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Safeguarding

Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children.

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6th & 7th June 2026

Parish Newsletter

The Most Holy Body & Blood, Year A

Looking at the Readings

The Past, the Present and the Future are celebrated in the prayers and readings of the liturgy on this feast. Centuries before Christ, Moses appealed to God for food to feed the hungry people in the desert (first reading). God provided them with manna, "Bread from Heaven" actual food to gather daily and eat and symbolic of food for the soul, the word of God. St Paul reminded the Corinthians of the sacramental nature of the bread and wine which becomes communion with the body and blood of Christ. In sharing the eucharist they become nourished by Christ and united with one another.

The Sequence (Lauda Sion), which follows the second reading is a song of praise for the marvellous deeds of God, the actions of Christ who feeds us now and leads us to the future feast in heaven. It especially profound and poetic teaching on the Eucharist.

The Gospel from John chapter six that starts with the feeding of the 5000, and concludes with Christ's teaching on the eucharis and is the promise that 'whoever eats this bread will live forever' (Jn 6:58).



PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 6th & 7th June 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass

Sunday : 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 8th – 12th June 2026

Wednesday: 12.00pm Mass at Brigidine Centre

Friday: 10.00am Aged-Care Liturgy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the lessons the Yorta-Yorta people teach us about care, respect and justice for mother earth.

G'day Weekday Mass

Our G'day Weekday Mass will be held in the Brigidine Centre at St Mary's Primary School on Wednesday 10th June at 12.00pm. The Healy Community (Foundation, Years 1 & 2) look forward to welcoming St Mary's parishioners to their school. A light lunch and a cuppa will be provided for adults following Mass.

We look forward to you joining with us and the heater will be on!

Please place this date in your calendar.

Our Long Tables

We seem to have misplaced 6 of our long white tables. If you know where they may be could you please let Fr Novie know.

Prayer for the Feast

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (St Columbans Mission Society)

Wheaten Bread

Wheat was known to the Ancient Egyptians and in the lands of the Near East. A wheat harvest appears in the Book of Genesis in Jacob's time. Jesus refer to wheat in four parables, several other teachings and especially about the grain of wheat that falls to the ground, dies and produces a harvest – an allusion to his own death and new life in the resurrection. Unleavened bread was eaten at the first Passover and at the Last Supper.

Since then unleavened wheat bread is required for the celebration of the Eucharist in the West. Many Eastern Rite Churches use leavened bread symbolising the rising of Christ from the dead. Some Eastern Churches may use unleavened and leavened. What is common and essential is the flour is wheat. Flour may be wholemeal or white (without bran and wheat heart) or flour with gluten extracted to use for celiacs and ones allergic to gluten.



CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

6th & 7th June 2026

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.
— John 6:51

St. Mary's Parish, Echuca

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction will take place after Mass.



Congratulations to the Queens, angels and escorts for your participation in the celebration of Santacruzans last Sunday.

Parish Calendar

6th & 7th June:	Corpus Christi Weekend
9th June:	5:30pm Parish Council Meeting
10th June:	12.00pm G'day Weekday Mass (St. Mary's Primary School)
11th June:	12:30pm Year 3 Liturgy (St. Mary's Primary School)
12th June:	10.00am Aged-Care Liturgy
16th June:	5.00pm Liturgy Meeting * 5.15pm Finance Meeting
17th June:	12.30pm Soup & Sandwiches after Mass *5.00pm Bereavement Meeting
18th June:	12.30pm Liturgy Year 5 (St. Mary's Primary School)
19th June:	9.00am Mary's Makers
20th & 21st June:	G'Day Weekend

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Vogeale, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Maureen McKenner, Alistair Corman, Jim Byrne, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Maurice O'Connor, Antonia Molluso, David Baker, Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Brown, Margaret Summers, Geoff Brown, Barb Smith, Paul Wallace

Death Anniversaries

Pat Kavanagh, Margaret Spedding, Barry Hannon, Wendy Rolfe, Nance Mainwaring, David Mahony, Frank Fitzpatrick, Mick Mulvahill, Enid Todd, Michael Symons, Nell Stapleton and Enid and Thomas Todd.

Recent Deaths

Peter Davey

Roster THIS Week				6 th & 7 th June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Mary Atkins, Peter Phillips, Dominic Karunanayake			Kristy Serpell, Carol Purdon	Mary Atkins
9:30am	Julie Moyle, Kenneh Uzoh, Lauren Gould			Adrian Costello, Catherine Lindner	Bernie Oliver
Prayers of the Faithful		Mary Atkins	Counters	Roma Bowman, Margaret Hart	
St. Anne's	Barb Green, Kerry McLoughlan			Hospital Visit	Karla Chisholm
Roster NEXT Week				13 th & 14 th June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Christine Sebire, Nick Lee, Tania Dixon			Prue Crowe-Galea, Chris Lee	Christine Sebire
9:30am	Noela Boyer, Doreen Stringer, Kerry McLoughlan			Rob Morris, Loretta Holman	Kate Bruty
Prayers of the Faithful		Kath Quinn	Counters	Pat Whyte, Adrian Costello	
St. Anne's	Kaye Westblade, Yvonne Costello, Bev Stapleton			Hospital Visit	Carmel McKenzie
Monthly (June)					
Gardening	Jim & Prue Galea Rose Quinn			Baptism Prep	Bec Lloyd

1st Reading Deuteronomy 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.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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.**

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
13th & 14th June 2026**

1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99:2-3, 5
2nd Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 9:36--10:8