



Readings for this week:

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



Readings for next week:

Genesis 3:9-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

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Recently Deceased : Margaret Bence
Anniversaries :

BINGO 5th June: Bev Ryan, Carly Martin, Rob & Marie O'Meara, Kylie Glover, Francesca & Sarah Richards

ALTAR HELPERS : 12th June Liz Donnelly

5th & 6th June	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Ester Janke	Chris Hogarty	Marg Campbell	Kevin & Mavis Murphy
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Michelle Hicks	Anthony Butts Leo Pye RP Irene Valoia RP	Rosemary Wingrave & Dorothy Healy
12th & 13th June				
6:30 pm	Helen Betson	Kevin Murphy	Mavis Murphy	Merv & Pam Cormick
10.00 am	Imelda Valoia	Irene Valoia	Maree Williams RP Maree Williams RP Inez Raleigh RP	Carrafa family

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Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Sunday, 6th June 2021



Liturgical Jottings Sacrifice

All the readings and psalm today contain the word sacrifice; albeit with different qualifiers. Exodus: communion sacrifice; Psalm 115: thanksgiving sacrifice; Hebrews: Christ as the perfect sacrifice; and Mark: the Passover lamb sacrificed. In our history, traditions and liturgy we are very familiar with the term "Sacrifice of the Mass" yet an unambiguous definition alludes us. The Old Testament has sacrifices of Abel to Moses, but the prophetic warnings of empty sacrifices. The New Testament attests to the cup of sacrifice and spiritual sacrifices. The history of religion gives five primary elements of sacrifice: homage, expiation, communion, gift and life. In Christ who is the sacrificer (priest) and sacrificed (victim), we enter the mystery of sacrifice in praise and thanksgiving

Focus on the Readings

For the feast last year we were experiencing the Great Lockdown with church doors closed and public Masses suspended. Many were able to view live-streamed Masses on the internet or recorded Masses on TV. But we could not receive the Eucharist. This deprivation was felt more keenly on Easter and on this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Catechumens and young children had their first Communion on a prolonged hold. Now we are back in Church (as I write this) or not if more outbreaks cause other lockdowns. In any case we still cannot receive communion from the chalice: the Blood of Christ.

The Cycle B Readings for this Sunday focus on the second of word in the title: "The Blood of Christ". Reminiscent of the Passover Ritual in Egypt Moses sprinkled the people with blood as a sign and seal of the covenant and means of recognition and identification as God's people. Thus the qualifier that it is a communion sacrifice. The Letter to the Hebrews stresses Christ's sacrifice establishes the new covenant with forgiveness of sins and universal salvation,

The Responsorial Psalm (115) gives a new dimension which is timely today as we offer a thanksgiving sacrifice: a sacrifice of the heart and service, of prayer and works of generosity,

Words of Pope Francis

"Jesus approaches us gently, in the disarming simplicity of the host. He comes as bread broken in order to break open the shells of our selfishness. He gives of himself in order to teach us that only by opening our hearts can we be set free from our interior barriers." *Homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2020*

Quote for today

"Jesus is My Great Friend and the Eucharist is My Highway to Heaven." *Blessed Carlo Acutis (died aged 15, beatified 2020)*

On the Lighter Side

Harry, Sam and Gabby were going through the pantry getting cans of food to take to the Mass for the Poor. Their mother said in exasperation don't take them, we need them. Harry replied: "Don't worry Mum we'll get them back." Indeed, the very next day they received a box of groceries from St Vincent de Paul Society local conference. © 2021 Diocese of Sandhurst

ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 7/6 Mass 6.00pm
Tues 8/6 Holy Hr Exposition Mass 6.00pm
Wed 9/6 Mass 6.00pm
Thur 10/6 Mass 6.00pm
Frid 11/6 Mass 10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 5th June Valoia family
Sun 6th June AM Carroll
Sat 12th June Sarah Richards
Sun 13th June AM Carroll

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Tuesday, 8th June to Thursday, 1st. July.

It will re-open again on Tuesday, 6th. July.

Bulletin notices can be forwarded to Sheila Griffin, noelsheila1@bigpond.com

Apologies for any inconvenience

Welcome to BISHOP SHANE



On this, the Feast of Corpus Christie, we warmly welcome Bishop Shane to our parish.

He will celebrate both masses this weekend, and at the 10.00am mass on Sunday, our Altar Server



Mason Crosier

Will be inducted into the Guild of St. Stephen.

At the conclusion of mass, you are invited to the Marian Centre to meet Bishop Shane and enjoy a cuppa together.



Fan the Flame of the Plenary Council

Towards Plenary Assembly One, Oct, 2021

"This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many."
Mark 14.12.16.22.26

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and become a "Prayer Partner" and in a special way support to the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood make us children of God of the first class. We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, do good to others we will make that culture of encounter

Pope Francis Homily, May 2013

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org/fanthe flame/

Situation Vacant

FRG Ministry is currently seeking a passionate administration support person.

This is a casual role for 8 hours per week and based in Bendigo.

Position description
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Applications closed Tues 15th June

Solemn Adoration & Benediction

At St. Mary's Church

Will be held on Sunday, 6th. June at 3.00pm

Children in Church

A Sunday School teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"
One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"
"A little kid said "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked "Where did you get that from?"
The kid said "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n Mary."



menALIVE Ministries,

a National Catholic Men's Ministry which operates in every Diocese in Australia is offering to facilitate the linking of men who would rather participate in this event in the presence of other men but are not sure how to go about this.

Of course in your parish are encouraged to form their own hub which they can nominate at the time they register at the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The following men from menALIVE Victoria are very ready to help facilitate men to gather in person locally in groups or on line

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Goulburn Valley Spirituality in the Pub



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Tuesday, 15th June, 2021
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It is time to act. The planet is at the brink and humanity has to avoid the path of self destruction.

Pope Francis Earth Day, 2021

Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the earth?

- Reduce reliance on fossil fuels—coal, oil, gas
- Use power from renewable non-polluting sources— such as wind, solar.
- Minimise fossil fuel based road & air travel.
- Reduce the use of plastics and packaging