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Sunday 14 June

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

From the Dean's Desk

Dear friends,

The last three Sundays of the liturgy centred on three basic and fundamental elements of our faith:

the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the Mystery of God in the Trinity, and today the Body and Blood of Christ. Each of these celebrations tell us something of God's action in our lives. The Trinity invites us to recognise the mystery of God's love for us – that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son in order to bring us back into communion with Him **(see John 3:16)**. This great love that God has for us is not a one-off element: God continually accompanies us with his love, calling us to recognise our faults and failings and to return to the relationship with Him. His continued loving Presence is given to us through the Holy Spirit and nourished within us through the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is appropriate, then, that this mystery is given a separate liturgical date, because the remembrance of the Body and Blood of Jesus is so often associated with the Last Supper and with his ensuing Passion and Death.

The celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ brings us to the very life and core of our faith. The Eucharist is indeed the one sacrament that the Church insists that we celebrate and participate in as **frequently** as possible – even daily. Why? It is the means by which we **are nourished** and given the **grace** to live a holy and Gospel based life. When we think of the Body and Blood of Christ, our minds turn to the **celebration of the Eucharist**. So often we can think of the celebration of the Eucharist and our participation in it as simply consisting of our receiving the Host during Mass. Here we need to consider this celebration in its entirety: ***'the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist together form one single act of worship – the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord'***[Catechism



of the Catholic Church # 1346]. The Liturgy of the Word prepares us for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The two cannot be separated.

Just as Moses in the first reading today reminds the Chosen People that as they take their first steps into the Promised Land, they are not to forget what the Lord God has done for them: ***'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness...to make you feel hunger, he fed you with manna...to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone...but on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.'*** [Deut 8:2-3].

In our busy lives we can become complacent about the Eucharist and fail to see it as the ***'source and summit of the Christian life'***. In the Eucharist, Jesus makes an incredible and life-giving promise: ***'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'*** [John 6:51]. In partaking faithfully of the Eucharist, we indeed have the life of Jesus within us. What a tremendous blessing and promise. As we celebrate this mystery, perhaps we could keep in our prayers our children who have been preparing for their first reception of the Eucharist, but who because of the present Corona Virus situation have had this deferred to another date. I know of many who have been quite upset about this. It highlights the importance of this Sacrament. Within our Parish we are blessed with the opportunity of having many Masses celebrated each day, together with the opportunity of spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. These are precious and special moments for us individually and as a community. May we never take these moments for granted. In acknowledging the importance of these times, may we recognise the great gift which Jesus gives us in this sacrament. May it truly be the source of everlasting life for us.

*Fr Bob Bossini,
Dean and Parish Priest*

Updated Covid-19 Restrictions and how they will affect us. Mass, Weddings and Funerals at St Pat's

'The NSW Government have revised restrictions for places of worship to take place from Monday 1 June 2020'. These include:

up to 20 people can attend weddings, 50 at funerals and 50 at places of worship, subject to the four square metre rule.

Pews in the Cathedral & Chapel have been marked with a sticker to help you maintain the 1.5m social distancing requirement.

If you wish to attend Mass you will need to register with **MassRegister.com.au** just once, to provide your contact details. Once numbers reach 50, you are welcome to join in the celebration of Mass in the Cloister via the sound system.

Weekday Mass - If you are attending 12.30pm Mass, the doors are open from 12pm for Angelus and The Rosary. Do hope you can join us.



Live Streaming

Weekdays: Streaming for the 6.30am Mass will continue for the time being.

Weekends: Live streaming of weekend Masses will continue for the time being.

Online Masses can be viewed at the Cathedral's Facebook page.

The 11am Mass on Sundays can also be viewed on this Youtube [link](#)

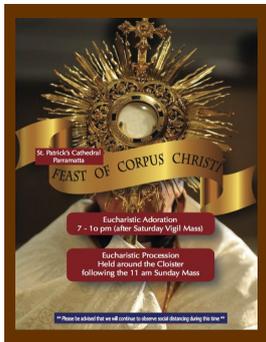


Reconciliation

We are pleased to announce Reconciliation will be held on Monday - Friday 11.15pm-12.20pm and on Saturday 8.30am and 5.00pm until further notice.

Please note that strict social distancing rules will be applied.

Confession (during restrictions) will take place in the Cloister Café.



Feast of Corpus Christi

Eucharistic Adoration: This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. To pay homage to this Solemnity, Eucharistic Adoration will be held after the Vigil Mass from 7pm-10pm in the Cathedral.

Eucharistic Procession: Following the 11am Solemn Mass, a Eucharistic Procession will be held around the Cloister.

Please be mindful about restrictions to the Cathedral - no more than 50 at one time and please maintain social distancing requirements.

Formation - Repairing Wrongdoing

Friday 26 June

Mark your calendar for our next Formation. The speaker for the event is Fr Chris del Rosario.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral



We will also be livestreaming to St Patrick's Facebook page.

Planned Giving

Thank you to the many parishioners who have been dropping in their Planned Giving envelopes and have kept up their automatic deductions. We also have another option if you would like to make a donation/payment to St Pat's.

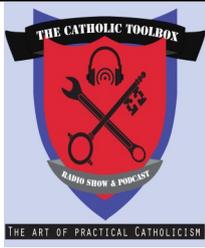
Visit our website and on the top menu you will see a tab 'donate'. You can make a Planned Giving payment, pay an invoice or make a 'one off' donation.

Many thanks for your continued support of your parish.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18





The Catholic Toolbox, Radio Show and Podcast

Host: George Manassa
Time: Tuesdays 8pm-9pm
Network: 1701AM and cradio.org.au
Topic: De-Christianisation of the West
Speaker: Raymond De-Souza KM
Date: Tuesday 16 June



From the Diocese

Pre Marriage Weekend Courses to Recommence

I am very happy to inform you that as COVID-19 restrictions are being eased we have reinstated our weekend Pre Marriage Courses. The first weekend course, provided no new restrictions are imposed, will be held on the 24th & 26th July at our usual venue at Blacktown. To book for the Weekend Course or the online SmartLoving Engaged preparation please go to www.parracatholic.org/pmp We will observe all social distancing and hygiene provisions. We look forward to welcoming you or your family and friends to our Marriage Preparation Program. For more information and assistance please contact Marisa on 8838 3460. Should there be newer restrictions introduced, we will advise.

Life Family & Marriage Office - Diocese of Parramatta

IFM Offerings 2020 (Institute for Mission)

IFM is leading the way with seminars/workshops both physically and virtually. Topics and subjects include:-

- practical Leadership;
- theology of Ecology;
- life to the Full;
- the Faith Feed (25-39 year olds); and
- the Parish Feed - to name a few.

Visit us at www.ifm.org.au or 9296 6369 or facebook/ifmconnect. We would love to hear from you.

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Sick: Sharon Web (Patti M's daughter),

Perpetuals: Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Norm Hector, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy & Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Love family, Hooper family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.



St Patrick's Gift Shop

Mobile 0419 153 195

The Gift Shop is now open to a maximum of three customers. Only Credit card and eftpos facilities will be accepted for the time being.

Feel free to come in and have a browse around. We stock Religious goods, Ethical products, Sacramental gifts and many more items to celebrate a time in your life or someone special.

Please note varied shop days/hours till further notice.

OPEN:

Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm & Sunday 10am – 1pm.

CLOSED:

Mondays and Saturdays.

