

The Living Word

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

2 June 2024

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;*

*whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

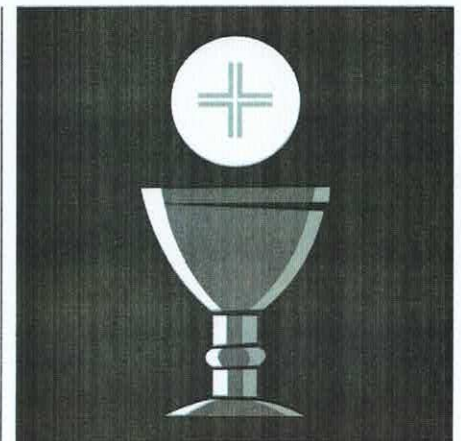
Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I have met the Dalai Lama, obviously an admirable man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believes that, after his death, there could be a further phase of existence as an insect or an animal.

Contrast Jesus of Nazareth, a man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believed, and staked his life on it, that he would lead a glorified, fully human existence after death. There would be no extinguishing of his personality, but rather, it would be enhanced. He was vindicated in the Resurrection.

As St John Paul II put it, at the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest[ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'.

Our Lord chose bread and wine to convey his Real Presence into us. It is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven, but it has a beneficial effect on our earthly stage of existence. Bread nourishes us and wine gladdens our hearts. Our Lord shares his risen and glorified life with us because he wants to nourish us and gladden our hearts.

We may take a moment to pray that we will share the marriage feast of Heaven with those we especially love, and those for whom heavenly existence will be a life-enhancing surprise. Let us pray for His Holiness the Dalai Lama that he may find himself alongside Pope Francis in the everlasting joy of Heaven.

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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 80:17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Communion Antiphon: John 6:57
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. ©Liturgy Help 2024

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TARALGA PARISH: Christ the King celebrates 90yrs serving the community this year. To be on the planning committee for celebration planning please speak with Fr Hilary or Brendan Capplis.

ST VINCENT De PAUL Appeal: There will be a retiring collection at the June 8/9 masses to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Over 500 people have been assisted so far this year, with the numbers of needy increasing. Any donation will be greatly appreciated, with receipts available for donations over \$2. Thank you

Farewell: This week we farewell Sr Anne O'Connell rsj, Sr Benedetta Bennett rsj who are moving to live in Wollongong and Sydney. I thank Sr Anne for her guidance and wisdom as coordinator for Adult Faith Formation for the RCIA of the Parish. Her joy, knowledge, experience and theological background became handy in accompanying parishioners, as they journeyed and embraced the Catholic Faith.

On behalf of Goulburn Mission, I thank Sr Anne and Sr Benedetta who planted goodness in people's hearts by their prayers and way of life. We wish you both a happy and healthy retirement.

Fr Joshy

Thankyou: I sincerely thank our dedicated Sacramental Team. Your hard work and commitment contributed tremendously to prepare our children for this beautiful moment in their life. May God reward you for your generosity.

Also, I thank the parents, grandparents, and support people who journey with the children. I appreciate your commitment to fulfil the baptismal promises you made for your children's faith journey. Thank you all who have been part of this journey and make this weekend celebration beautiful and meaningful. Please continue this journey of faith as people of God, one family. May God bless you.

Fr Joshy

Cuppa: Please stay for a cuppa and cake following the First Holy Communion Masses.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June 9: Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser. **8am-4pm**

June 12: Crookwell Morning Tea **10.30** Parish Meeting room

June 15: Men's Breakfast RSVP M. Lamarra 0419 019 304

June 18: RSVP Parish LUNCHEON cut off for booking

June 19: Taralga Prayer group **10.30** CTK

June 26: Ex Students of St Joseph's Morning Tea K&Gz

June 30: Parish Luncheon (Sts Peter & Paul Feast)

Goulburn Mission - Holy Communion 2024

"O Jesus, I belong entirely to you. Give me your heart!"

St Louis de Montfort

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| Aeon Haedriel Abad | John Kertebani |
| Shaira Guccio Alaro | Beau Francis Knight |
| Melanie Marie Barukcic | Lylah Jenna Lang |
| Henry William Beardmore | Vincent Reed Mardesic |
| Charles Thomas Beath | Hamish Hector McLean |
| Logan James Beltrame | Vincent Joseph Moloney |
| Rory John Michael Bensley | Ava O'Brien |
| Ari Meave Boyd | Emily Kate Perkins |
| Killian Brady | Gemma Ellen Polzin |
| Mylah Jade Burfitt | Georgia Rose Proudman |
| Hamish Carlon | Raijin Russel |
| Savannah Rose Chatfield | Michelle Margaret Raunjak |
| Levi Brendon Craig | Matilda Rippon |
| Thomas Joe Croker | Harley Francis Sasse |
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| Leon Danie | Rose Sinto |
| Harry Jackson Day | Mia Karolina Skelly |
| Zahli Louise Devlin | Huxley Neville Smith |
| Hayden John Docherty | Max Leonard Strode |
| Arianwen Jialyn Edwards | Oscar Taranto |
| Donovan Chase Francis | Brooks Dean Thompson |
| Samantha Grace Fraser | Louis Christopher Thompson |
| Mila Claire Garrett | Eli Thomas Wheeldon |
| William Flynn Harris | Lucas Mathew Wheeldon |
| Montanna Anastasia Hewitt | Harrison Wilson |
| Avery Mitchell Hogan | Ebony Leigh Writer |

First Holy Communion = Jesus' Kiss

St Ignatius of Antioch taught that our life will be effective when it is rooted in faith and nourished by the blessed Eucharist. "in it, God gives us the Eucharist, his physical embrace, his kiss, a ritual within which he holds us to his heart." (Ronald Rolheiser's, Our One Great Act of Fidelity)

Dear Children, Your First Communion is a very great gift as it makes Jesu's presence alive in you. It shapes your life according to God the Father's heart. Pope Francis says 'it is the first step of your intense belonging to Jesus Christ'.

Dear Children, keep deep in your heart that it is very important to go Mass to receive Jesus who saves you, forgives you and unites you to God, our loving Father.

Every time you go to the Mass, especially Sunday Mass, you participate in the mystery at the centre of salvation by which the Lord Jesus renews your hearts, your lives, and your way of relating with him and with others.

Every time you receive Communion, the Holy Spirit will conform you in a singular and profound way to Christ, giving you a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Congratulations & Blessings

Frs Joshy & Hilary