



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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Bishop of Parramatta: Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, DD

**02 June 2024 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year B)**

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7:30am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass  
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir  
6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer  
6:30am Mass  
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)  
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon  
12:30pm Mass

### SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Mass  
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)  
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)  
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation  
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary  
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)  
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

### OTHER GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Facebook:** Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

### Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on  
**Facebook:** credo.stpats  
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## What is the Eucharist for you?

**THIS SUNDAY'S SOLEMNITY** of Corpus Christi, or The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, to give it its more formal title, marks, as always, the last Sunday before returning to Sundays in Ordinary Time. We returned to Ordinary Time a couple of weeks ago after the Solemnity of Pentecost, but last Sunday and this Sunday stand out as special celebrations to remind us of the Trinitarian nature of God and the great gift of the Eucharist.



We might ask why the Church brings these two beliefs to the forefront of our consciousness when they are such cornerstones of our Catholic Christian faith? After all, one cannot call oneself Catholic without holding these beliefs.

And perhaps that is the point. It is never a bad thing to be reminded of what is most important. Sometimes the things that loom largest in our life are the ones we find easiest to ignore, whether we are talking about our faith or some other area of life. The familiar, no matter how important, tends to fade into the background if we allow it to do so.

So, what does it mean to say we believe in the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ? Many of us could rattle off a definition of the Eucharist, based on what we learnt in school or catechist classes in our youth. But embracing a definition is different to embracing a reality, and this Sunday's solemnity is an opportunity to reflect on the impact the Eucharist has on our lives both as individuals and as the Body of Christ.

For some, the impact may be purely personal: "I come to Mass to receive the Eucharist and so be comforted by intimacy with Christ." "The Eucharist gives me the nourishment I need to live out my discipleship most fruitfully." Most certainly, the gift of the Eucharist is important on a personal level.

But we must also appreciate the significance of the Eucharist for us at a corporate level too. We, the faithful, are the Body of Christ and the Eucharist affirms this because we all consume the one Bread and the one Cup. Our manner of living ought to reflect this unity. When we embrace the truth of our solidarity we will ensure that our love for one another is not something superficial but rather something genuine and Christlike.

So, let us allow this Sunday's solemnity of Corpus Christi speak to us of the importance of the Eucharist in our lives as Catholic Christians, more important for what it does to both transform and unite us than simply being something that differentiates us from other Christians.

This Sunday we congratulate those children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. We pray that they, as well as the other children here next weekend, will allow the Eucharist to slowly transform them in the years ahead. May they embrace the truth that the Eucharist is a force of unity and love and make that evident in their manner of living. May their parents, godparents, family and friends assist them in this divine endeavour.

I regret that I cannot be here on either of the two Sundays for First Eucharist but ask that these children and their families know of my prayers for them all at this time.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*

# THE BULLETIN

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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

**Weddings** are by appointment only.

**At least six months' notice is necessary.**  
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

**First Eucharist and Confirmation**  
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

## Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

## Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!



## Congratulations on Your First Holy Communion!

"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35)

This weekend, at the 9:30am Mass, we joyfully celebrate a significant milestone in the spiritual journey of thirty children from our parish as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. Over the past few weeks, these children, along with ten others who will receive First Holy Communion next weekend, have diligently prepared for this sacred moment, with the unwavering support of their parents who ensured their attendance at the formation sessions.

These words of Jesus remind us of the special grace and nourishment that comes from receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. This sacrament is not just a ritual, but a divine gift that sustains and strengthens our faith.

To our wonderful children of the parish, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings. May this Holy Communion be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Christ. We encourage you to continue attending Mass regularly, allowing yourselves to be continually nourished by the Holy Eucharist.

May God bless you abundantly on this joyous day and always.

## First Friday Adoration - 7 June at 7:00pm

We invite all parishioners to join us for First Friday Adoration this coming Friday. This sacred time of Eucharistic adoration allows us to draw near to the presence of Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a moment to pause, reflect, and deepen our relationship with Jesus, who is the source of our strength and the light of our lives.

In Eucharistic adoration, we encounter the living Christ, who invites us to rest in His presence, bringing our joys, sorrows, and hopes before Him. It is a powerful time of prayer and reflection, where we can listen to His voice and experience His boundless love and mercy.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, let us remember the profound gift of the Eucharist and the unity it brings to our community. Join us in adoration to give thanks and to be nourished by the love of Christ.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# PARISH NOTICES

## New Parish Pastoral Council Members

We are pleased to announce the selection of the new members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). We interviewed 16 wonderful parishioners for the seven seats, each bringing unique gifts and talents that are invaluable to our community. The selection process was challenging due to the high quality of all the nominees.

