

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

Murwillumbah Street, Murwillumbah

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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St. Brigid's Church

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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - YEAR A

14 June 2020

We are what we eat

"You are what you eat" is a phrase used more and more as the world begins to face up to the challenge of global warming. Articles abound about healthy diets, as well as the adjustments that are needed to ensure that the way we produce our food does not damage the delicate ecological balance that is required if we are to avoid future catastrophe.

It is incumbent on all of us to take this seriously and play our part. From the Christian perspective, such concerns might naturally lead us to reflect again on the extraordinary mystery we celebrate in today's feast: the spiritual nourishment the Lord offers us in the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

The Old Testament people were steeped in a history which recognised the gift of food from God. When they were facing starvation, manna fell from heaven. St John recalls that when Jesus was preparing the way for the gift of himself in the form of bread and wine, he stressed that, while the bread he would offer was also coming down from heaven, it was not like the bread their ancestors had eaten.

This gift of bread is not given to keep us alive here on earth, but so that we may live for ever. His listeners were struggling to make sense of what he was saying. Jesus was offering himself: "my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink." And he goes on to spell out what this will mean for us: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me." For those of us who believe, here is a wholly new dimension to our understanding that we are what we eat.

St Paul grasped this and wrote compellingly about how we become caught up in the life of God, forming "a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf." The theme of the Body of Christ recurs repeatedly in his letters and provides us with the perfect backdrop for our meditation today.

As we become more aware of the interconnectedness of all creation, so we see the wonder of our being caught up in the divine life because of Christ. He lives in us; we are his adopted brothers and sisters, children of the Father. The Eucharist celebrates this oneness through Christ with each other and indeed with all those who have gone before us. The more aware we become of the dignity this gives us, the more we appreciate what it means to celebrate the Eucharist.

Timothy Buckley CSsR @Magellan 2020

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This week in the Parish 14-21 June

Sunday 14	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church (<i>livestreamed with Fr. Anthony</i>)
Wednesday 17	5:30pm - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 18	8:30am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Friday 19	The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus 12 noon - Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Saturday 20	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6pm - Vigil Mass - Sacred Heart Church
Sunday 21	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 8am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church 10am - Mass - Sacred Heart Church (<i>livestreamed with Fr. Anthony</i>)

Readings this week: (Yr A)

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - Yr A

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr A

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

RECONCILIATION - Sacred Heart:

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Laffranchi, Kath Kavanagh, Margaret Twohill.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr. Eamon Leonard.

BAPTISMS

We are once again able to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism (maximum of 20 people) and we must adhere to social distancing.

If you would like to book a Baptism, please phone the Parish Office on 66721118. Baptisms are usually held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 12noon.

PLANNED GIVING

The collection plate will not be passed around however, your contributions may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrance to the Church or handed into the Parish Office.

We thank you for your continued support in this difficult time.



*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

Jn 6:51-52

CORPUS CHRISTI - Year A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Ps 147)

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Please contact the Parish Office

66721118 Tuesday & Wednesday

9am - 3pm or email your request to

shpmbah@norex.com.au

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

Please see back page for further details

LITURGY & ALTAR SERVER ROSTERS:

New Liturgy & Altar Server Rosters will be prepared shortly.

If you would like to be added to the roster or change your availability, please phone Parish Office 6672 1118.

COVIDSAFE APP

As we continue to open the churches in a limited way, we encourage parishioners to download the COVIDSafe app if you haven't already done so.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.



Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK...



THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS - FRIDAY 19 JUNE

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, recalls the mystery of God's love and mercy. In fact, that love and mercy is so intense that the symbol of the sacred heart is a human heart encircled with a crown of thorns, crowned with a cross, and radiating flames: this is how much Christ loves us.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - SATURDAY 20 JUNE

Marian devotions flow from Mary's privileged status not only as the Mother of God but also as the first fruit of the grace poured out by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. She is the model Christian; devotion to her Immaculate Heart not only calls upon her help, but provides a model for what our own hearts should look like.

PLANNED GIVING

What is the money on the collection plates used for each week?

First Collection – supports living expenses for our Parish Priest and other clergy such as sick and/or retired priests of the Diocese. Some of the donations on this collection are kept here and some of the money is sent to the Central Clergy Fund in Lismore.

Second Collection – supports “the work of God in our Parish” – it helps to pay for the various operating and maintenance expenses of the parish.

We wish to thank our existing contributors whose loyalty has helped maintain the parish over many years and invite those parishioners who have not been part of the Planned Giving Program to consider joining the program. New planned giving envelopes for 2020-2021 will be available shortly. Donations to planned giving may be made by cash, cheque or by EFT.

If you have any questions regarding planned giving or wish to join or update your planned giving, please contact our Parish Business Manager, Mary-Ann Thackray at the Parish Administration Centre during business hours (9am - 3pm).

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EASING OF RESTRICTIONS ON RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES FROM 1 JUNE 2020

For the time being all Masses will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church each with a maximum of 50 registered parishioners.

Mass times for weekends commencing this weekend will be:

12:00 pm	Friday Mass
6:00 pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
8:00 am	Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Sunday Mass (<i>livestreamed</i>)

Week day Masses will recommence from Wednesday 17 June. Whilst numbers at these Masses will be strictly limited to 50 people, there will be no need to book ahead for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Masses. Friday Mass will be celebrated with Sunday Readings, so will be treated as a weekend Mass with the need to book ahead.

The church will open for private prayer 30 minutes *before* each Mass.

Entry to the Church will be via the front doors only for each Mass. Side doors will be opened when it's time to leave Mass.

Everyone attending weekday & weekend Mass will be asked to record their contact details on arrival and to use the hand sanitiser available at the entry on arrival and on leaving and observe social distancing.

Even with 50 people now able to attend each Mass, we still need to allocate Mass times to each of you.

BOOKINGS FOR WEEKEND MASSES should be made through the Parish Office 66721118
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - 3pm or email shpmbah@norex.com.au

We will do our best to accommodate everyone across the various weekend Masses. The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will continue until further notice from our Bishop.

There will be no small prayer groups; no rosary or exposition until further notice.

The Prayer Chapel may be opened by appointment with a maximum of 2 people at a time.

We thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through the various government regulations and the directives from our Bishop.

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home, here are a few:

ONLINE:

- ♦ **Fr Anthony is livestreaming 10am Sunday Mass from the Sacred Heart Church** for you at home this week. Our Sacred Heart Parish You Tube channel is:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUNxgD05WeZpoYNeJK24gA>
- ♦ Bishop Greg Homeming is livestreaming Sunday Mass at 8:00am. You can access the livestream by following the link from lismorediocese.org or going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube.
- ♦ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ♦ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00am for 'Mass for You at Home'.



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