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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) ~ Year A Sunday 7 June



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Liturgy Jottings 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. Those allergic to wheat may receive Holy Communion from the chalice, the Blood of Christ.

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 is 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 eucharist and the promise that 'whoever eats this bread will forever' (Jn 6:58).

Quote for the Week

How is it billions of stars live in such harmony with each other - when most humans can barely go a minute without declaring war in their minds about someone they know. *St Thomas Aquinas*

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*)

On the Lighter Side

The Sequence for the Feast of Corpus Christi (Lauda Sion) was written by Thomas Aquinas around 1264 at the request of Pope Urban IV for the new Mass of this feast. While it may be sung in the original Latin, we have an English version in our present Lectionary by James Ambrose Dominic Aylward OP (1813-1872). The New Lectionary (2029) will have two translations, one by Paul Murray OP and another by John Hibberd that can be sung with one of several tunes.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Mary Bowman, Fay Shaw, Joanne Cox, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Fiorina Abbate (1 Month), Valerio Baric

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Saturday 13 June at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – **Help required**

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 14 June 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – B Elliott

Special Minister – M Elliott

Sunday 21 June 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 766.00

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the year, many people celebrate milestone birthdays, especially our octogenarians (80+) and nonagenarians (90+). We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our special parishioners at Mass on Sunday 21st June at 8.30am. **Please bring a plate to share.**

PARISH MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – INAUGURAL GATHERING

The Parish Men's Fellowship held its inaugural gathering on Tuesday evening, June 2, 2026 at the Presbytery, welcoming 15 men from our parish community. The gathering was intentionally informal and centered on fellowship, conversation, and listening.

Over a shared meal, participants introduced themselves, shared their life journeys, and reflected on their aspirations and hopes as Catholic men seeking to grow in faith and support one another.

Guided by the theme "Men Walking Together in Faith," the discussion explored the purpose and future direction of a parish men's group. Participants expressed a desire for deeper brotherhood, spiritual growth, mutual encouragement, and opportunities to strengthen family life and serve the wider parish community.

The evening concluded with gratitude for the openness and positive spirit of all who attended. The strong participation and meaningful discussions provided an encouraging foundation for future gatherings as the group continues to discern how best to foster faith, friendship, and service among the men of the parish.

We thank all who participated and look forward to continuing this journey together. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." – Psalm 133:1

Interested in joining? All men of the parish are warmly invited to attend future gatherings. Details of the next meeting will be announced soon.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 7th June - 8.30am Mass

Sun 7th June - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 9th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 11th June – 9.15am 5-8 Community Mass

Sat 13th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 16th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 18th June - No School Mass

Sun 21st June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 23rd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 25th June - 9.15am F-4 Community Mass

Sat 27th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 28th June - 8.30am Mass

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Next Thursday 11th June our Sacramental children will be receiving their 1st Reconciliation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “*Building Communities of Belonging*”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “*Growing as Communities of Mission*”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynote, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II
More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As our access to low-cost nonperishable food from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church. The QR code can be used for online donations.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA

CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. It's committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs and focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. Services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some services are provided remotely while others are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For info or support, call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” – St. Augustine

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL In 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.

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THE LIVING BREAD

Have you ever sat at the deathbed of someone you love, or looked at media reports of destruction of people's houses and living quarters in parts of the world dominated by violence, or realised the effects of global warming, or seen the tragedy of life in the faces of the young that flash across our TV screens? In our depths, we desire life; life for those who are dying, for those close to us, for those whose lives are tragically shortened by war, for our natural world, for the young.

This very theme is the focus of today's Gospel text from John 6. Called the 'bread of life discourse', this chapter unpacks John's theology of the Eucharist. The final section of this long Chapter is about the life that Jesus offers. This life comes from the 'living bread which has come down from heaven'. This is a rich theological symbol at many levels: it is the life, the 'bread', given to the Jews through God's gift to them in the Torah (the first 5 books of the Bible). There they find how to live in covenantal partnership with God; it is the wisdom that comes from Jesus' teaching; it is the Eucharistic bread received into the community in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The reality of this symbol is underscored using the word 'flesh'—another rich symbol emphasising Jesus' presence in its abundance. To eat this eucharistic bread and drink his blood offers communion with him in his fullness, and the promise of a life that will outlive the grave and any suffering and tragedy that confronts. Communion with him brings us true life.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

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.

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

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or 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 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.**

THE SAVING WORD

7 JUNE 2026



1 Cor 10:16-17

SECOND READING

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION In 6:51-52

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

St. Mel's Parish

invites you to

COME and CELEBRATE

with us the Feast of

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



21st June 2026
(Sunday)



Holy Mass at 10:00am



St. Mel's Parish Church
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton

Procession of the Statue and
Distribution of the Bread of
St. Anthony will follow right
after the Holy Mass.

EVERYONE is invited for
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St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.