

Entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco

Our Lady of the Rosary

Catholic Church

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Corpus Christi

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - Year A - 7 June 2026

Entrance Antiphon:

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.



First Reading:

Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people:

‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

2. He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

Second Reading:

1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word 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!**



GOSPEL:

Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’ Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied: ‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

The Gospel of the Lord



Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, say the Lord.

IN OUR PARISH

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Jeff Miller SDB
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Enquiries: Please phone the Parish Office between 9:30am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Salesian Community: Phone: 9623 1220

Don Bosco Youth Centre: Phone: 9623 0450
Director: Fr Joseph Huong SDB

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Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School
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MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 6:30am, 9am, 7:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am, 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, 5:30pm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK


Jesus the Healer, we commend to your gentle hands
Marylin Villamor, Margaret Gallagher, Rose Cauci, Emmanuel & Josephine Vella, Maya Glinski, Ruth Magnaye, Jorge Oliveras, Josephine Evans, Brian Xerri, Tenesha Faulkner, Rudy Rupac, Elinda Lopez, Norma Sulvita, Michael McDermot, Reynaldo Handog, Wayne Reynolds, Maryanne Santos, Denise Blanche, Patrick Levelle, Fr Bob Bossini, Dexter Assey, Peyton Daley, Mario Cauchi, Robert Engelebrecht, Reynaldo Bendayral, Vanessa Trujillo, Renee Azzopardi, Juliet Lee, Margaret Lawrence, Ashton D'Costa, Rolando Aguda, Hugo Labra, Andre Rodriguez, Ginnah Alia, David Freeman, Susie Lipstack, Charlise McMillan, Crystal Darcy, Zdravko & Marija Palovic, Evotia Letele, Karen Barret, Josephine Mitchell, Emelita Howlett, Richard Dauglash, Emma Tucker, Allan & Jackie Cullen, Esperanza Mirafeuentes, Shane R, J Bermudez, Abraham Thomas, Reetahmma Abraham, Sophia Furey, Mhom Samson, Aurora Jimenez, Adam Burton, Annabelle Rego, Arou Akot, Jozef Karkowski, Ronald Manzano, Anna Juresa, Jose Maria Pepingco, Ronnie D'costa, Beatrice Leary, Lorraine Damian, Fr J B, Monica Thomas, Shuashawnee Hancock, Miloh Molesi, Blanche Jones, Clare LeGrand, Renato Manongdo, Bernard Prendergast.

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

Saturdays: 9:00am - 10:00am and 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Mon to Fri: 7:30pm to 8:00pm (after the 7pm Mass)

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 6 June ST NORBERT
6:00pm Pro Populo

Sun 7 June CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

7:30am Charlie, Sylvia, Nina Muscat
9:00am Brendan Burke & Elizabeth O.
10:30am Rufino Alvin Sebastian
5:30pm Dong Labayo

Mon 8 June
6:30am Leo and Theresa Pereira
9:00am Sr M Rebecca
7:00pm Wilson Filamor

Tue 9 June ST EPHREM
6:30am Personal Intention
9:00am Teresita Castillejo
7:00pm Bridget O'Connor

Wed 10 June
6:30am Marie Thompson
9:00am Mary & William Gallagher
7:00pm Fr Brendan Murphy

Thu 11 June ST BARNABUS
6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00am Bertha Wetton
7:00pm Personal Intention

Fri 12 June SACRED HEART OF JESUS
6:30am
9:00am Alicia Bulatao
7:00pm World Peace

Sat 13 June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
8:00am Peter Gatchalian

