christ's words in instituting this Sacrament at the Last Supper were unequivocal: "This is my body....This is my blood" (Lk 22:19f). In the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (Council of Trent [1551]). St. Paul condemns the unworthy reception of the Eucharist as a profanation of the very Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 11:27ff). Already in the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted, "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his Body and his Blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise."

This change in the Eucharistic species in which the substance of the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ is called *transubstantiation*. It occurs at the consecration during the Mass, when the bishop or priest pronounces *the words of consecration* over the bread and wine as Christ commanded.

In the Eucharist Christ remains truly and totally present under the appearances of bread and wine. He offers his Body and Blood to us in Holy Communion to be nourished by his divine life. The Eucharist is, therefore, not merely a symbol of Christ's present but also the active presence of Christ himself, who gives himself to us unconditionally so our lives might be united to his intimately. The Eucharist is "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Didache Bible

Mass: The Eucharist or principal sacramental celebration of the Church, established by Jesus at the Last Supper, in which the mystery of our salvation through participation in the sacrificial death and glorious Resurrection of Christ is renewed and accomplished. The Mass renews the paschal sacrifice of Christ as the sacrifice offered by the Church. It is called "Mass" (from the Latin *missa*) because of the "mission" or "sending" with which the liturgical celebration concludes (Latin: "*Ite, Missa est.*")

1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

1385 To respond to this invitation we must *prepare ourselves* for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1386 Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "*Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea*" ("Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."). And in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the faithful pray in the same spirit:

O Son of God, bring me into communion today with your mystical supper. I shall not tell your enemies the secret, nor kiss you with Judas' kiss. But like the good thief I cry, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

1387 To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church [One hour]. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

1389 The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church