



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."

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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday) Sunday 19 June 2022

Readings for this week:



Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17

Readings for next Sunday:



1 Kings 19:16,19-21
Galatians 5:1,13-18
Luke 9:51-62



Liturgical Jottings

Actions of the Eucharistic liturgy have been variously named over the years. A simple example is Take, Bless (Give Thanks) Break, Give and Eat. In the early church, the third action "Break" gave us the name for the Rite The Breaking of the Bread, later to be replaced by the second action "Give Thanks, from the Greek, "Eucharistia".

Pope Francis writes: A third gesture from the Gospel is that of *Jesus breaking the bread*. This is the Eucharistic gesture *par excellence*. ... The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything. In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love. For we cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters. (2021)

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Looking at the Readings

This feast day is not a celebration of an event of Christ like Christmas, Easter or Pentecost but a mystery of Christ and the Church. We hear in the second reading that the celebration of the Eucharist was well established in Apostolic times. Yes, we took up Christ's mandate at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me" immediately. So everywhere at every time Christians gather on the first day of the week to remember and make present the meal and sacrifice and life of Christ our Saviour. Yet it has its roots deep within our History of Salvation.

The first reading (Genesis 14) fleetingly introduced a mysterious figure: Melchizedek, as a king and priest of God most high. He offered a blessing or thanksgiving of bread and wine. He is only mentioned one more time in the Old Testament: Psalm 109 (110), today's Responsorial Psalm. The author to the Letter to the Hebrews make the connection between Melchizedek and Christ (Chapters 5-7) as an eternal priest, mediator between God and humanity.

The Gospel also provides elements for the thematic origins of the Eucharist: The multiplication of the loaves and fishes symbolises Christ's desire and authority to provide for our ongoing spiritual nourishment. Also notice the verbs: take, bless, break, give and eat - His actions at the Last supper and our actions at the Eucharistic liturgy.

Prayer for Today

O Lord, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. (The Collect of the Mass).

The Saints on The Body of Christ

You, are the body of Christ and its members (I Cor 12:27). So if it's you that are the body of Christ and its members, what you receive is the mystery that means you. It is to what you are that you reply *Amen*, and by so replying you express your assent. What you hear, you see, is *The body of Christ* and you answer, *Amen*. So be a member of the body of Christ, in order to make that *Amen* true. *St Augustine Sermon 272*



On the Lighter Side

Fr John Mello SM tells the story of a Parish Priest asking a teacher to "give the homily" at the first Communion Mass one year. He said that she is better able to speak to the small children than he. Afterwards he accused her of heresy, only to discover her words were quotes from one of the greatest theologians and saints in our church: St Augustine!

St Mel's Parish Is...

"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."

[REFLECTION FROM FR PETER](#)

All we celebrate today is God's hospitality in the gift Jesus brings and sees continuing as our sustenance through the Eucharist. Presently, amid the consequence of restrictions the fullness of the Eucharist is restricted to our being unable to receive from the cup. This doesn't limit our capacities to bring in thought the blood of Christ as our entry into Jesus' presence of BODY and BLOOD. The Gospel reading has Luke's version of the multitude being nourished bringing about their openness to something greater, a call to being missionary. This feeding episode is likened to bringing the workers together for a catch up a debrief of how things are going. For the disciples this will mean their new work, of looking after the hungry crowds.

This weekend our Parish here of St. Mel's welcomes families, in particular parents and candidates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, along with Confirmation and Eucharist. These our candidates and families are likened to the crowds gathering coming to us and saying"I need this food to support my faith and belonging".

As a living Church we in our Parish and community ... rightly say 'Come and be with us you are welcomed and belong!!!

The other significant part of this Gospel is Jesus saying to the disciples ... "Give them some food yourselves!". Meaning the disciples are to provide from their resources. This relates easily to all we are as a Church community providing a hospitality from our own human resources. Mel Shiels and the many working with her through the Sacraments this year have enabled our candidates to know their place of belonging and welcoming to our community. Mel on behalf of us all

We say a heartfelt thankyou and acknowledge the time and efforts going into our Sacramental Masses this weekend more on this next week. This weekend is one building our lives through the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist and for our living as a Eucharistic people.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE Congratulations to Ian and Carmel Kay on this special occasion in their lives (June 10th). Ian and Carmel are one of the earliest of Marriages here at St Mel's.

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE BANNING ANYONE FROM THE EUCHARIST

I received this article, title above, from a long time Parishioner here at St Mel's and found this a good read and thought it may be of interest to some of you also. I am sharing this article over a few weeks in the bulletin. Below is part three:

John Whitney, S.J. May 31, 2022 American Magazine.

I love the Eucharist.

(Continued from last week...)

