

We proclaim a crucified Christ 1Cor1.23

My dear friends in Christ,

In this grace-filled Jubilee Year, I write to encourage you to join as God's faithful in a very special Eucharistic Procession, to bear witness as a community to Christ in our midst.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 22 June 2025 Begins after I I am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne Concluding at Federation Square

In previous years, the Corpus Christi Procession has been a beloved tradition at our Seminary, held on its patronal feast day, and at our Cathedral — our light into our city. This year, we have a wonderful opportunity to carry the light of Christ into the heart of Melbourne CBD in an even more public way.

This will be a time for our whole Archdiocesan community to come together in all its vibrancy — parishes, schools, migrant communities, groups and movements, and families — joyfully united in prayer and song, proclaiming our shared belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Blessed Sacrament is a gift, the Bread of Life, the food for our journey to eternal life. May this procession be a moment of mission. For those who see our witness, may they encounter the face of Christ. For those who walk in it, may our hearts burn within us as He walks with us (cf. Luke 24:32), deepening our love for Jesus and neighbour, inspiring us to reflect His face to others, especially those in need.

Please be encouraged to bring a group from your community to take part. In previous years, many parishes have even organised bus trips to the Procession. You are also invited to bring your community's banner as a sign of unity. The Proclaim team is available to assist you and may be contacted through <u>proclaim@cam.org.au</u> or your regional parish Animation Consultant. Up-to-date information and promotional materials are available at: <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi</u>.

As pilgrims in faith, may we share the living hope of Christ in the world with every step we take together,

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, DD Archbishop of Melbourne

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