

**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) / C

19 June 2022

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...**For the sick**

Elmano Belo
 Patrick Crowley
 Sidney Luximon
 Allen Portell
 Leonor Delgado
 Patricia Stack
 Raul Cabrera
 Sr Raymond Murphy
 Natalina Gallace
 Ruth Wilson
 Raymond Hudson
 Fr Jim Duggan
 Pat Allport
 Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat
 Christina
 Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Alice de Oliveira
 Youssef El-Eter

Death Anniversary

Anastacio de Oliveira
 Arora Calpo
 Alexander Elisabeth Alfons

For the Souls

Elisabita Benetel
 Macolatina Uno
 Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce
 Marisa Rulli
 Genaro Montenegro
 All forgotten Souls and Holy
 Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Henry & Tina and my Family
 Leah Tillam
Thanksgiving:
 St Alberto Hurtado from
 Leonor Ricards
 Ardie Leo Rizidis
 Leonora Amon

“Give them something to eat yourselves”

The story of the feeding of the crowd (‘the miracle of the loaves and fish’) in today’s Gospel is the only miracle of Jesus to be found in all four Gospels. However, even though both fish and loaves of bread were multiplied to feed the crowd, the focus of the miracle is only on the loaves - how they were broken and handed out, the fact that there were twelve baskets of ‘scraps’ (of bread) left over. Why focus only on the bread?

In other places in the Gospels, fish are used in a symbolic way: the disciples are chosen by Jesus to be ‘fishers of men’; fishermen sorting their fish is an image of the Last Judgement. By focusing on the loaves, each of the gospel writers are preparing us for the way in which bread (and wine) acquire a new meaning because of Jesus’ words and actions at the Last Supper. Paul, writing to the Christian community in Corinth, before any of the gospels were written, refers to this when he writes about “*what I received from the Lord and in turn passed on to you.*”

This ‘preparation’ was possible because of the meaning that bread has in Jewish religious tradition. Brant Pitre, in his book *Jesus and the Jewish roots of the Eucharist*, outlines how an understanding of this tradition can deepen our understanding of the Eucharist as being the real presence of Christ and not just a symbol. He does this by detailing how ‘biblical’ our understanding of the Eucharist is. The Eucharist, Jesus’ presence under the appearance of bread and wine, is not just a doctrine developed by the Church after Christ, as many fundamentalist Protestants believe, but has strong scriptural foundations.

In John’s gospel (6:35-39) Jesus describes himself as “*the bread of life come down from heaven*” and compares himself to the manna that sustained the people of Israel during their forty years of wandering in the desert. The book of Exodus emphasises that manna was a miraculous bread from heaven (‘manna’ in Hebrew means ‘What is it?’), so holy that a portion was kept in a golden urn in the Ark of the Covenant. Jewish tradition also believed that manna was ‘the food of angels’ created on the first Sabbath of Creation and a sign of God’s faithfulness (Wisdom 16:20-21).

When the Temple was rebuilt after the Exile, the sanctuary contained a golden table on which were placed twelve loaves of bread, a jar of wine and incense. The twelve loaves represented the twelve tribes of Israel and their presence there indicated God’s covenant with his people. They were called ‘the Bread of the Presence’. They were more than a symbol since they were also a sacrifice and a meal. The menorah (seven branched candlestick) was always kept burning before them and incense was used to show that these loaves were a sacred offering to the Lord. The people were ‘shown’ this bread every Sabbath but only priests were allowed to eat the loaves (Leviticus 24:5-7).

We pray “*Give us this day our daily bread*”, a prayer that recognises God as the giver of all life. The bread that we eat is already a blessing from God our Creator. The priest acknowledges this when he uses the ancient Jewish prayer of blessing at the Offertory during Mass, “*Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.*”

St Luke sets his story of the miraculous feeding of the crowd in the context of Jesus “*welcoming them and talking to them about the kingdom of God.*” Although Jesus blessed the bread and fish, it was the disciples who organized the people into groups, distributed the food and then collected what was left over. In the section of his Gospel just before this miracle, Jesus had sent out the Twelve, “*to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.*” He also told them to take nothing with them as they acted in his name.