We thank all nominees for their courage and dedication. Your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. While not all could be selected, we encourage everyone to continue leading and participating in other parish groups. Your contributions are vital to our parish, and we look forward to working with you to strengthen our community.

The successful candidates have been notified. They have accepted their position and we will publish the committee members on Fr Robert's return from leave.

We hope you will offer them your support as they take on this important role in guiding our parish's mission and activities.

Thank you to everyone for your commitment and support. Let us continue to live out our mission together with passion and dedication.

## Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation

Children 10 years or older who have made their Reconciliation and First Eucharist are able to join in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important to note that there is no maximum age for children who have been baptised as infants to complete their Initiation into our Faith Community.

**Registration will open on our website on 17 June 2024.**

Sessions begin on 23 July through to 31 August.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 7 September 2024.

All sessions are compulsory.

## Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

**8 - 9 June 2024**

This month's Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal supports Catholic Care's Project Elizabeth.

Will you strengthen the dignity of struggling mums? Your compassionate generosity and prayers will provide struggling mums with the practical and emotional support they need to overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their families. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at [parracatholic.org/appeal](http://parracatholic.org/appeal) or scan this QR code. Thank you.



St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish  
Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal  
<https://ppay.co/ktN2GWirVNO>

## Seeking Submissions for St Pat's Matters

The next issue is due out in late July/early August

Editor's wish list of contributions:

**Ministry:** If you serve in any of St Pat's many ministries consider sharing how, when and why you took on the role.

**Parishioners:** whether longstanding or new, why not submit a brief profile and photo to 'introduce' yourselves to the wider parish family.

**Faith Matters:** God's presence in the lives of you and family.

**RCIA:** Always keen to receive stories from anyone who is journeying to the Catholic Faith.

**First Eucharist:** (2nd & 9th June) is an important sacramental milestone in every Catholic's life. Children and parents we invite you to write about your experience in our parish magazine

**Archival Matters:** Articles/photos pertaining to the history of the priests, people and events of our remarkable parish welcomed.

Email submissions to M. Polizzi - [balmap5@bigpond.com](mailto:balmap5@bigpond.com) or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters.

## A note from the Hospitality Coordinator

Thank you to the people who left biscuits and a cash donation in the Donations Basket.

However, anyone wishing to make a cash donation in the future, please hand it to one of the people on duty rather than putting it in the Donations Basket.

### Morning Tea Cancelled this weekend and next.

Due to the celebration of First Holy Communion this weekend, there will be no morning tea after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. This will also be the case next weekend, as we continue to celebrate this significant milestone with our young parish members and their families.

Morning tea will resume on the weekend of June 16. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to sharing fellowship with you then.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our parish community.

## Fr Robert on Study/Annual Leave

Fr Robert will be on leave for three weeks from 24 May through to 14 June.

## Become an SRE Catechist

Are you passionate about sharing the Catholic faith and making a positive impact on the lives of students?

Would you like to play a pivotal role in fostering Catholic faith and understanding among children? Do you want to volunteer in public schools and make a difference in the lives of young students?

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Catechist, we would love to hear from you! Please reach out to us at "St Pats Cathedral SRE Team" via email at [sre@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:sre@stpatscathedral.com.au).

# PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES



## UPDATE ON THE CATHEDRAL APP

### Centralised Parish Email Communications:

As we approach the anticipated launch of our new Cathedral App on June 30, we are excited to share the latest developments, particularly focusing on ParishStaq and how this will centralise our parish email communications.

**Streamlined Communications:** This week, our weekend Mass Volunteers received their June roster through ParishStaq. Many have appreciated the simplicity of the new system for swapping, seeking replacements, and declining roster slots. We understand that some of our older parishioners are finding the transition challenging. This is entirely understandable, and our Cathedral team is here to assist you. Training days have been scheduled to help you become comfortable with the new system. Please refer to this week's bulletin for the training schedule and look out for updates in the upcoming bulletins.

**Upcoming Features:** Next week, we plan to send the bulletin and liturgy guide via ParishStaq to your email. These will be sent to all parishioners who have provided their email addresses and are recorded in our database. If you receive the bulletin by email and prefer not to receive it in the future, you can unsubscribe. If you are unsure whether you have provided your email to the parish office and would like to receive the bulletin weekly, please email Pat on [secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au) to register.

