

**Year A/2
Corpus Christi
14 June 2020
Liturgical Colour: White**



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We Are the Corpus Christi!

Things are starting to get back to some level of normalcy! Welcome to our first Newsletter since March this year! It's great to be back.

This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. Remember the Corpus Christi procession of our youth? It was a big event. All the Catholic high schools assembled and marched into the Ekka grounds where a short liturgy was completed and then home. Since Archbishop Mark became Bishop of Brisbane in 2012, he re-introduced a shorter city street march through the CBD near the Cathedral. This year, of course, with COVID-19 restrictions on gathering and social distancing requirements, the procession won't be held. But as a small grace, our Newsletter is being fired up again and that's Good News!

But why do we celebrate "Corpus Christi"? Corpus Christi, Latin for "Body of Christ", is one of several "Solemnities" celebrated by the Church. To emphasise the importance of the Easter Season to the Church's life, since Good Friday we have celebrated four other solemnities; the Resurrection; the Ascension; Our Lady Help of Christians; Pentecost; The Most Holy Trinity; and today Corpus Christi. On this coming Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Easter Triduum is of course the high point of the Church's liturgical year but the season following it is a time of intense reflection, joy and celebration.

Without wishing to diminish any of the other Solemnities, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a standout celebration. It, more than any of the others, is a concrete expression of our Faith. It emphatically states today that we, as individuals and as a gathered people, are the Body & Blood of Christ in the world today. We are His eyes, ears, hands and feet in the world today. And He feeds us with the Eucharist and guides us with the Holy Spirit having Himself died for us that we might have eternal life with Him. We celebrate us, as a saved people! When we eat His sacramental body and drink His sacramental blood in Eucharist, we become His body and blood – the Corpus Christi. We become what we eat – not just sacramentally, but physically in the world. When we eat food, we absorb it. But when we receive the Eucharist, it absorbs us. And we affirm our calling to be the Body of Christ in the world with a conscious "Amen!" when we receive Holy Communion. Of course, in the current times, we are limited in being able to celebrate together and even when we do we are restricted from sharing the Cup.

But times are changing and soon, God willing, the restrictions will lift sufficiently to allow many more of us to gather together as a worshipping congregation. But that hasn't stopped us from being Corpus Christi during these times of isolation and restriction and in some ways has forced us to re-prioritise our energies and effort. And that is a grace in itself!

Try if you can to spiritually join in the Mass online this week and look forward to when we can become more effectively, Christ's presence when this time of trial is finally over.

Deacon Peter

LITURGY TIMES

15th - 21st June

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass

Thursday: 8:30am Mass

Friday 8:30am Mass

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil Mass

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Friday 9:00am Mass

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Mass Bookings

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we have begun scheduling Mass for the parish. However, in accordance with Government social distancing guidelines we are allowed a maximum of 20 people in attendance at each Mass (including Priest and celebrants). To ensure a fair approach and that as many parishioners as possible get to attend a Mass we ask that parishioners register for Mass weekly at the parish office.

Please register for weekend Masses before 12pm on Saturday. You will receive an email or phone call to advise you of the Mass you have been allocated to. (If you have already attended a Mass, priority will be given to someone who has not.)

At each Mass we ask that you sign-in, use the hand sanitiser provided, respect the social distancing guidelines, stay home if you are unwell and follow the procedures and protocols in place.

This Week's Readings

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)

Deut 8: 2 - 3, 14 - 16

1 Cor 10: 16 - 17

Jn: 6: 51 - 58

Next Week's Readings

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20: 10 - 13

Rom 5: 12 - 15

Mt 10: 26 - 33

COMBINED COMMUNITIES' NEWS



Faithful Departed

Recently:

David Mather, Margaret Farrell, Rosa Frassanito, Gwendolyn Bowen, Ceasar Gonzaga, Dion McCarthy



We pray for the Sick

We pray for:

Maureen Campbell, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Kieran Hogan, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Jim Graham, Louise Rohde, David Finlayson, Fr Ron Mollison, Lalie Bojar

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

Pope's Prayer Intentions: June The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way of life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus



A pet shop was ransacked last week...there are currently no leads 😊

PLANNED GIVING AND DONATIONS

If you would like to continue with your planned giving envelopes or make a donation, there are two options:

- 1) Envelopes and cash donations can be given to the parish office during office hours, Monday 8am - 1pm, and Tuesday to Friday 8am - 4pm
- 2) Online via bank transfer to the following accounts. **Please remember to reference your surname and envelope number.** If you are not part of planned giving, please mark as a donation. Also ensure that you are donating to the correct account.

St William's Planned Giving

BSB 064 786

ACC 006 521 500

REF Surname & Envelope Number
OR

Our Lady of Dolours Planned Giving

BSB 064 786

ACC 100 013 150

REF Surname & Envelope Number

PLEASE NOTE: Planned giving by direct debit and credit card will continue as per normal.

Thank you for your continued support

Changes to Liturgy Times

Please check the weekday Liturgy Times carefully

June 14, 2020

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of one bread."

(1 Corinthians 10:17)

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

Bible Quiz

Who was Jacob's grandfather?

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

Which son did Jacob love more than all the others?

Answer:

Joseph (Gen 37:3)

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Another very successful Appeal. Our combined parishes donated \$8005 with Mitchelton contributing \$2866 and Grovely/Samford contributing \$5139. An outstanding result. Sincere thanks to you all for your generosity. Receipts have now been issued and delivered to those as requested. (Please note that credit card donations are receipted directly through Caritas).

Thank You

Two Minute Homilies:

This week, Fr Gerry Kalinowski gives the homily for the Feast of Corpus Christi. This can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or by going to: brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies/

"Eucharist is not fast-food takeaway, it is the participation in a wedding banquet... God became incarnate, broken, poured out, and gave us the Eucharist that we become his flesh and blood in the world"