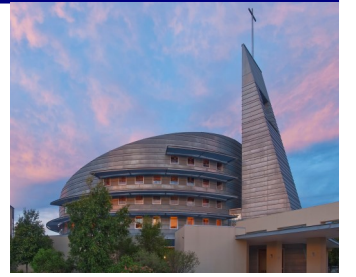




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



2nd June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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FEASTS & MEMORIALS

2 June — Corpus Christi

5 June — St Boniface

7 June — The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8 June—The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am
followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month
10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Assistant Priest

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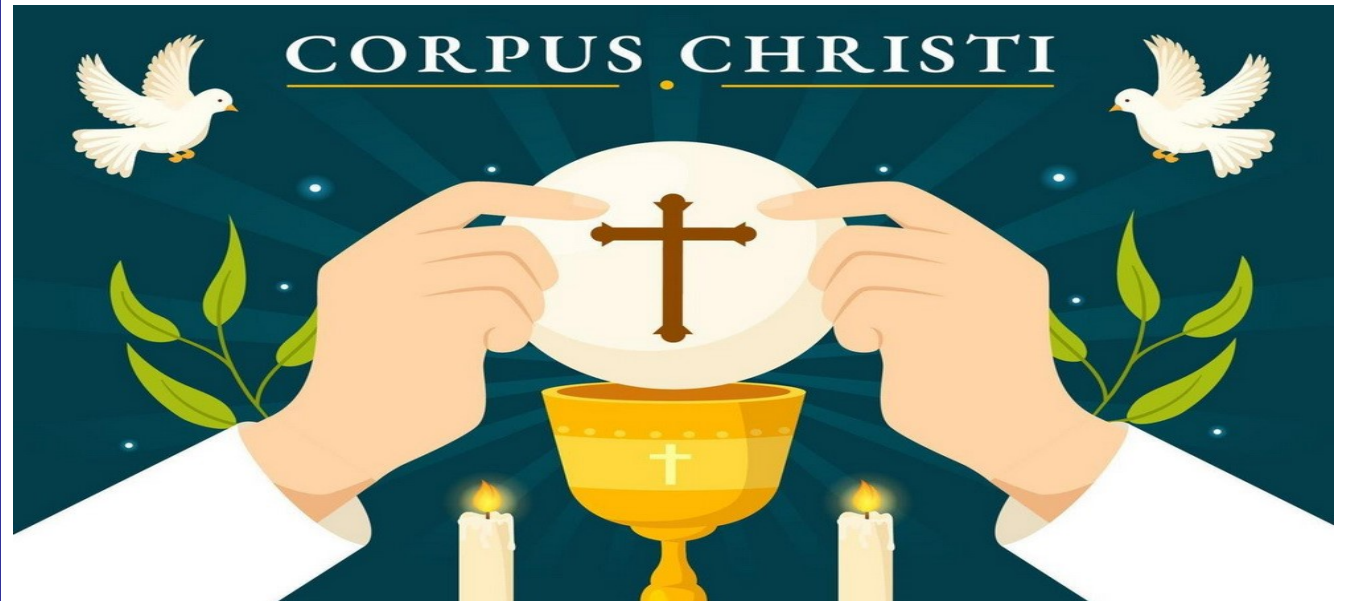
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The celebration of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) ranks as a Solemnity in the Church's calendar. Of course we celebrate this by coming together to offer the mass.

The Mass or Eucharist is one of our most familiar Christian activities and yet it is often greatly misunderstood and there are many who do not appreciate the richness of the Mass. I remember the days when we were only required to "hear Mass". Not an enriching experience.

A common expression today is that Mass is boring, or I don't get anything out of it. It is great to be able to celebrate joyfully with good music and song, good readers and engaging celebrants but ultimately it is up to us to enter the liturgy positively and bring our gifts for the good of all.

The readings for Corpus Christi have the word "Covenant" in all three readings. God makes a covenant that He will be God of the Hebrews and they will be His people.

Then in Paul's letter to the Hebrews he teaches us that it is no longer necessary for the blood of animals to flow in sacrifice. Jesus mediated a new covenant where by the sacrifice of himself, His blood became the sign of the new covenant. The blood of the Lamb of God was poured out once and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

The old covenant was for one people, the children of Abraham (the Jews) . The new covenant in Jesus' blood embraces the whole human race. Because of the new covenant the Eucharist is primarily a time of thanksgiving. This only becomes a reality for us if we approach the Eucharist in a spirit of thanks rather than obligation. We give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist in which Jesus gathers us as His people to enrich, enliven and bless us.

The Mass also gives us ample opportunities for reconciliation. We all approach Eucharist as sinners, and as brothers and sisters in Christ we confess our sins as we forgive those who have offended us. We are reminded in Matt 5:23-24 that when you offer your gift at the altar, if your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar and be reconciled with your brother and sister and then bring your gift.

