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 Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm



6 June 2021 - The Body & Blood of Christ

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Terry McGinniskin; Fr Peter Liu;
Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick; Kal Fitzpatrick
Anniversary: Percy & Imelda Hurley; Melva Perkins; John Lowe; McGrath; Constance Taggart; Ronald Carpenter; Jane Norman; Faye Barnett; Regina Daniels; Sheila Lanby; Jean Buckmaster; Keegan Crossman; John Gleeson; Jack Townsend; Elizabeth Forsyth; Hal English; Catherine Martin; Maria Schreck; Michael Ryan; Denise Ryan; Amanda Ryan; Doris Cooper; Marianne Gleeson; Tony Daniels; Valerie Black; Jessie Pierce; Lorna Neary; Gerard Porter; Patrick Conroy; Stephen Banisler; Jim O'Donnell; Edna Law; Norah Bradley; Zelina Pezzulo; Annie Mason; Marie English; Andrew Robinson
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.
And for those who are ill:
 Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Sailer; Rita Looney; Bobbie Palon; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gagli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greenlee; Rosalynn Chan; **all the members of the Parish who are ill.**

Roster

12/6/2021 R: B McNamara
 13/6/2021 R: D Ryan
 C: M & P Perkins

Coming Events

Sun 6 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass - please join us for a cuppa & Chat. Raffle drawn.
 Fri 11 The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Mass at 9.30am

The Sacred Liturgy

Weekday Masses:

Monday 8.15am - Quirindi - Catechists Mass
 Tuesday 9.30am - Quirindi
 Wednesday 9.30am - Werris Creek
 Thursday 9.30am - Werris Creek
 Friday 9.30am - Quirindi

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: Vigil Masses
 5.00pm - Quirindi
 6.30pm - Werris Creek

Sunday:

8.00am - Willow Tree
 9.30am - Quirindi

Carroona: Last Sunday of the Month

Baptism: At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.

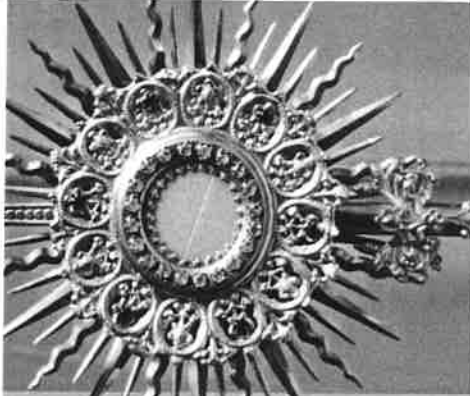
Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.

Prayer from www.ccb.ca



The NSW Government has recently announced that it will merge all cemetery trusts into a single government-run trust and to dismiss faith-based operators. An online petition page has been established www.saveourgraves.com.au

Please sign this petition and to circulate it to your family and friends in NSW. Please also write and or phone your local NSW Member of Parliament in an appeal to reverse this decision. Read Archbishop Fisher's article in Catholic Weekly <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/archbishop-anthony-fisher-op-caring-for-the-dead-is-a-spiritual-mission/>

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass Please stay after mass for a cuppa and a catch up. The raffle of a \$40.00 Chemist Voucher will be drawn. Thank you to the Gunning Family for the Morning Tea today.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

COVID-19 PRAYER - PHILIPPINES & INDIA

Heavenly Father, You are the loving God of all the nations and peoples on this earth. Please look with mercy and compassion on all you have created. Deliver us we pray from the coronavirus and limit its impact on our global world. We pray especially at this time for the nations of the Philippines and India. In your mercy bring a swift end to this crisis. Heal and comfort those who are sick and suffering. Protect and guide the health professionals who are at the front line. We ask that wisdom and courage be given to those who bear responsibility for confronting this challenge. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Planned Giving Those of you who are not yet Planned Givers are invited to join. Please remember it is not a binding contract but an offer to help support your parish with its day to day expenses. Many thanks to all those contributors for the support given to the Parish. If you wish to use direct debit for your Planned Giving our Bank account details are as follows:
 Account Name: St Brigid's Church Account
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Please ensure that you write your name on the deposit or email the details to:
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Please collect your envelopes from the back of the Church

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings.
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin / hymn sheet notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

Breaking Open the Word

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
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

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SECOND READING

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP 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 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.**

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

Christopher Monaghan CP