

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CRISTI)

YEAR C | 22 JUNE 2025



The bread and wine narrative

Bread and Wine are the staples of the life of faith. They are also, simply, staples of life. As staples of life, they signify good living, the celebration of abundance. As staples of faith life, they signify strangely, by being sacrificed, offered to God in thanksgiving, as the crown of abundance, the celebration of God's faithfulness.

Bread means sustenance; wine means celebration, a movement beyond mere survival into the surplus of festival. Grain and grape are transformed through human activity into life-giving (bread) and life-celebrating (wine) elements. And when these staples of life are brought to God, he catches them up into an all-new level of life. Let's now call it divine life. So human life is completed by surplus, by moving beyond itself, first from survival to celebration, and then, by carrying up that movement onto the plane of the ultimate, into sharing in the divine life God made us for and calls us to.

Of course, I'm talking about what happens at the altar, the table of feasting that joins heaven and earth, unites God and humanity. Incredibly, our understanding of bread and wine goes back to the origins of faith, to the life of Abraham.

This week's first reading is the first place, in fact, that bread and wine appear in Scripture. Melchizedek, whom Abraham gives a tenth of his surplus and who brings out bread and wine, is a priest-king of Salem (the future Jerusalem, the capital city of David's kingdom about a thousand years later), who serves "God Most High." Abraham recognises the God of this priest-king as the very God who called him out of Babylon ("Ur of the Chaldeans") and who made a singular promise that his family line would carry forward God's own purpose to bless all nations.

It's a strange story. Who is this priest-king? Why does Abraham give him a tithe? What's up with the bread and wine? The place of this story within the wider narrative of the Abraham story underlines its strangeness. It just breaks through into a narrative about Abraham's miraculous war victory against five kings and his refusal to share any of the spoils with another king.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 22	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass with First Holy Communion
Tuesday 24	The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group (note page 3) 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group (note page 3)
Wednesday 25	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 26	8:00 am - Mass
Friday 27	The Most SACRED HEART of JESUS 9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 28	The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary 9:00 am - Rosary 4:30 pm - Rosary 5:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 29	STS PETER AND PAUL - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptisms

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER
8:30am - 9am after 8am
weekday Masses.
(Subject to change - depending
on activities in the Church)

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
This Friday 27 June
11:00 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Judy Thackray, Sr Aileen Larkin RSM, Fr Peter Karam,
Fr Kevin Ehlefeldt MSC, Barry Jones

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patricia Reeve

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Maive Collett, Barbara McGrouther, Cade Andrassy,
Robert Burton, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick
Fox, George Flack, Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green,
David Burke, Malcolm Reid, Paul Calvino, Fr Anthony
Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray
today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and
emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)

PETER'S PENCE APPEAL NEXT WEEK

The annual offering to our Holy Father for the works of
charity supported by the Holy See is held in
conjunction with the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June
29). Envelopes will be available in the Church next
weekend.

SAVE THE DATE:

- ♦ Jubilee Walk | Sunday 3 August
 - ♦ Legion of Mary Retreat Day | 27 Sept
- More details later...

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:

CORPUS CHRISTI - Year C

Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

STS PETER & PAUL - Year C

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19

READING ROSTER

28/29 June | St Peter & Paul | Yr C

5pm - Margaret Mumford

9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

28/6 - Amelia Bennett & Mia Cook

29/6 - Nate Linkins

ROSARY STATUE

22/6 Philomena Zambelli 29/6 Susan Kean

First Holy Communion is being celebrated in our Parish this weekend.



Congratulations to the children receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion! We welcome them into full communion with our faith community, as they have now completed the initiation process that commenced with Baptism. We thank parents, teachers and catechists who helped prepare the children for this special occasion, and ask you to continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers.



St Vincent de Paul Society
Mary MacKillop Conference,
Murwillumbah

WINTER APPEAL

NEXT WEEKEND 28th/29th June

This winter, Vinnies volunteers across Australia are seeing an unprecedented demand for homelessness services and support.

Homelessness – or even living with the constant risk of homelessness – can have a lasting and insidious impact on people's lives. And people who have experienced homelessness are more likely to report having a mental health condition or a long-term health condition. These impacts can affect people's future prospects in education, gaining and maintaining employment, and connecting with their community.

Your generous support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal can help vulnerable people access ongoing programs and resources that can help provide the tools and the support they need to thrive long-term.

Together we can break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

At the Vigil and 9.00am Masses next weekend there will be a **"Bucket Collection"** for those who may be able to assist. **Envelopes are available** for those who may like to donate later. They can be left at the Parish Office or placed on a collection plate at Mass.

Donate online: www.vinnies.org.au - BUT when you reach the option asking for 'Comments or Conference Name' please write **"Murwillumbah 43-427"** SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.

Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children **supervised at all times** in the church and surrounding grounds - including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



Create with Hope



2025 Jubilee Art Prize

Celebrate the Holy Year by expressing the theme of **Hope** through art.

Prizes awarded for each category:

0-5 years	6-8 years
9-12 years	13-17 years
18+ adults	Group (2 or more people)
Photography (Under 17 and 18+)	

Entries will be displayed at the 4 pilgrimage churches across the Diocese to select finalists.

For more information see posters in Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE SETS

"Give and it shall be given unto you, a full measure... overflowing." Luke 6:38

Thank you to everyone who donates financially to the Parish and Clergy Fund. Your continued support is much appreciated and helps us not just to keep the lights on but your donation enables us to strengthen our Parish mission to love God; to love others and to grow disciples in our local community.

Planned Giving envelopes for 2025-2026 will be ready for collection next weekend.

We invite anyone who is not part of our planned giving program to consider supporting your Parish in this way. This can be by a weekly or monthly EFT via your bank or by weekly envelope giving. Pick up a form from the table at the church entrance or contact the parish office.

Thank you again for your generous support of our parish and our priests.

More parishioners are finding the EFT option for planned giving convenient and have opted not to receive a printed set of envelopes.

EFT bank A/C details are:

BSB 062 580 A/C No. 0090 4506
A/C name: Catholic Church Murwillumbah
Please include your name as your reference.

CORPUS CHRISTI

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (115)

R: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

June is the Month of



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

'HE LOVED US' - Pope Francis' fourth encyclical on the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** *Dilexit nos*, retraces the tradition and relevance of thought on **"the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ,"** calling for a renewal of authentic devotion to avoid forgetting the tenderness of faith, the joy of serving, and the fervour of mission.

The text concludes with this prayer from Pope Francis:

"I ask our Lord Jesus Christ to grant that His Sacred Heart may continue to pour forth the streams of living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together towards a just, solidary and fraternal world. Until that day when we will rejoice in celebrating together the banquet of the heavenly kingdom in the presence of the risen Lord, who harmonises all our differences in the light that radiates perpetually from his open heart. May he be blessed forever" (220).

The encyclical can be accessed using the QR code.



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Melchizedek sticks out like a sore thumb. But he is never heard of again in the story. He is, however, pinned to David in a very important Messianic Psalm (110, fittingly used as the responsorial). And the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament has an entire chapter (7) pinning Melchizedek to Christ.

Given the prominent place of bread and wine in the agrarian and liturgical life of ancient Israel, it seems like this episode with Abraham (like so much in his story) is meant to be a pregnant heading for all that is to unfold in his descendants' story. The bread and wine of Melchizedek are only fully understood, in all their strangeness, at the altar of Jesus Christ, where that promise to Abraham, carried forward through the old sacrificial system, is realised.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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