The Eucharist spotlights our relationship with God as creator and created, Father and child. We come together as equals in the sight of God as we proclaim "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed". It is only after this prayer of faith and humility that we receive the body and blood of Christ. So let us rejoice as we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that the Eucharist is not for the perfect but for sinners who are called to the feast by the love of God.

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/the-most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-year-b>

Parish News:

Soup Night: Many thanks to all who were involved in organising the soup night last Sunday. Thanks also to Joe and Rose Mondal of Bakers Delight Umina for donating the bread. The next scheduled soup night will be Saturday, 27th July after 5.00pm Mass.



Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal: Many thanks for your support of the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal. The quota set for the financial year was \$28,759 and we have raised \$26,790 so far. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Morning Tea: There will be a morning tea after 9.15am Mass on Sunday, 2nd June. This will be organised by St John the Baptist School. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Committee: The next Parish Pastoral Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4th June at 7.00pm.

Sacramental Programme 2024:

Confirmation:

Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 30th June at 11.00am.

First Reconciliation: Friday, 15th November at 4.00pm.

Cleaners for 7th June: Gay Tiansay, Christine French, Jo Salter, Laila Dawe.

Readers for 8th & 9th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo, Dorothy Fulton, Mabel Torres

Sunday 9.15am—Emma Baker, Christine French, Ingrid Stevens

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Mayo Tripolone, Sherrisse Collard

Servers for 8th & 9th June:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman & Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French & Bernie French

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 5.00pm—Allan Moore

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding

Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Spirituality in the Pub: The next meeting of Spirituality in the Pub is 7.30pm-9.00pm on Tuesday 4th June at the Grange Hotel, Wyoming. Guest speakers are Lea Carswell who is a communicator; and Fr Peter de Souza who has served many parishes on the Central Coast and has been Parish Priest at Wyoming for the last two years. SIP enquiries: 0415 129250 or 0439 678608.

Annual Global Rosary Relay 2024, Friday June 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Join us on the 7th of June 2024, for the Annual Global Rosary Relay to pray for the sanctification of priests. Last year, over 3.5 million Hail Marys were prayed worldwide. Join us in person at Hornsby Cathedral Parish or via our live stream. #GlobalRosaryRelay #PrayForPriests. Join our live-stream at

<https://www.facebook.com/BrokenBayVocationsMinistry>

or join us in person at Hornsby Cathedral Parish.

Feast of Corpus Christi (St Francis de Sales)

Devotion to the Eucharist: St Francis de Sales emphasised the importance of the Eucharist as the sacrament of love. He believed that through the Eucharist, Christians receive the grace necessary to live a life of love and virtue. He wrote extensively about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion.

Transformation through Communion: According to St Francis, receiving the Eucharist transforms the faithful. He taught that just as physical food nourishes the body, the Eucharist nourishes the soul, strengthens the spirit, and helps believers to grow in holiness.

Union with Christ: St Francis de Sales highlighted the intimate union with Christ that is achieved through the Eucharist. He often spoke of the Eucharist as a means of deepening one's relationship with Jesus, allowing the faithful to unite their hearts with His.

Source of Strength and Consolation: For St. Francis, the Eucharist was a source of spiritual strength and consolation. He encouraged the faithful to draw near to the sacrament in times of trouble and to find peace and comfort in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Adoration: St. Francis de Sales also supported the practice of Eucharistic adoration. He believed that spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament was a way to deepen one's love for Christ and to grow in spiritual discipline.

In his pastoral work, St Francis de Sales sought to make the teachings on the Eucharist accessible to all, emphasising its role as a central mystery of faith and a profound expression of God's love for humanity. His writings continue to inspire a deep reverence and love for the Eucharist in the hearts of many Christians.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Ex 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Responsorial Psalm:

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

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise. I will call on the name of the Lord.

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

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant lord, your servant am I. You have loosened my bonds.

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

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make. I will call on the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will fulfill before all his people.

Reading 2: Heb 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



**I am the living bread that came down from heaven:
whoever eats this bread will live forever;**

John 6

Keep us in your Prayers—pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Jadwiga Fisiak, Deborah James, Louisa Lim, Sr Premila Joao

Anniversary: Joyce Fotheringham, Allan Roferos, Natalia Soler

Remembrance:

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Lola De Souza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford, Michael Searle, Mary Lucas, Maxine Tinkler, Lindsay Clark, Jack Rogan-Clark, Helen Tiltins, Shirley Brinkworth, Iris Drewett, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Van Mitchell, Chris Burt, Brian Searle, Sean McDermott, Gemma Tracey, Mark Richmond, Jai Kurt, Jodie Fleming, Alana Rose, Michael Juelg, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett, Matt Mitchell



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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