**Future Access via the App:** Upon the launch of the Cathedral App, you will be able to access the bulletin through the app, similar to the functionality of the former Skoolbag App.

**Communication and Privacy:** With ParishStaq, you will be able to chat with parishioners within your groups for group-related purposes. Rest assured, other parishioners will not have access to your email or phone contact details. Once you have filled out a group form, your contact information will remain secure. Thank you for your patience and support as we transition to these new systems. We are committed to ensuring a smooth experience for everyone and are here to help you every step of the way.

### Clarifying the Names

Following up on last week's bulletin note, we would like to clarify the names and functions of two key platforms we are using: Pushpay and ParishStaq.

**Pushpay:** Pushpay is the platform where our parish electronic giving is received and recorded. It allows for simple and secure giving through various methods, including mobile and online options. Pushpay streamlines the process, making it easier for you to support our parish.

#### ParishStaq:

ParishStaq serves as our online parish hub. It is a dynamic Catholic church management system that will give you access to the parish office when you need it. Through ParishStaq, you will be able to sign up for events, interact with small groups, track your ministry commitments, request prayers and Mass offering, register for your child for Sacrament and watch Mass online and many more.

**Parish App** - The parish App will consolidate the two platforms above.

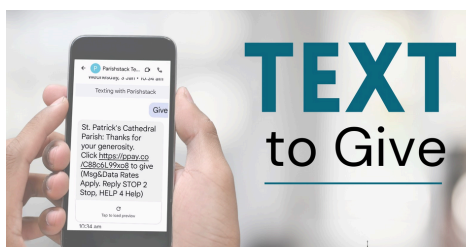
### ParishStaq and App Walkthrough

We are excited to introduce our new Parish App and IT system, and we invite you to join us for walkthrough sessions to get familiarised with these new tools. All training sessions will be held in the Cloister Cafe at the following times:

- Monday, June 18: 10:00am - 11:00am
- Monday, June 18: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
- Wednesday, June 26: 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- Wednesday, June 26: 7pm - 8:30pm
- Monday, July 1: 10:00am - 11:00am

We prefer to have smaller groups for these sessions to ensure that everyone receives personalised attention and can have their questions answered effectively.

Please register with the parish office if you plan to attend. If possible, bring a laptop, or tablet to the session to follow along with the training.



### Text to Donate!

Simply text the word **'GIVE'** to **0488 202 202**, and you will receive a link to contribute directly to the Cathedral. Choose your donation amount and complete your gift in a few taps.

# PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

## A Heartfelt Thank You

Claire Pospischil and Joanne Edgar would like to express their deepest gratitude to our wonderful cathedral parish family for the outpouring of condolences and support we have received following the recent passing of Joanne's mum, Janet, and Claire's dad, James.

*"Your kind words, prayers, and gestures of sympathy have been a great comfort to us and our families during this difficult time. We are profoundly grateful for the love and support from our parish community".* With many thanks, Claire and Joanne

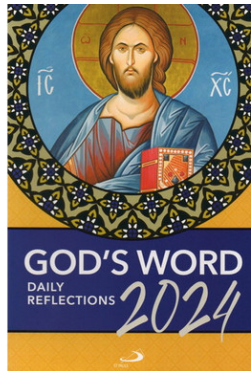
## Save the Date - Social Justice Events

We are very excited to announce the following events. Please mark your diaries and look out for further details and announcements.

1. Parish trivia night: Saturday 27 July (evening), cloister hall, raising funds for JRS community lunch in September;
2. National tree day community planting: Sunday 28 July (morning), Upjohn Park Dundas (City of Parramatta site) &
3. Community lunch for Cathedral Parish and people supported by Jesuit Refugee Services: Saturday 14 September, from 11am, Cathedral cloister.

## Gift Shop - End of Year Sale - Sun 9-30 June

If you're strolling through our gift shop in search of a deal, you're in luck. We're clearing out a wide selection of stock with discounts of up to 50% on select items. Hurry in before it's too late – grab the best deals while they last!



The poster has a blue background with white stars. At the top, it says 'YOU'RE INVITED' in white. Below that, 'CREDO SOCIAL NIGHT' is written in large, bold, pink and yellow letters with a blue outline. Underneath, 'FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35' is written in white. At the bottom, there are three columns of white text: 'SUNDAY 16TH JUNE AFTER 6PM MASS', 'ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL (PARISH HALL)', and 'JOIN FR. TOM AND OTHERS FOR FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FREE FOOD!'. At the very bottom, there is a line of small white text: 'PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO: PARRACATHOLIC.CATHEDRAL.COM.AU'.