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially

Marie Rosario, Suzana Stojcevski, Fr John Briffa SDB, Fr Frank Moloney SDB, Mary Kumar, Serge Nalletamby, Peter Aquilina, Angela Barca, Victoria Borg, Deacon Petelo Savea, Andrew Vaessen, Milly Martin, Alicia Bulatao, Pasquale Bellino, Br Rey Pongo, Tony Martin, Patricia Armstrong, Stephen Neville, Raymond Clarke, Sarafino Enadid, Felicia Sisinni, Eileen Morrow, Vincent Leary, Pellegrino Penna, Lucija Jeroncic, Chito Redoblado, Vicky Xerri, Linda Weightman, Norma O'Sullivan, Peter Gatchalian, Maria Maciejewska, Janene Martin, Maria Rohrlach, Theresa Menezes, Manola Lobrin,

Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord, let light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen
may they rest in peace. Amen

1st and 2nd Collections:

We Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

If you prefer to donate via ONLINE BANKING,

Please refer to details below:

(1st Collection) - For the Clergy's sustentation & care

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 00004414

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Pastoral Revenue

(2nd Collection) - Parish Ministry & Maintenance

BSB NO: 067 950 **ACCOUNT NO:** 100000329

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Catholic Church

First Collection (previous weekend) \$1279.90

Second Collection (previous weekend) \$2150.15

Tap & Go Donations \$1922.33

Collections are no longer conducted during weekend Masses. A collection box is located at the back left of the church on weekends only.

TAP & GO MACHINES

The two Tap & Go machines in the church, donations will go towards the Church 2nd collection.
Kindly Select your donation amount \$5, \$10, \$20 or other.

COMING EVENTS:

7 June: **Corpus Christi Sunday**
8 June: Holy Wounds devotion (details below)
9 June: 1st Reconciliation Parent Info night, Church, 7:30pm
10 June: Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30pm
11 June: 1st Reconciliation Parent Info night, Church, 7:30pm
20 June: Bingo (details below)
29 June: Pilgrimage to Goulburn (*details in next week's bulletin*)

Invitation to Perpetual Adoration



*OLR Blessed Sacrament Adoration
Chapel open 24 hours, 7 days a week.*

Please consider being rostered weekly
*If you are able to commit to just 1 hour
or more a week, we invite you join the
Adoration Chapel Roster.*

- ♦ Registration forms available in the Chapel.
- ♦ Contact the Parish Office for information.

All Welcome.



HOLY WOUNDS OF JESUS DEVOTIONS

2nd Mondays, 8 June 2026
and **4th Mondays, 22 June, 7:30pm**

PARISH BINGO

Saturday 20 June, 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Sausage Sizzle from 6:30pm. *Cash Prizes.*
Supper provided - gold coin donation
Any donations to cover costs is greatly appreciated.
Denis Collins 0459 185 517



BISHOP'S GOOD WORKS APPEAL

**Thank you for your generous support of the
Bishop's Good Works Appeal.**

This Appeal supports Holy Spirit Seminary at Harris Park, helping form the future priests our Diocese will need in the years ahead. Your kindness provides the education, spiritual formation, pastoral training and safe accommodation our seminarians need as they continue answering God's call. With your support, they are being formed to one day serve our parishes with faith, compassion and hope.

Please give generously at parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you.



IMMACULATE MARY STATUE

**Lanie Cruz
St Marys**

If you would like the Rosary Statue in your home for a week, kindly contact Mr & Mrs Johnson 0404 028 823.



WE WELCOME

**Jacob Anthony Michael Muscat
Grace Assunta Powell**
**into our Parish Family through the
Sacrament of Baptism**

Parish Council Nominations

Four members of our Parish Council have completed their term and we are now inviting nominations for new members to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. **Due Date 21 June 26**

If you or someone you know is a committed member of our parish and willing to serve the community, we encourage you to nominate.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church. Please place the completed forms in the box provided or to the Parish Office.

Let us prayerfully consider those called to serve our parish.

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunities for June 2026



There are several face-to-face Safeguarding Training opportunities available throughout June at several parishes. Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>.

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

**Would you like to join OLR Church
Cleaning Ministry Team?**

All we need is 1 hour of your time once a month (generally Fridays 10am) to help prepare the church for the weekend Masses.

