The Catholic Community of North Harbour



IN THE CARE OF THE AUGUSTINIANS





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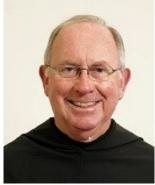
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Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Year C—19 June 2022

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE – CORPUS CHRISTI - 'Becoming Christ!'



Dear Friends,

As our children receive their First Holy Communion in these days, my earnest hope is that they will always experience the genuine wonder of this Sacrament. Over the years, I've often quoted from St Augustine's Sermons on the Eucharist but I realise that the depth of this extraordinary mystery is even greater. My prayer for our children today – indeed for us all – is that our love for, and understanding of, the Eucharist will continue to grow.

What surprises me is how simple this understanding can be expressed. Through receiving the Eucharist, we actually *become* Christ. This is why St Augustine takes the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine for granted but focuses on how the community is being transformed. Genuine community, wherever it is found, is actually a *communion*, *'holy communion'* in fact. We may not describe our

families this way but that is what we mean, what we strive for. Jesus' gifts in Communion are '*peace*' and '*unity*', beautiful gifts when we discover them in our personal and family life and our friendships too.

Through baptism, Augustine taught us that we are to *become* the Body of Christ. Receiving the Eucharist often is a life choice because by the Eucharist in turn we are changed into the body of Christ, described in some detail in Sermon 228B:

And therefore receive and eat the body of Christ, yes, you that have become members of Christ in the body of Christ; receive and drink the blood of Christ. In order not to be scattered and separated, eat what binds you together; in order not to seem cheap in your own estimation, drink the price that was paid for you. Just as this turns into you when you eat and drink it, so you for your part turn into the body of Christ when you live devout and obedient lives.

On this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we would benefit from sitting quietly with a couple of the Scripture passages from St Paul and from the Gospels that describe the simplicity of what Jesus did when he gave us the Eucharist:

'The Lord Jesus on the night when he was

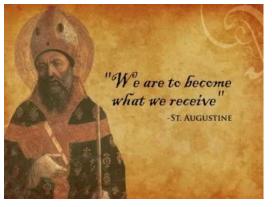
betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes' (1 Cor 11:23-26).

The heart of the Eucharist is Jesus' new commandment to love one another – also the heart of family life and life in the world too. As Jesus says,

"The bread which I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world... Unless people eat my flesh and drink my blood, they will not have life in themselves" (John 6:51,53).

Each member of the community is at a different stage in his/her faith journey and this includes children, parents, and families. I suggest that we include priests here as well! As we give thanks for this gift of *'Holy Communion'*, let us take the broad view of the power of the Eucharist and renew our faith that it's okay to believe in Jesus, okay to pray, okay to be religious, okay to go to Mass, and definitely

okay to live the Eucharist in our families – simply, to love one another!



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FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion celebrations at St Cecilia's and St Kieran's last weekend were special occasions for the children, their families and parishioners. These will continue over the next 2 weekends at the following times: 5.30pm Vigil and 9.30am at St Kieran's, and 9.00am at St Cecilia's. Parishioners are encouraged to support the children and their families in their Faith Journey by their presence at these Eucharistic celebrations. We congratulate our children and parents, and thank the parent group leaders and all who have participated generously in this program, particularly Sacramental Coordinator Janette Davidson.







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Dr Carlos Alvarado

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Readings for this week:	Genesis 14:18-20	Cor 11:23-26	Luke 9:11-17
Response:	You are a priest for ever,	, in the line of Melchizedek	
Readings for next week:	1 Kings 19:16, 19-21	Galatians 5:1, 13-18	Luke 9:51-62
NEXT WEEK'S READERS (Ro	ster week 4):		
SK 5.30pm TBA, Ronda 7.3	30am John, Tim 9.30am	Kaye, Anne 6.00pm Lean	ne, Christine
SC 9.00am Sacha, Amy,	Christine		

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE AUGUSTINIANS

Members of the Australian Province of the Augustinians will participate in their Provincial Chapter from <u>27 June to 1 July</u>. The Chapter, held every 4 years, will be at St Augustine's College, Brookvale, and will involve men from Australia, South Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and Rome. Some will participate via ZOOM. Chapter members will review the Province's life and ministry over the past 4 years and determine policy directions for the next 4 years. Later in the year, the



Provincial will announce appointments to communities and ministries for the period 2023-2026. Please keep the Augustinians in your prayers in coming days.

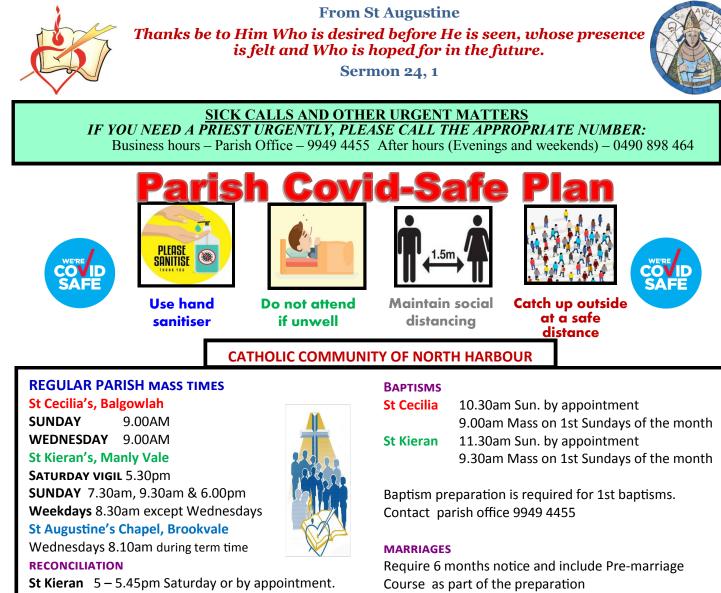
- **Prior General Visit** Most Rev Alejandro Moral Anton OSA, Prior General, will be the President of the Chapter and we are hopeful that Fr Alejandro will be able to join us for Sunday Eucharist in the Parish on 26 June or 3 July.
- Parish Weekday Masses During the Chapter, the timetable will permit us to offer Mass at 8.30am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Unfortunately, there will be <u>no 9.00am</u> <u>Mass</u> at St Cecilia's on Wednesday 29 June. We apologise for any inconvenience.

FIRST XV RUGBY - 60 YEARS ANNIVERSARY GAME

In 1962, our 2 Augustinian Colleges – St Augustine's, Brookvale and Villanova, Coorparoo – played their first Rugby game when a Villanova team travelled from Brisbane to Sydney. This competition continued for a number of years and 1st XV teams will again meet on Monday 20 June to mark 60 years since the first match – kick-off at <u>3.30pm, Manly Oval</u>. Since 1962, other inter-school activities have been added – Soccer, Basketball and Debating – and these teams will also compete during the week of 20 June.



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		Yvonne Taylor	Jim Rush	Muireann Casey	Vince Jewell
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We acknowledge the Gayamagal and Canalgal people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to the elders past , present and emerging.