



# Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Feast of Corpus Christi

Year C Cycle 1

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## There is Plenty

When the crowds follow Jesus into the hillsides of Galilee, they are hungry for a better place and a better life. Luke tells us that Jesus begins by welcoming them. This first kindness is followed by conversation about the kingdom of God, and by the healing of the sick. This is the very same as our formula at Mass, where we are welcomed together, where we confess our brokenness, and where we are inspired by the reading of the Word of God.

Then, as the day grows late, Jesus feeds the crowd. His disciples have pointed out, in a telling phrase, the nature of this world. "This is a lonely place," they say. Not only the hills of Galilee, but the streets of our modern world are indeed a lonely place, and people go hungry for food, material and spiritual, every day. Jesus instructs his disciples to organise a dinner. With the little that they have, the disciples discover that they have fed the crowd, and that there are scraps left over. The food has been blessed and broken and shared. No one goes hungry.

This is the world that Jesus creates, a Eucharistic world. He teaches us to give thanks to God for all we have. We break our bread and we share it with everyone, especially with the starving poor. We exclude no one. There is plenty for us all.

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## Congratulations First Eucharist Candidates!

This weekend the children in the Sacramental Programme will be receiving their First Eucharist. The First Eucharist Mass is a memorable and meaningful experience not just for the children themselves, but for the whole parish community. Celebrating this faith milestone with family and friends adds to the joy and significance of this Sacred Sacrament in the child's spiritual journey.

We should remember that First Holy Communion is not an endpoint but rather a beginning of the child's faith journey. We must continue to support their spiritual growth by encouraging regular participation in Mass, religious education, and ongoing spiritual formation.

Jesus loves the little children, let them come to him.

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## More Than a Meal

Meals are important. Perhaps many of us have lost sight of that in today's fast-food society. It seems so time-consuming today for people to sit down to a meal together, with all the distractions of modern living getting in the way. It often seems much easier to put a ready-made meal in the microwave, or to order a delivery online, and then to eat it on your lap in front of the TV or the computer screen. But if you can make the time, sitting down at a table to eat with others is a great thing to do. It's a particularly good thing for families to try to do on a regular basis.

In ancient times, meals were regarded as very important occasions. In Old Testament times, salvation, heaven, was often pictured in terms of a meal, a wonderful banquet with abundant food and drink for everyone.

For Jesus, meals were very significant. There are many occasions in the Gospels where we see Jesus involved in sharing food and drink with his friends or with people in general. And he uses those occasions (right up to and including the Last Supper) for much of his teaching. Today's Gospel recounts an occasion when Jesus fed a huge crowd of over five thousand people with a few loaves and fishes, and all had enough and more to eat; there were no fewer than twelve baskets of leftovers. This incident in Jesus' life was seen as so important that the Gospel writers tell of it no fewer than six times in the four Gospels. It wasn't simply the miracle that filled them with astonishment, but what it pointed to: before the feeding, Jesus had been healing sick people and teaching about the kingdom of God. The healing, teaching and feeding together were an illustration of what the kingdom means, as God meets the needs of the whole person, body and soul.

But even that is not the whole story. In giving their accounts, the Gospel writers seem to have something more in mind. They are focusing too on what happened later in the story, on the night before Jesus died. It was then, as today's second reading reminds us, that Jesus instituted the Eucharist; he gave us the Mass; he gave us Holy Communion. The central act of Christian worship for all time would be in the form of a sacred meal, a banquet where his followers would be nourished on his own Body and Blood; and that meal would itself be a foreshadowing of the banquet of heaven. In today's Gospel, Luke seems to go out of his way to show this close connection between the feeding of the crowds and the Eucharist by the way he tells the story: he describes how Jesus took the loaves, blessed them, broke them and gave them. These four actions – taking, blessing, breaking and giving – are precisely the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and of course they are the actions that we witness and participate in at every Mass. In fact, you could say that they provide a brief description of the Mass.

So today we are celebrating and sharing in a meal more wonderful even than the one described in today's Gospel. But as we do so, we are also experiencing a challenge. To receive the body that was given for us and the blood that was shed for us is to be called to follow the example of Jesus' total self-giving. To be fed by sacred food is to be strengthened to live holy lives, devoted to God and our brothers and sisters. To be nourished by one who laid down his life for us is to prepare ourselves to make sacrifices. To be invited as a guest to the table of the Eucharist is to be invited to share with others. And so, as has often been said, the Mass matters. It's at the centre of our Christian life and witness. And it calls us to live lives in tune with the sacred meal that's set before us.