Put in the context of welcoming people into the kingdom of God, Jesus’ request that they give the people something to eat themselves is a reminder of their (and our) missionary role. The “*Bread of Life*” that they would later provide was Jesus himself present in the words of his teaching and in the Eucharist they celebrated with the communities that came together through the power of the Holy Spirit. God had provided ‘food for the journey’ in the form of manna to the people of Israel on their journey to the Promised Land. Jesus gives his own life to us so that, like the apostles, we can give it to others as we welcome them into the kingdom of God.

Deacon Louis

Visiting group

There are many people in our parish who are either elderly or who live alone and would appreciate regular contact with their fellow parishioners. This could be as simple as a phone call every now and then to see if they are OK or it could be visiting them in their homes or taking Holy Communion to them. There are many possibilities depending on their needs and the visitor’s availability. Please speak to Deacon Louis after Mass if you wish to take part in this.

Sacrament of Confirmation dates:

4th session: 18th June 4:30pm/ 19th June 9:00am
 Confirmation Mass: 2:00pm 26th June

Planned Giving Program 2022/2023

The *New Planned Giving Envelopes FY22/23* are now available at the back table of the Church. Inside your new set of envelopes you will find a **new form** “*Planned Giving Program Opt tax form 22/23*” to fill in and indicate whether you “do” or “do not” wish to take deduction for FY22/23. Please return this new form to office as soon as possible before the 1st July 2022.



Thank you so much for your continued and generous support to the Parish.

Walk with Christ Returns Sunday 19 June

Held on the Feast of Corpus Christi, it’s a wonderful opportunity to show our public support for our Catholic faith as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our city’s streets.

Share the news about this special event with your family and friends!

Festivities begin at Martin Place 1:30pm, with the procession commencing at 2:30pm.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto Earlwood - Saturday 25th June 2022

9.00am -Grotto Opens & First Class Relic of St Mary of the Cross available Veneration
 10.00am-Worldwide Catechesis on “Fathers & Mothers”
 10.15am-Catechesis by Fr Miguel Perez
 10.45am-Rosary; 12.00pm-Angelus;
 1.00pm-Holy Mass; 3.00pm-Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:30pm - Veneration Ends



All Prayer Intentions left in Prayer Box at the Grotto on the day will be sent to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France!

World Meeting of Families 24-26 June 2022

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June.

On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the ‘Festival of Families’ beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children.

More information and resources for this event are available at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (20 - 25 June 2022)

Tue	21/6	St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious
Wed	22/6	Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs
Thu	23/6	St Paulinus of Nola, bishop
Fri	24/6	The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus
Sat	25/6	The NATIVITY of ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

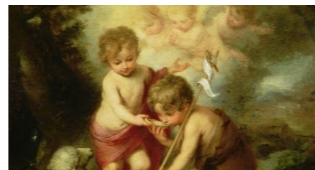
The **Sacred Heart**, also known as the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** is one of the most widely practised and well-known **Catholic devotions**, wherein the heart of Jesus is viewed as a symbol of “God’s boundless and passionate love for mankind.”



The most significant source for the devotion to the Sacred Heart in the form it is known today was Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690), a nun of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, who claimed to have received apparitions of Jesus Christ in the Burgundian French village of Paray-le-Monial, the first on 27 December 1673, the feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and the final one 18 months later, revealing the form of the devotion.

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

One of the oldest feast in the liturgy of the Church. He was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, a cousin of the Blessed



Virgin Mary. Tradition places the home and birthplace of the Baptist near the village of Ain-Karim, six miles west of Jerusalem, where a Franciscan church marks the site and called St John in the Mountains. It celebrates the holy birth of the greatest of all the prophets, the one who leapt for joy in his mother’s womb, who prepare the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan River.

Holy Father’s Appeal Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June 2022

“Works of love directed to one’s neighbour are the most perfect external manifestation of the interior grace of the Spirit.”
 - Pope Francis



Please pray and support the Charitable Works of Pope Francis.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 25 & 26 June 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus M Dos Santos
	8:00am	P Tan M Portell
	10:00am	R Rita M Peddie

Choir Notice

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday 27th June 2022 at 7:00pm.**

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

Sacraments**Confession**

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm
 or any time by
 appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th
 Sunday 11.15am
 From August Baptisms
 only on 2nd and 4th
 Sunday of the month.

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

