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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> June – The Immaculate Heart of Mary
8 <sup>th</sup>	June	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
9 <sup>th</sup>	June	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.00pm	Rosary		
10 <sup>th</sup>	June	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	June	Fri	9.00am	Mass - The Most Sacred Heart	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**Corpus Christi** **Year B** **6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**



**The Summit**

Blood is a part of a body, and yet blood and body are well connected. They depend on each other for survival. Blood provides food for the body, and the body renews, and

makes new blood. A body without blood is a deathly cold body, and blood without a body is lifeless. Blood outside of a body, or a body without blood is the absence of life.

Today's first reading recalls the story of the pilgrim people. God showed them God's power and mercy. When the pilgrims were wandering in the desert, they were hungry and thirsty. God provided food to keep them alive. People believed, that showing respect to God was not an option, but rather it was an obligation. They showed their gratitude to God by way of faith. Jesus Himself made miracles to feed those who had spent all day long listening to His teaching. These miracles hinted at the establishment of the permanent presence of God in the Holy Eucharist.

The Feast of the Body, and Blood of Christ, is the celebration of life-giving, which Jesus gave to His friends. Its official name is the Eucharist, but commonly known as Mass. Before removing Jesus' body from the cross, a soldier pierced His body, there were a few drops of blood drifting. It confirmed to the soldier, Jesus actually had died. On the cross, Jesus emptied His life to give us the fullness of life. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus' self-sacrificial act of love for His friends. It is the summit of a Christian life. We commemorate Jesus' Last Supper before His Passion. This celebration is not simply a memorial of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus Himself, in a mysterious way, is truly present at the Holy

Eucharist, changing the ordinary bread and wine to become His real Body and Blood. The command to '*Eat Jesus' Body and drink His Blood*' is harsh to hear. Indeed, truth always has a bitter taste.

Coming to the Holy Eucharist, we come into God's presence. Coming to the Holy Eucharist, we come before the Most Holy. Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, we receive Jesus' life and love. Coming to the Holy Eucharist, we receive salvation and peace. Coming to the Holy Eucharist, we come to Jesus' act of self-sacrificial love. Coming to the Holy Eucharist, we come to God's new covenant, Jesus had established with His own Body and Blood. Jesus' Blood becomes '*the new wine*' in God's kingdom (Mark 14:25).

Blood brings oxygen, and nutrients to feed a body. The Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus, brings us new life, that energizes our spiritual life. Blood removes waste materials to keep a body healthy. Jesus not only removed or erased our sins, He actually took our sins on His own shoulders as if they were His own, and carried them for us. Jesus offered us the Holy Eucharist as food for our soul, to strengthen our inner life, to fight against vices and to avoid temptations. The Holy Eucharist satisfies our spiritual needs and brings us lasting salvation and eternal peace.

We need to come to the Eucharist with an act of faith. It is shown through the utmost personal preparations, care, respect and reverence. It is no matter how much we have prepared ourselves, we are unworthy to come to the Holy Eucharist. We come to the Holy Eucharist because the Lord asked us to come. We are encouraged to come to the Holy Eucharist. Receiving the Holy Eucharist without utmost preparation is an act of disgrace, abuse of God's everlasting love and mercy.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
**Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

***Parish Rosters - Being Re-instated***

Fr Tuong and I, are currently in the process of getting the Rosters back in action ie Flower, Cleaning, Reading Rosters and Minister of Holy Communion.

I have started making contact with some of the volunteers to find out where families are at and if the previous Roster still works for them. Once I have each Roster fully completed, I will begin posting each weeks details back in the Bulletin. Please be patient, as this process may take me till the end of June to be completed.

***Safeguarding*** - with having Volunteers on deck again, opens the Parish up for Safeguarding audits **again**.

As I contact people for volunteering, I will also be checking their Compliance status ie Parish Role, Blue Card, Police Check etc. The new process, it not hard, there are just a couple of steps to take and the turnaround to finalising these steps is so much more quicker. The quicker I can get everyone up to date, the quicker I can get everyone back on deck.

I really appreciate your understanding on keeping the Parish Compliant.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Feast Days for this Month

- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021;



### Responsorial Psalm

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## PASTORAL MATTERS



### Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Angus Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert.

### Reading – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13<sup>th</sup> June

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Ezek 17:22-24

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### Home Visit

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 7<sup>th</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Elizabeth Maude Donoghue, Arthur Burton, Franz Muellenbner, Christine Jones, Wilhelmine Lubbers, Catalina Satriano, Eileen McPherson, Oliver & Nala Kennedy, Joe Monaghan, Adam Ventura, Levi Kereama, Michael Hansell, Sarah McMullen, John Charles Trend.

### Recently Deceased

Ruby Pronk, Petty Taulapapa Pati.



**Loop System** The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### *St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal* 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

With the weather getting cooler, and by the looks of it, it could be a really cold winter this year, St Vinnies are having a high request for blankets and some financial support for struggling families with their gas/electricity bills.

Their Winter Appeal will be held next Sunday on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Any support that you could give to St Vinnies, would be greatly appreciated.

### *The Catholic Leader*

The Catholic Leader June issue is now out. To order your copy through the Parish, please ensure you notify the Parish Office before the third Monday of each month. The Catholic Leader is \$4.00/issue. **Featured in this month's issue:**

- Married couple of 31 years who faced extraordinary medical challenges talks faith and family
- Springfield sees eight parishioners step forward in public ministry including women acolytes and new deacon
- Meet the newest fully professed Sisters of St Paul de Chartres
- Focus on Marriage: resources and ministries in Brisbane for married couples
- Marlon Riley on Reconciliation
- PLUS special Tertiary Education feature

## WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE

Although we are the ones who approach the altar in a procession to receive communion, in reality it is Christ who comes towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive.

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