## Diocesan Tribunal

The Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal is available for in-person, telephone and Zoom appointments.

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person with Zoom and telephone appointments available in certain circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).

## Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass: 13 June

You are invited to attend the Liturgical Ministers Commissioning Mass of 2024! More than 200 people in the last year have partaken in the Office for Worship's course to become Liturgical ministers in their parishes. At this Mass on Thursday 13 June, Bishop Vincent will commission them to go out into their parishes by living out this ministry and bringing glory to God. Please RSVP to [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) for catering purposes by 7 June.

## Mass for Neophytes: 14 June

Each year, the Bishop says a special Mass for all those who have entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil that year. It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome back many new Catholics who were newly baptised into the family of God in the parishes across the diocese, along with their families and all the RCIA teams. This year it will be held on Friday June 14 at 7:30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP for catering purposes to [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) by 7 June.

## Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on [lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org](mailto:lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org) or 0460 037 795.



## Look what has just arrived...

If you haven't stopped by St. Patrick's Giftshop recently, you'll be delighted by the new arrivals. We now have a selection of items that have just arrived from Mexico, including beautifully hand-carved and hand-painted framed works featuring Our Lady of Guadalupe. We also have a range of carved out candles which we will feature next week.

Stop by and say hello to Minnie and the team.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

## We pray for our beloved dead...

**Recently Deceased:** Janet Cotter, Brian McCarthy, Nelly Estay, Dynes Woodrow, James McKee, Marie K El-Kazzi, Frederick Fisher, John Burrow, Yolanda Roxas, Annette Van Tilburg, Maria Davino, Kevin Smith, Adoracion Soriano, Regina Figueira, Jessica Hanna, Noreen McLean, Bridget Phelan, Hung Cheung, Valmai Costello, Dr Bill Lane

**Deceased:** Tom Scicluna, YT & Deanna Hsu, Christine Vas, Lewis & Nassar Nissan, Ennas, Mrs Annanas, Lucy D'Mello, Philip Vas

**Anniversaries:** Mriyanayam, Josephine & Edward, Raxis, Joseph Teuma, Lucy D'Mello, Pelcy D'Souza, Dems Morreiro, Waldmar Drankowski, Maxima Manlangit, Juan Montesco

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

## We also pray for...

**Sick:** Melissa, Fred & Odette Harb, Nasr Nasr, John Ryan, Anne-Maraie Douaihy, , Colleen Johnston, Melissa Carter, Kathleen, Patti Murphy, Mary Tito, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Leonora, Shana, Fr Peter Henry, Athony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Soane Kikanoi, Sharon Melville, Orvil Noe M Villalobos, Olivia Harb, Maria, Samira, Maria & Tony Obeid, Tony Chang, Francisca Olay, Maximilian Epondulan, Vasvi V Arcot, Stephen Borg, Nicole Slatter, Seini Loto'aniu, Sharon Webb

**Special Intentions:** Raveen, Sarah Khalil, Kiesie, EJ, Hoang Minh Nguyen, Fr Peter Henry, Raveen, Peter Newman, Naleen, Tian, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Michael Perez, Sarah Ferguson, Kate Middleton, Agnes Patacsil, Patrick N, Madeleine Suttie, Fancesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Stephen Senjak, Peter Newman, Felicitas Appathurai, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family, Allwyn & Jasmine, Chris Dias, Liam D'Souza, Tian, Arthur Lopez, Rebecca & Alex Mann, Zayne Bumactau, Myrna R Santos, Roser North

## BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

**Rayver Serdan**

## WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

**Elise Pham and Reno Cheong**

## POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for June



### *For migrants fleeing their homes*

"We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 25 May*

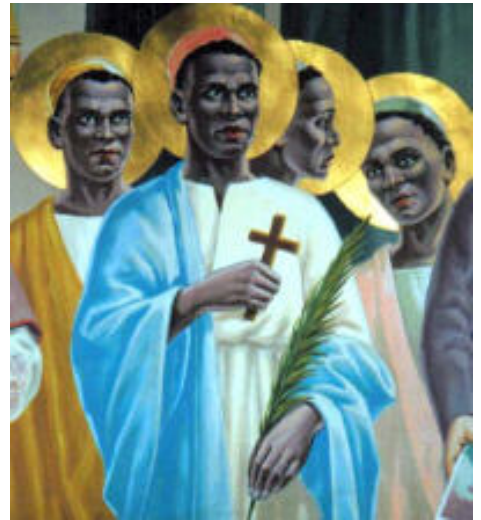
"Dear boys and girls, God has loved us from all eternity. He looks upon us with the eyes of the most loving father and the gentlest mother. God never forgets us. He accompanies us every day and renews us with His Spirit."