Contact Jasna - 0430 112 241.



Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 29th August, 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day.

It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$40 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day. The Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 1st September, 2026 at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Please Note: Enrolment forms and a copy of Baptismal Certificates should be sent to OFW before Monday 18th August.

For more information, please contact the Office for Worship ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

REVERENCE AND PARTICIPATION AT MASS **THE COMMUNION RITE (CONT.)**

"When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, **at the discretion of each communicant**" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n.160*). If receiving the consecrated host in their hands, "the faithful are not permitted to *take* the consecrated bread" (*GIRM, n.160*) using their fingers, but must receive it in their open palms, often described by the Early Church Fathers as "making your left hand a throne for the right."

When the minister says "The Body of Christ," they are not offering a gift; they are inviting both an affirmation of faith in the real presence of Jesus, and a commitment to the communal responsibilities of uniting oneself to the Body of Christ. Hence, the only suitable response is "Amen," meaning "Truly, so be it!" "As soon as the communicant receives the host, he or she consumes it entirely" (*GIRM, n.161*).

"If any communicant should wish to receive the Sacrament in the hand... **special care should be taken to ensure that the host is consumed by the communicant in the presence of the minister, so that no one goes away carrying the Eucharistic species in [their] hand.**" (*Redemptionis Sacramentum, n.92*). The following are some informative excerpts from a letter to Bishops by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship (*Acta Apostolicae Sedis 61,1969*), upon the authorisation of distributing Communion in the hand.

"The Pope grants that throughout the territory of your conference, each bishop may, according to his prudent judgment and conscience, authorize in his diocese the introduction of the new rite for giving communion.

The condition is the complete avoidance of any cause for the faithful to be shocked and any danger of irreverence toward the Eucharist. The following norms must therefore be respected:

- 1.** The two ways of receiving communion can without question take place during the same liturgical service. There is a twofold purpose here: that none will find in the new rite anything disturbing to personal devotion toward the Eucharist; that **this sacrament, the source and cause of unity by its very nature, will not become an occasion of discord between members of the faithful.**
- 2.** The rite of communion in the hand must not be put into practice indiscriminately. Since the question involves human attitudes, **this mode of communion is bound up with the perceptiveness and preparation of the one receiving...**
- 3.** The option offered to the faithful of receiving the Eucharistic bread in their hand and putting it into their own mouth must not turn out to be the occasion for regarding it as ordinary bread or as just another religious article. Instead this option must increase in them a consciousness of the dignity of the members of Christ's Mystical Body, into which they are incorporated by baptism and by the grace of the Eucharist. It must also increase their faith in the sublime reality of the Lord's body and blood, which they touch with their hand. **Their attitude of reverence must measure up to what they are doing.**
- 4.** Whatever procedure is adopted, care must be taken not to allow particles of the eucharistic bread to fall or be scattered. **Care must also be taken that the communicants have clean hands and that their comportment is becoming** and in keeping with the practices of the different peoples.

What these teachings hopefully make abundantly clear, is that it is not so much any specific mode of receiving Communion that automatically guarantees reverent reception, as the preparation and disposition with which one receives. Truly, if any combination of receiving Communion whilst standing, kneeling, on the tongue, or in the hand, were not fully conducive to the worthy and reverent reception of the Blessed Sacrament, the Church would not allow it.

Finally, if instead of receiving the Blessed Sacrament you or your child wish to receive a blessing, please line up in front of the priest only. An acolyte is not ordained to bless anyone in the name of the Church, so they will not attempt to. If you are sitting on the side of the church opposite to the priest, then simply cross the aisle during the procession; this is far more preferable than approaching the acolyte and obliging him to direct you to the priest, whilst interrupting the communicants who are just about to receive. Those who desire a blessing must indicate their intention by folding their arms across their chest.

NEXT WEEK: THE CONCLUDING RITE

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Jeff