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**Masses:** Saturday Vigil 5pm | Sunday 8am & 9:30am | Reynolds Court 11am | Maronite Mass 5pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday - Thursday 9am | Friday 11:45am | Saturday 9am

**Reconciliations:** Saturdays 9:30am - 10am | 4pm - 4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours:** Saturday 8:40am

**Rosary:** Monday-Thursday 8:35am | Friday 11:20am | Saturday 9:30am

**Cenacle Prayer Group:** Wednesday 9:30am

**Christian Meditation Group:** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room



# A Beacon of Faith, Hope & Love

## St Vinnies Appeal Thanks

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter.

The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire - the power to change lives - is in everyone. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. We thank you for your donations to this Winter Appeal. For any further contributions please visit [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or call 13 18 12. Thank you for helping us to help others.

## The Gospel is the Body of Christ

Each Sunday, we gather at the altar as one Body in Christ, drawn into the divine mystery where heaven touches earth. We hear the Word proclaimed, we offer our prayers, and we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet amid the sacredness of the liturgy, a question stirs our hearts: Are we truly participating in the Eucharist, or merely present?

Saint Jerome, one of the greatest biblical scholars of the Church, offers us a striking reflection that pierces through routine and indifference. In his Commentary on the Psalms, he writes: "For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [Eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the [Eucharistic] Mystery, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and Christ's flesh and blood are being poured into our ears yet we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?"

Saint Jerome's words bring us face to face with the gravity and beauty of the Eucharist, not only as a sacrament received at the altar but also as a mystery proclaimed in the Word of God. At the celebration of the Mass, both the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist are essential to our communion with Christ. Together, they form one act of worship that draws us into the Paschal Mystery.

In our Eucharistic celebrations, we sometimes unconsciously separate "hearing" from "receiving." We may sit passively through the readings, waiting for the moment of Communion, forgetting that Christ is already coming to meet us in the Scriptures. Saint Jerome reminds us that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is not merely a story or lesson, it is the living Christ speaking to His people. His Word, like His flesh, nourishes and transforms.

When we listen attentively to Scripture, we open our hearts to conversion. Jesus told Satan in the desert, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). At Mass, we receive that Word from the mouth of God, poured into our ears, as Jerome says. If we approach the altar with reverence for the consecrated host, how much should we also approach the readings with attentiveness and humility, prepared, and receptive.

From the *Letter for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ* by Bishop Anthony (Copies available on the information tables)

**The Body & Blood of Christ**    **Gen 14:18-20 | Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11-17**

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord. Alleluia.



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## Please Note

### Welcome

We welcome the Wells Family for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.

### Feast Days this Week

The Nativity of St John the Baptist 24 June, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 27 June, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 28 June.

### Nursing Home Mass

Mass and Anointing will be celebrated at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

### Cenacle Prayer Group

Join us with Mary in praying for our Priests and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Reynolds Room.

### Christian Meditation Group

A friendly group following the Benedictine style of meditation. We meet on Friday mornings from 10:30-11:30am in the Reynolds Room. Newcomers welcome!

### Office Closure

The Parish Office will close at 4:30pm next Wednesday 25 June, to enable staff to attend a function.

### Holy Souls Crusade Prayer Group

Please join in prayer with others around the world for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Tuesdays after 9am Mass in the Church. Enquiries: 0438 320 927.

### Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month including Healing Services, Retreats and Pilgrimages. Held at various locations and the main Centre at 160 Hensons Road Somersby. For more information and bookings contact 4372 1598, [drtsydney@gmail.com](mailto:drtsydney@gmail.com) or go to [www.divineretreatcentre.org](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org)

### Weekday Mass Reynolds Court Chapel

Every Wednesday Mass is celebrated in the Reynolds Court Chapel at 10am. Everyone in the area is welcome to join the Reynolds Court residents at this Mass.

## Keep Us in Your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Trish Knoke, Peter Sereno, Maree Denning, Chrissy Gibson, Wilbroda Omwandi, Olive Mansfield, Grahame Rumble.

**Anniversaries:** Nick Sirolli.

**Remembrances:** Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Mario Cauchi, Delma Clarke, Betty O'Neill, George Caruana (birthday), Barry Milwain, Marie O'Brien, Mollie Amor, Bob Amor and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sick:** Ian Reece, Lisa Rudd, Dino Gava, Kitty Dowse, Helen Freeman, Janine Harpley, Patrick Yeo, Loui Abraham, Stjepan Tuka, Peter McCarten, Pam Elliott, Graham Henneberry, Pauline Fowler, Antonio Palagianio, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne Knoke, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will.



## Our Lady of the Rosary Sacred Gifts

### Welcome to OLR Sacred Gifts

OLR Sacred Gifts is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass.

You'll find us in the foyer of the Church.

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