Unlike the priesthood of Aaron in the Old Testament, the ministers of Christ's church are not uniquely chosen to pass through the curtain of the sanctuary and make sacrifice to God on behalf of the people. Jesus Christ—the Son of God—has offered that sacrifice once and for all, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the holy sanctuary has now become the whole world. This is what the Second Vatican Council meant by “the priesthood of all believers.” While some of us may be called to lifelong service through ordination, such ordination does not place a cleric above the church. It does not make the priest or bishop a mediator between God and God's people. Rather, ordination makes one a servant of the mediation that Christ himself has achieved through the blood of his cross.

Today, while Pope Francis [promotes humility in pastoral leadership](#), where “those who preach...recognize the heart of their community and...see where the desire for God is lively and ardent,” there are others in the church who wish to control access to the Eucharist, and to use the body and blood of Christ as a cudgel to punish or train. Ignoring that the sacrament both is Christ and belongs to Christ, such church authorities, on their own initiative and often in opposition to the larger church, take on the role of guardian of the altar or the bouncer from the feast—usurping the role of Christ who calls all to the table. (To be continued...) Fr Peter

St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.

REFUGEE WEEK Is one remembered each year. From this Sunday 19th to the Saturday 25th June, we are called upon to give prayer in joining with Catholic Communities across Australia through the theme of HEALING. On the Monday evening 20th June a prayer service supported by The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the office for Justice, Ecology and Peace (OJEP) both agencies through the Catholic Bishops Conference. For the online prayer service go to <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>
Other resources can be found at Refugee Week Resources – Office for Social Justice (catholic.org.au)

FROM BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY Bishop Shane has informed all Parishes the importance of a collection being taken on June 29 (feasts of St Peter and Paul) It's been customary this collection known as Peter's Pence goes through the Chancery office with other parish collections to Rome. It's a collection given to Pope Francis recognizing his universal presence of leadership of the Church. This appeal goes along with other appeals throughout the year like Project Compassion (Lent), The Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday), Seminary and Seminarians (From Good Shepherd Sunday 2021.) Priest's Retirement Foundation (Father's Day), World Mission Day (3rd Sunday in October) Along with Caritas and St Vincent De Paul Society who have particular appeals during the year. More information on the Church notice boards.

**NEXT Sunday, 26th June, the Peter's Pence collection needs to be taken. The SECOND COLLECTION will go to Peter's Pence for the needs Pope Francis has for the Church across the world. I thank you for your understanding and support to this appeal.*

2023 ST MEL'S DEBUTANTE BALL Please express your interest in the St Mel's Debutante ball 2023 by completing the following form using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/7GwXCrkhNg>

FROM CATH NEWS In this week's daily communication an article was titled...
'No Christian is exempt from helping the poor: Pope. In His message for the 2022 World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis relates the worst thing that can happen to a Christian Community is to be "dazzled by the idol of wealth, which ends up chaining us to the ephemeral and bankrupt vision of life". He goes on... "Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated." The 6th World Day of the Poor will be celebrated on November 13th with the theme "for your sakes Christ became poor 2 Corinthians 8:9.

MONSIGNOR FRANK K. MARRIOTT OAM On behalf of our Parish St Mel's we extend our congratulations to Mgr Frank on this recognition (OAM) for his contribution to the Diocese which has been extensive. As one who was his Assistant at St. Therese' Parish in Bendigo, I was fortunate to have gained so much from his leadership and support of me in the years 1990 to 1993. Over the years Mgr Frank has remained close even though his passion has been for the 'Pies!

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY Will be celebrated on the 3rd July. The Australian Catholic Bishops and our National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council invite us to give thanks for the gifts that our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples bring to our Church and our nation and to reflect on our journey together. More on this next week.

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST WELCOME to all families and candidates here in our Parish sharing in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We hope these celebrations bring a great affirmation of faith and life through your candidates presenting themselves this weekend.

FEAST DAY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS is remembered this Friday 24th June. St Mel's School will be coming to Mass, at 9:30am. Please note the change of time.

ST MEL'S WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Only one guest has come the last two Fridays. He thoroughly enjoyed all that is offered. You probably know that our guests must go through Beyond Housing in order to enter the project. Perhaps there will be some adjustment to the overnight Shelter project in order to be available for more men.

Thanks for your support.

We recall Jesus' words:

"Come to me all you who ... are heavy laden and I will give you rest..." (Matt. 11.28)

Thanks (Sr Pam).



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2022

First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week 20th June to 26th June 2022

Monday 20th June - No Mass
Tuesday 21st June - 9:15am
Wednesday 22nd June - 9:15am
Thursday 23rd June - 9:15am
Friday 24th June - 9:30am **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (St Mel's School attending)**
Saturday 25th June - 9:00am
Sunday 26th June - 9:30am & 5:00pm



READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 26th June 2022

9:30am - Sev Cortese (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton (L1)
Melissa Hamilton (L2)
9:30am - Special Ministers: Trish Mathisen & Sr Pam Barlow
5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Helen May (Lector)
5:00pm - Special Ministers: Erin Tanner & Dom Poppa

Recently deceased: Isidoro Patane (one month mind)

Anniversaries: Marie Corrie, Cocca Family, Busiello Family, Milazzo Family, Nazario Giuliani