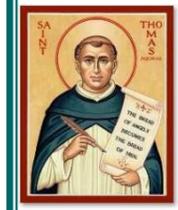


Rosters for This Week 13th & 14th June 2020

Mass Readers	5.30pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Kate Arnold
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Rosters for Next Week 20th & 21st June 2020

Mass Readers	5.30pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper
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Corpus Christi Sunday -Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art. — Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch. In the words of St. Thomas: "How inestimable a dignity, beloved brethren, divine bounty has bestowed upon us Christians from the treasury of its infinite goodness! For there neither is nor ever has been a people to whom the gods were so nigh as our Lord and God is nigh unto us. Desirous that we be made partakers of His divinity, the only-begotten Son of God has taken to Himself our nature so that having become man, He would be enabled to make men gods. Whatever He assumed of our nature He wrought unto our salvation. For on the altar of the Cross He immolated to the Father His own Body as victim for our reconciliation and shed His blood both for our ransom and for our regeneration. Moreover, in order that a remembrance of so great benefits may always be with us, He has left us His Body as food and His Blood as drink under appearances of bread and wine. O banquet most precious! O banquet most admirable! O banquet overflowing with every spiritual delicacy! Can anything be more excellent than this repast, in which not the flesh of goats and heifers, as of old, but Christ the true God is given us for nourishment? What more wondrous than this holy sacrament! In it bread and wine are changed substantially, and under the appearance of a little bread and wine is had Christ Jesus, God and perfect Man. In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul is satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial. Since it was instituted unto the salvation of all, it is offered by Holy Church for the living and for the dead, that all may share in its treasures. My dearly beloved, is it not beyond human power to express the ineffable delicacy of this sacrament in which spiritual sweetness is tasted in its very source, in which is brought to mind the remembrance of that all-excelling charity which Christ showed in His sacred passion? Surely it was to impress more profoundly upon the hearts of the faithful the immensity of this charity that our loving Saviour instituted this sacrament at the last supper when, having celebrated the Pasch with His disciples. He was about to leave the world and return to the Father. It was to serve as an unending remembrance of His passion, as the fulfilment of ancient types — this the greatest of His miracles. To those who sorrow over His departure He has given a unique solace."



IN OUR PRAYERS
We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Featherstone, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES
We pray for Terry Holdsworth, Raffaele Chionna, Neil Edwards, Mary Broadfoot, Sr. Mary Gavaghan, Ben Kelly, Donna-Lee Clarke, Justin Aylen, Maria Todorovic, Sr. Molly O'Carroll, Dorrie O'Neill, Tom Flood, Joyce Horsey, Jim Ward, Tommy Ward, Stewart Fisher, Kevin Tweedly, Emilie Soussa, Mary Buttigieg, Alan Becroft, William Walshe, Ruby Hill, Mary Barbuto, Don White, Barbara Stapley, Pat Maguire, Rom Kennedy, Pauline Duggan, Lorenzo Iaccarino, Kathleen Dawson, John Hannon, Fred Leader, Antonia Belic, Noreen Waters, Dave Meehan, Tom Ward, Dave Sheriff, Margaret Stone, Vince Rice, Julia Ruse, Alice Bevis, Frances Spira, John Bartolo, Dorothy Newbold, Brenda Marshall, Norma Pearson, Harry Hart, Vittorio, Adele and Mario Righoni, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Lucio and Maria Falzon, Theresa and Giuseppe Xuereub, David Mangion, Teresa Rossi, Pino Lorenzo, Blondina Sammut and Stefan Kostraby, whose anniversaries are at this time.