# Saints of the Week

03 June - St Charles Lwanga and Co., Martyrs

Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwangi. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and his murder of an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured.

Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.



Information: Universalis

## "Quote of the Week"

"O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this?"



**St Thomas Aquinas**  
(1225-1274)  
Priest and Doctor of the Church  
*On the feast of Corpus Christi*

## Did You Know...?

**...that the Council of Trent in the sixteenth century, spoke, along with other things, of the unity amongst the faithful effected by the Eucharist?**

Speaking of Jesus, the Council stated: "He wished it furthermore to be a pledge of our future glory and everlasting happiness, and thus be a symbol of that one body of which He is the head and to which He wished us to be united as members by the closest bond of faith, hope and charity, that we might all speak the same thing and there might be no schisms among us." *Session XIII, Chapter II (11 October 1551)*



ST PATRICK'S  
*Giftshop*

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TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 10:00AM TO 3:00PM  
SUNDAY - 9:00AM TO 1:00PM  
MONDAY & SATURDAY - CLOSED

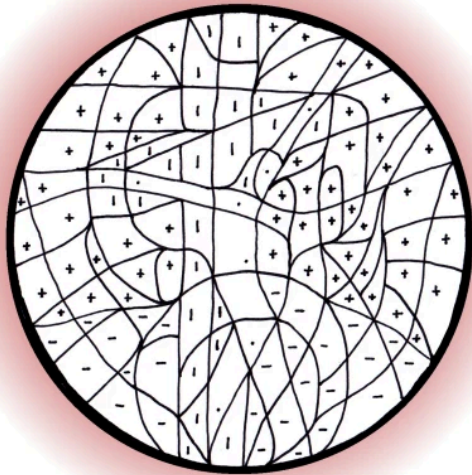
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# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ  
June 2nd, 2024



What does the bread become when the priest consecrates it at Mass?

Use the colour code to find out:

- grey      · skin colour
- ! brown     + blue

## Body and Blood of Christ Word-Find



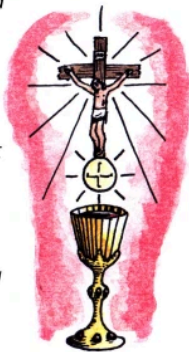
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CHALICENGOD

See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!

At the LAST SUPPER, after he had GIVEN thanks, JESUS took BREAD and said, "Take and EAT. THIS is my BODY." Then, taking the chalice of WINE, he said, "Take this, all of YOU, and DRINK from it. This is the CHALICE of my BLOOD, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be Poured out for you and for MANY for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in MEMORY of me."

That was the first MASS. When you go to HOLY COMMUNION, you really receive the Body, Blood, SOUL and DIVINITY of CHRIST, who is GOD!



## The Body and Blood of Our Lord



Today we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

At the Last Supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His own Body and Blood. He has the power to do this because He is God. He did this because He wanted to stay with us even after He died and went into Heaven.

Jesus comes to us in every Mass. The priest takes the place of Jesus, saying the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the real Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus even though they still look like bread and wine.

### How do I receive Communion well?

1. Be ready! Think about what is going to happen. Make sure that you don't have any big sins on your soul. If you do, then go to confession first.

2. Don't eat or drink anything other than water or medicine for an hour before going to Holy Communion. This is a sign of respect for Our Lord.

3. After receiving Holy Communion, take some time to thank Jesus for coming to you and talk to Him. He is your best friend and loves spending time with you!

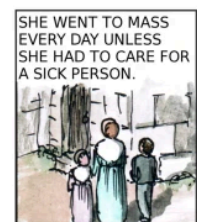


Answer to Word-Find: MY LORD AND MY GOD

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## Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

June 9



BECAUSE OF THE INSIGHT THAT GOD GAVE HER, BLESSED ANNA MARIA WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY PEOPLE TO LIVE GOOD LIVES AND DIE HOLY DEATHS. WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR OUR OWN DEATHS BY LIVING FOR GOD, SO THAT WHEN WE DIE WE WILL BE READY TO GO STRAIGHT TO HIM LIKE BLESSED ANNA MARIA.

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