

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 51-52

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

GOSPEL

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

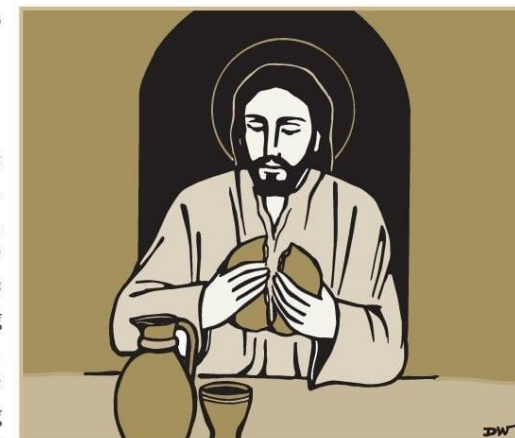
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise; / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**
2. 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.**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

■ The word of the Lord.

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm
Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm
Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm
Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 6th June 2021



Recently Deceased: Lydia F. Moster, Carmelo A. Samson, Sofjan Djafar

Our Deceased: Selma Coutinho; William Eric Smith; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O’ Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Ces Allman; Pamela Croaker; Mary Kunde; and lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Donald Mees, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 11th June, The Immaculate Heart of Mary 12th June

PARISH NEWS:

- This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.** A reminder that we have Eucharistic Adoration in our parish from 4pm-5pm followed by a Mass every Friday. Let us show our love & spend more time with Jesus.
- Monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast:** Sat 19th June at 7am in the Haseler Centre.
- A warm congratulations to two brother missionaries at Ryde-Gladesville Catholic Parish, Fr Dan and Fr Stephen Drum,** who were both ordained to the ministerial priesthood last Sat, 29th May at St Mary’s Cathedral. A historic occasion being the first time that two siblings have entered the Sydney priesthood together!
- We welcome into the family of God, Matthew Nau.** Congratulations on your baptism!
- STK Years 3 & 4 families are invited to join the Vigil Mass on Sat, 12th June at 5:30pm.**
- UPDATED COVID19 Restrictions:** Face masks are no longer compulsory when visiting places of worship. Congregational singing is now permitted. We can have up to 260 people at any one time under the 2sqm rule. No passing of bulletins & collection plates. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Thank you.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL FAMILY EDUCATOR, Olivia Cullen:

Join us on Wed 16th June as we celebrate Refugee Week at the House of Welcome (HOW) Granville. We will participate in a “Share a Meal, Share a Story” experience, allowing us to meet refugees & asylum seekers and hear their stories. We will also share a meal made by the refugees & asylum seekers who work in the catering social enterprise organised by HOW. Cost: \$20 (incl. lunch & donation). Carpool with us from Eastwood to Granville after school drop off at 9am or meet us there for a 10am start. Interested? RSVP to Olivia via E: info@stkeastwood.catholic.edu.au or click [here](#). I look forward to having you join us!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- Save Our Graves E-Petition:** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is asking for your support to sign an e-petition at: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> to reverse the decision to remove

faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries. This petition will be presented to the Speaker & Members of the Legislative Assembly. For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by Islamic & Jewish communities, and other people of faith to bury the dead and maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families. If you do not have internet access, you can sign the petition in the foyer.

- Raising Fathers Evenings:** Three fantastic opportunities, July 21, 22 or 23, for dads to be inspired by powerful, personal testimonies from three of the authors of the new book, *Raising Fathers*. All parents & guardians welcome. To register: www.sydneycatholic.org/raisingfathers or scan the QR code.



FR MARTIN MAUNSELL’S REFLECTION:

CHANGE-some realities!

In my time as a Catholic priest, I have been fortunate enough to lead 4 very different parish communities. Whenever I go to a new community for a few weeks I watch to see how things are before I propose any changes. Often the reaction from some people is “*But we have always done it this way*” and then (with a gentle smile) I say, “*That might be the case, but experience has shown me that this now is the better way to go.*”

The principle of accepting change will always be a constant challenge not just for a church community but for any community. In the beginnings of the Church the big challenge especially in the community around Jerusalem was in how best to accept the Christian message without also cheapening the existing Jewish heritage. The main issue here was the continued imposition of male circumcision.

In Australia, the issue that I have noticed in accepting change is in the integration of national Catholic Church communities within the wider Church. Of course, certain national heritages and traditions should not be eliminated yet a willingness to also become part of a new nation is vital. There always needs to be some *give* and *take* here from people both inside and outside of an ethnic community. Jesus of Nazareth had something to say about the reality of change in these words; “*new wine needs to be poured into new skins.*” (Mt Ch2v22)

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER – 13th June 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass –B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	A Condoleon	V Chapman	A Ho
Junior Servers	O Brown I Brown		A Butler F Papallo	C Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen
Readers	R: N Brown C: L Laybutt	R: L Scully C: P Parker	R: M Young C: W Elder	R: A Jonas C: C Small
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	G Brown F Reay	L Bergfield J Gwynne	M Cruz J Cruz	K Jonas D Khoury