



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi) / B

6 June 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

REC: Ms Jo-Anne Ross

With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Jovito Redaja

Francesca Frezza

Eimy & Kenzo

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Helen & Robyn

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Igor Tadinac

Recently Deceased

Maria James

Death Anniversary

Dennis Juda

For the Souls

Maria da Silva

Salve Alfonso

Vincenzo & Elizabetta Tropiano

Maria Angela Moura

Antonio José Gomes

Elisa Quintal

Mario José Nunes Nobrega

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia –Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2.30pm

Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning

Tea - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

the Church Hall

Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano Il gruppo di

preghiera Italiano, si

raduna ogni giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

parrocchiale.

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

Marriage

At least 6 months notice

required

Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

Devotions

Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Elsa George Rosary

Group Second Saturday

of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dear Parents,

You are invited to participate in your children's

preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a Confirmation

Mass on Saturday June 12th at 11:00 am. Depending

on the number of children who wish to be

confirmed, there may be an additional Mass on the

same day

There will be four weekend preparation classes.

Children may attend either the Saturday session at

4:30pm or the Sunday session at 9am. All classes

are held in the Parish Hall next to St Paul of the

Cross church

Class dates are:

Saturday 5th June or Sunday 6th June

Wishing you and your families God's blessings.

Deacon Louis Azzopardi

Parish Sacramental Program 2021

This year the dates for our preparation program for

children wishing to make their First Reconciliation

(done in March) and to receive First Holy Com-

munion are:

First Holy Communion: Enrolment and first

lesson: Saturday 14th August 4pm/Sunday 15th

August 9am

Second lesson: Saturday 21st August 4pm/Sunday

22nd August 9am

Third lesson: Saturday 28th August 4pm/Sunday

29th August 9am

Fourth lesson: Saturday 4th September 4pm/Sunday

5th September 9am

Three alternate Mass times are available for children

to receive First Holy Communion: Friday 10th

September 6:30pm/ Saturday 11th September

11:00am/ Saturday 18th September 11:00am.

All lessons will be in the parish hall.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(7 - 12 June 2021)

Wed 9/6

St Ephrem, deacon, doctor

Fri 11/6

The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus

Sat 12/6

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

“Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.”

- Ephrem the Syrian



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart is the

celebration of the love of the Lord.

It is the image of God's love revealed in the

pierced heart of His son. It is the

symbol of love that conquers sin and

transcends death, the symbol of the One

who loved us to the end.



The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer:

Immaculate Heart of Mary.

full of love for God and mankind,

and of compassion for sinners,

I consecrate myself to you.

I entrust to you the salvation of my

soul. Amen.



Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the **14 June 2021.**

Thursday Weekday Mass at 8:00am until further notice.

Save Our Graves E-Petition.

Send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries

Attachment: Save Our Graves Petition (Please see our bulletin board)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be

presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision

amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by

Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain

their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a

new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials,

including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the epetition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice

your concern about this proposal. Please also share the attached tile on your parish social media platforms.

“A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name”

In April 1975 as American helicopters were ferrying people out of Saigon before the communist North Vietnamese entered the city, Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan arrived as the new Archbishop of Saigon. There was no one to meet him. Worse was to follow. In August he was arrested and then imprisoned in Nha Trang, a city where he had previously been Bishop. He was to spend the following nine years there in a narrow cell with nothing to do and in solitary confinement.



Each night he would hear the bells of what had once been his cathedral but this made him feel even more helpless and forgotten. He found prayer difficult but he prayed simple prayers to Jesus, “*Jesus on the cross, immobilised, a failure, unable to preach or heal but it was there that he redeemed us*”.

He had no books or anything to celebrate Mass with but he found strength through frequent celebration of the Eucharist. From time to time, a sympathiser was able to smuggle in a tiny bottle of wine labelled ‘stomach medicine’. His cell then became his ‘cathedral’ in the way our painting of him shows.

With three drops of water and wine in one hand and a scrap of bread in the other, he would celebrate Mass, relying on his memory for the prayers and readings.

After this experience, he was sent to a ‘re education camp’ in the North for four years. There he continued to celebrate Mass secretly but this time with others around him. “*At 9:30 in the evening I sat up on my bed with five other prisoners around me to celebrate the Mass by heart, as I had done when I was in solitary confinement. We then reserved the Eucharist in a cigarette box and, during the night, prisoners took it in turns to adore Jesus among us to heal our physical and mental suffering.*” Many lives were changed as a result of this. Even the camp guards began to speak to him and to confide in him, causing the authorities to change warders regularly so that they would not be ‘contaminated’.

Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan's experience of the Eucharist in prison emphasises the importance of ‘sacrifice’ in our understanding of the Eucharist. This is the central theme of each of our readings for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). In Exodus we have a description of Moses splashing the people with the blood of sacrificed animals as a sign of their relationship with God and their acceptance of his covenant. The Letter to the Hebrews reflects on this in the light of Christ's own self sacrifice on the cross and points out a key difference between ancient sacrifice and Christ's own sacrifice: the “*blood of Christ*” has transformed our “inner self”, not just our actions.

Mark's Gospel shows us Jesus at the Last Supper “*breaking the bread*”, indicating his own self sacrifice, and offering the cup of wine “*the blood of the covenant which is to be poured out for many*”. At the heart of the Eucharist is God's love for us expressed through Christ's complete giving of himself. We however must be prepared to receive this gift of God to us in the same spirit. Cardinal Van Thuan understood the importance of being open to what God has to give us through the Eucharist from his own experience. His own suffering opened his life to the life that Jesus offered him through the Eucharist. This life that he experienced was then able to transform other lives.

Our scripture readings and Cardinal Van Thuan's lived experience remind us that the Eucharist (from the Greek word for ‘giving thanks’) means more than ‘receiving Communion’, more than a ‘celebration’, important of course as each of these are. It is about living in communion with God, the giving of every part of our life to God just as he gave himself completely to us in Christ. It is a life that Christ continues to give us, in “*the bread that is broken*”, “*the blood that is poured out for many*” so that we may be able “*to do our service to the living God.*”

References: all quotations are from Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan's personal testimony in **Road to Hope**, a documentary produced by Salt and Light Media and available on Youtube.

Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan was released in 1991 and allowed to leave Vietnam but never to return. He died in Rome in 2002 and was declared ‘Venerable’ in 2007, the first step on the path to canonisation.

Deacon Louis

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 12 & 13 June 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	J Sullivan	8:00am	P Tan	10:00am	B Yammine
		M Dos Santos		M Portell		C Alam

