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The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi), YEAR A 6 and 7 June 2026

REFLECTION ON CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of Corpus Christi—the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—invites us to marvel at the mystery of the Eucharist. It is a joyful acknowledgment of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist where we find spiritual sustenance that transforms our weariness into hope. Our celebration today reminds us that when we receive the Eucharist, we are not just receiving a private gift; we are being drawn into deep communion with Jesus and with one another.

The beauty of Corpus Christi lies in its call to become what we receive. As the priest or Eucharistic minister declares, "The Body of Christ," we are reminded that our calling extends far beyond the walls of this church. We are called to be "Christ-bearers" in the world. In our local neighbourhood, workplaces, and families, we are challenged to live out the mystery we celebrate by embodying radical love, charity, and self-sacrifice.

Our readings today draw our attention to our salvation history, moving from the physical hunger of the desert to the eternal fulfilment found in Jesus Christ. In the first reading (Deut 8), Moses commands the Israelites to "remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert". God intentionally allowed His people to experience physical hunger before feeding them with manna—a food previously unknown to them. This miraculous intervention proved that humanity does not live by bread alone, but by every word proceeding from the mouth of God. This is a powerful reminder that spiritual dryness and life's "deserts" are not signs of God's absence. Instead, they are spaces designed to cultivate a deeper hunger for the true spiritual nourishment that only God can provide.

In John's Gospel proclaimed today (6:51-58), Jesus boldly declares, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world". When the crowds murmur in disbelief, Jesus does not soften His language or retreat into metaphor. He intensifies it, asserting that His flesh is real food and His blood is real drink. This text encourages every believer to confront a central mystery of the faith: the Eucharist is not a symbol, but the fulfilment of God's desire to abide intimately within us. By consuming this living bread, we draw our very life from Christ; and bound together as one body, we are sent forth to become what we receive.

May we leave the church doors today ready to be broken and poured out as nourishment, mercy, and hope for a spiritually starving world.
Amen! Alleluia!!

Fr Francis



PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 7 June: First Sunday Cuppa
Sat 13 June: No Mass at Rosedale
Sun 14 June: No Mass at Briagolong

PARISH NEWS

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL 2026

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. **Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes.** Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. **There will be a leaving collection next weekend - 6 & 7 June at all Masses. Please donate if you can.**



FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend, **Sunday 7 June**, the Parish Pastoral Council will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

SAT 13 & SUN 14 JUNE as Fr Francis will be away next weekend for a CCR conference there will be no Mass at Rosedale at 5.30pm on Saturday and no Mass at Briagolong at 9.30am on Sunday.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Stratford, we welcome for Baptism **Henry Worseldine** son of Brianna & Reuben. Congratulations to the family from us all.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100. No baptisms during Lent.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.
At Other times: Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.
MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

DIOCESAN NEWS

VOCATIONS INVITATION: COME AND SEE

Are you discerning a call to ministry? The Catholic Diocese of Sale invites you to an afternoon of storytelling and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others on a similar journey and hear firsthand accounts from priests about their lives and their unique calls to ministry. **Event Details:**

Date: Sunday, 7th June 2026

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Address: 496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren.

As the scripture reminds us, "the harvest is plentiful". Come and see where your path may lead.

NEW PAPAL ENCYCLICAL: Magnifica humanitas Pope Leo XIV has released his historic first encyclical, 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.'

Our bishops have warmly welcomed this crucial message. Everyone is highly encouraged to read their full response and explore the encyclical's teachings by visiting the Catholic Diocese of Sale website:

www.cdsale.org.au/news/



OTHER NEWS

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – HEARTS SET ABLAZE!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

At the very first Pentecost, the apostles were

transformed as the fire of the Holy Spirit was poured out for them, empowering them to go out to evangelise the world.

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God." – Acts of the Apostles 2:46-47

The early Church was Eucharistic. They gathered together in community and shared in the breaking of the bread. It was through believing in and sharing in Christ's body and blood that the Holy Spirit set their hearts ablaze, strengthening them to spread the Good News without fear.

As we move forward from our celebration of Pentecost last month, our parishes and communities can imitate the early Church by devoting ourselves to the Eucharist and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us – in our ministries, our youth groups, and our personal prayer.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit and share in the breaking of the bread. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$966.00
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Mass Timetable this week
The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi), Year A
6 - 7 June 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 6 June	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 7 June	9.30am	Stratford
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 8 June	NO	MASS
Tuesday 9 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 10 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 11 June	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 12 June		
<i>Benediction and Exposition Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 13 June	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	NO MASS	Rosedale
	NO MASS	Briagolong
Sunday 14 June	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born
to Eternal Life.
Amen.



Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 6 June 5.30pm	Sunday 7 June 9.30am	Sunday 7 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Catherine Mackinnon	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Please offer
Reader	Faye Flint	Mildred Semodio	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Brenda B, Jenny G	Dr Salle, Leny Waite	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Jonathan Peckley	Doug Waite	Please offer
Counters	John Dykun & Sue Harvey		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 13 June 5.30pm	Sunday 14 June 9.30am	Sunday 14 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Christine Lyon	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Claire Everard
Eucharists	Theo S, Rosemary W	Brenda B, Margaret S	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Carmel W	Abi Udiano	Veronica Stewart
Counters	Len and Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who died and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Margaret Denham, Rob Dixon, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Brendan Lee, Helen O'Kane, Wendy Adamo, George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Veronica Foxe, Teresa Bennett, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin. **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

Come and See...



Sunday, 7th June 2026
3:30 - 5:00 pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Parish
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren.

AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and to hear stories from priests about their lives and calls to ministry.

Catholic Diocese of Sale

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME:

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

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. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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 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.)**

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:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

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. **All: 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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6: 51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

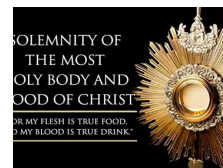
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: **Exodus 19:2-6**

2nd Reading: **Romans 5:6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 9:36 - 10:8**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.