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Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Parish, Warnervale.

We gather as a community of believers in Jesus, to grow as his disciples, using our gifts, to proclaim the Gospel

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 7TH JUNE 2026, YEAR A

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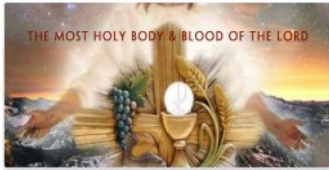
Readings: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16
2 Cor 10:16-17;
Jn 6:51-58

Response:
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

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

Alleluia!

Reflection



On this great feast of **Corpus Christi**, we celebrate the Most Holy

Eucharist Jesus' gift of His own Body and Blood for the life of the world. In today's Gospel, the Lord declares: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven... the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51).

Today we give thanks for this immense mystery: that the same Jesus who fed the crowds now feeds us with Himself in the Holy Eucharist. Every Mass is an encounter with the living Christ truly present among us.

As we receive Him today, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and love. May the Eucharist strengthen us to live as His faithful disciples and to become what we receive — the Body of Christ for others.

May Our Lady help us to approach this Sacrament with deeper faith and reverence. A blessed Corpus Christi to you all!

Understand the Church

Last weekend's bulletin outlined the common gestures and postures observed during the Mass. In this week's bulletin, we continue this series by reflecting on the importance of proper etiquette and decorum within the church.

2. Liturgical Etiquette and Decorum

Appropriate conduct reflects respect for the sacredness of the Mass and consideration for fellow worshippers.

- **Preparation:** Arriving early to pray, turning off mobile phones, and dressing modestly.
- **Active Participation:** The congregation is encouraged to actively engage by singing hymns, offering responses, and listening to the Scriptures rather than acting as passive spectators.
- **Fasting:** Catholics fast from food and drink (except water and medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion.
- **Communion Conduct:** When receiving the Eucharist, whether on the tongue or in the hand, it is customary to make a gesture of reverence (such as a bow) just before receiving and say 'Amen'. When the Priest or the extraordinary eucharistic minister of Holy Communion says 'The body of Christ; the blood of Christ. The Host should be consumed immediately in front of the minister.'
- **Leaving Mass:** It is considered disrespectful to leave the Mass immediately after Communion. Parishioners typically stay until the final blessing and recession of the priest, allowing the recessional hymn to conclude.

Sunday Mass

Sat (Vigil) 5pm,
Sun 8am, 10am, 5pm

Family Mass

Every Sunday at 10am
Includes Children's Liturgy

Weekday Mass

Mon 7:30am
Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat
9.15am
Wednesday 8:45am

Monthly BBQ

4th Sunday of each month
after 5pm Mass

Devotions

Rosary after weekday Mass
Tues 6pm Rosary

St Joseph's Men's Group

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7pm

Anointing Mass

3rd Saturday of the Month
at 9:15am

Reconciliation

Sat 4pm - 4.45 pm

Baptisms

Sunday 11.30am Contact the
Parish Office for details.

Baptisms Preparation

3rd Tuesday of each month at
7pm in the church

Weddings

By appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tues to Sat/ 8am to 9am

Parish Luncheon

2nd Thursday of the month
12noon at The Ary (Ziva),
Main Rd, Toukley

Men's & Women's Breakfast

4th Saturday of the month at
8am at Warnies Café.

Syro-Malabar Mass

1st Friday at 6pm
1st & 3rd Sunday at 7pm

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Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.

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Rosary Prayer Group



Come pray with us for our families, the parish and the world, every **Tuesday at 6pm in the Church.**

June 2026: The prayer meetings will be held on **Thursday 11th and 25th June at 7:00pm**, at the home of **Bill and Dianne**, 56 Irving Court, Hamlyn Terrace. For further information, please contact Dianne on 0413 454 547. All are most welcome to attend.

Pastoral Works, Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal

Envelopes for PWBB are available at the back of the Church. To give parishioners an opportunity to donate to PWBB until the end of the financial year. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Salesian Thought

Nothing is so strong as gentleness—nothing so loving and gentle as strength.

(The Spirit of St. François de Sales, IV, 9)

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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for JUNE

For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



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SAINTS DAYS

Monday 8 June

Tuesday 9 June

St Ephrem

Wednesday 10 June

Thursday 11 June

St Barnabas

Friday 12 June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 13 June

St Anthony of Padua

Return and Earn

This week we raised \$55.70



Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Return and Earn fundraising project and commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility for our community.

Please remember:

- ♦ containers need to be empty of all liquid;
- ♦ not crushed or broken;
- ♦ labels must be on the containers;
- ♦ No wine bottles or spirit bottles.
- ♦ Please place glass bottles in crates

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Anniversaries: Mary Ann Sammut, Jane Fenech, Tess Ann Hardman Karen Pearson & Gary, Antonio Macapagal, Finn McConnon, Donald Hacker, Grahame Lesha, Father Tony Reynolds.

Recently Deceased: Peter Gill, Elliott Gill, Gina Mathias, Maria Grundy, Roslyn Smith, Angela Polito, Fr David Taylor, Emmanuel De Battista, Pamela Jennings, Adolphe Parfait.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

First Reading:

Book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

Second Reading

Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
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.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.