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8.30am—3.30pm

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Principal
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Normal Mass Times
Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Thursday 9:15am

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night
Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST –YEAR A

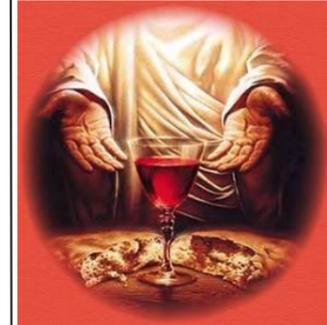
FIRST READING:
Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

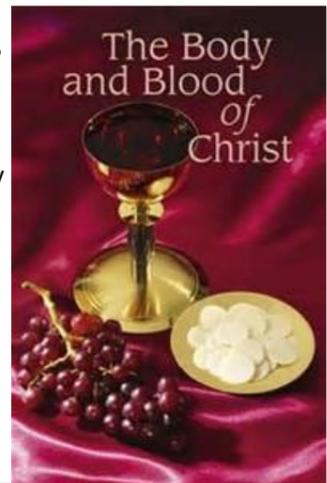
SECOND READING:
The First Second of St Paul to the Corinthians 10.16-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6.51-59



Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The people then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. "Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.



Tuesday 16th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Continuation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 17th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Parish Finance Team meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 18th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm Parish Education Board meeting at St. Mary's School.

Dear Parishioners,

You are still very welcome to text me (0400524363) if you have not already secured (through text) a spot among the 20 people now allowed at the four Masses on the weekend. However, unless someone has indicated to me earlier in the week of non-attendance then I can only put you and your family members on a waiting list until someone else cancels. If that happens I will be in touch straight away. **At this stage I will keep operating the Sunday 4:30pm Mass as well as the normal three other weekend Masses at 5:30pm Sat: Sunday 8:30am; Sunday 10:30am.**

I am still operating the YouTube site: fathergreg.online for Masses online, and also for sermon/reflection along with the below sermon, just to give you some variety for your spiritual life.

Sermon



Grandma's Christmas cake! (very nice).....or her sponge cake, wine trifle recipe or even Mum's homemade roast. We all like to enjoy these 'must have items' when the family gathers together. These tastes and smells linger and keep us coming back for more. We can even try to follow the recipe, but it is never quite as good as when it was made by the one who made it first. Also we can know it when we return home for a monthly visit, and we don't get the dish we crave, we can walk away knowing we missed out on something special! On the other hand, when we try to make our own sponge

cake recipe, or wine trifle recipe, there are specific ingredients, special tools and the right amount of time to make them perfectly. To get the right size, texture, and taste, we can only get them from the source. Yes, we can go to the store and purchase wine trifle that might look the same, but it just doesn't cut it for us.



It is the same with the Eucharist. It gathers the family together to celebrate over and over again. It lingers with us, even after we receive Jesus in communion, filling us and satisfying the craving. When we are in communion with Jesus, it is like having a clear signal on a cell phone. However, at times we can encounter false towers and unreliable service glitches, especially if we haven't kept current with our upgrades. We can lose

touch; we can almost get disconnected! Even more regrettable, we may not even know what we are missing. We can get used to the ordinary service, making excuses, telling ourselves we can't get the upgrade. In a similar way, we often stand in the way of the possibilities we can have when we partake in the body and blood of Jesus.

Continued.....



We can choose not to let Jesus into our being or not to honour the sacrifice made to free us from sin. We might even block the connection to the one who defends, refreshes and provides us with the best service plan in the world! It is up to us whether we have a clear signal.



Moses tells his people in the first reading of the Sunday Scriptures that God afflicted them with hunger and then fed them manna. God provided manna generously in that desert. This is still true today. Step out of the desert and receive Jesus in the Word and in the Eucharist.

Acknowledge the connection to the past, present and future through what we eat. God gives us what we need. Allow yourself to become a part of Jesus and he a part of you. Our holy communion is not just a symbol, but the true presence of the one who satisfies what we crave. The hunger is within each of us, and there is only one way to truly satisfy it. Go to the source – to the Father who feeds us with bread from heaven – Jesus Himself.



Yours "in Christ"
Fr. Greg 12/6/2020

NEXT WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 4TH JULY
9.00AM—11.00AM




All are welcome at our next working bee. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated and it would also be wonderful if you could bring your own equipment to use.

St. Mary's Catholic Parish
SACRAMENT REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION
PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT MONDAY 13TH JULY

For children in Year 6 who do not attend St. Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St. Mary's Sacramental program for Confirmation this year, please contact Monique Julian on 0450 789 951 or monique.julian@cam.org.au to enrol by the 19th June.

Confirmation dates: 28th July, 3rd and 5th August.

