

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Exodus 24:3-8*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**The word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:11-15*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered

the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

*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

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
14:12-16,22-26*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**The Gospel of the Lord**



*Take it, This is  
my Body  
This is my Blood  
poured out for many.*



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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ– Year B**

**1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024 – Year of Prayer**

*Beloved Jesus,*

*Hidden in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*We thank you for the precious gift of the Eucharist.*

*A constant reminder of Your covenant, poured out for many.*

*May we always be grateful for this gift,*

*and, just as the bread and wine are transformed*

*into Your Body and Blood, may we be transformed,*

*into the Body of Christ, opening our hearts to all in need.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**FOCUS ON THE WORD** "This is the Feast of Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. Let us enkindle in ourselves a more intense faith and love – let us adore and love Him on behalf of those who neglect to do so. Let us resolve to live a Eucharistic life. (Antonio Cardinal Bacci – 1881-1971)

**Aspiration:** *I adore You at every moment, O Living Bread from Heaven, O most wonderful Sacrament."*

*Pope Francis points that at the Last Supper Jesus 'breaks himself apart'. In doing so, the Pope suggests, Jesus shows his followers 'that the aim of life lies in self-giving.'*

*The Pope reminds us that 'we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing.' In the fragility of the Eucharist, the Pope adds, we find 'the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared.'*

*The Pope also highlights how the Eucharist reveals 'the strength to love those who made mistakes.' It was on the night he was betrayed, with Judas at the table, that Jesus 'responds to Judas' "no" with the "yes" of mercy.' 'When we receive the Eucharist,' the Pope explains, 'Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is the Bread of sinners.' 'The Eucharist,' the Pope says, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' That being the case, this Sunday we might do well to ask ourselves what situation or person we are being strengthened to help. © Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer*

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:** The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sacred Heart of Jesus Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June Immaculate Heart of Mary

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
**Tuesday** 7:00pm  
**Wednesday** 9.15am  
**& Thurs** 9.15 am  
**Friday** 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

**GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 2pm  
**WILLOWBROOK MASS** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11am

**BAPTISMS:** Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

**Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au**

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Yr B**  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2024 - Year of Prayer**

**PRAYING FOR...**

**All who have died recently:**  
Fr Toy Moester SDB, Fr Lionel Henry SDB  
Fr Ernie De Gaspari SDB



**Those who we remember at this time:**  
Ernest Williams, Marjorie Wright, Benny Lizza.

**The sick:** Sabrina McKeverne, Aileen Knox, Janet Roffey, Celia Ellis, Eamon Smith, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Ann Good, Ben Mc Laey, Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne.



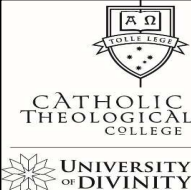
**ROSARY** is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** Take heart! Jesus urges us to bring our burdens/problems to him. Join us to pray, **Tues 9am-10am, in the Parish Office. All welcome.**

**ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** are meeting in the new Parish Community Centre this week, 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** We meet **Thurs 10am** in the New Parish Community Centre. Please come and join us for a Chat, sit and knit or perhaps a game of cards.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**  
When: **First Saturday of the Month** at 10.30 am.  
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.



Catholic Theological College  
**Online Information Session**  
Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST)  
Register via our website:  
[ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)  
For more information contact:  
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**POSITIONS VACANT Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- Head of Office Clergy Life and Ministry, Est Melb
- Financial Controller, East Melbourne
- Insurance & Risk Lead, East Melbourne
- Administration Assistant, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, Thornbury
- Animation Consultant, East Melbourne (including travel to the Western Region)
- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen <https://melboumecatholic.org/job-vacancies/>

**LITURGY† NEWS †EVENT**

National Reconciliation Week 27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Sun **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
**Corpus Christi Procession 1pm-4pm Meet at Sacred Heart**

**Church Carlton, process to St Patrick's. for vespers & benediction of the blessed sacrament.**

**Mon June 5<sup>th</sup>** World Environment Day

**Fri June 7** Feast Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Sat June 8** Feast Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Mid June: Confirmation Classes begin Please register now for confirmation this year.**

**Mon June 24** The Nativity of St John the Baptist  
**Combined Sunday Mass 10am only.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL.** This weekend we invite you to please



support our Winter appeal by donating non-perishable food, assisting in our Op shop, donating household items to the Op shop or making a financial donation. Your donations assist the unemployed, those affected by drug & alcohol abuse, Mental/Physical /Emotional abuse & homelessness/ rising cost of living/ rental stress.

**SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING**

A huge thank you to all those who attended our training day. Your certificate of Completion is available for collection in the sacristy this weekend after all Masses. Thank you also to our Safeguarding chair – Gordon Veerasawmy & all the committee and helpers who made the day happen.



**PRAYER IN PARLIAMENT** In response to a push by some parliamentarians to end the recitation of prayer in the Victorian Parliament, together with other religious leaders, Archbishop Comensoli has written to all Members of Parliament about the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer. The letter can be found at: [www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer](http://www.bit.ly/parliamentaryprayer).

There are two simple ways you can support the continuation of prayer in parliament:

- Sign this petition to the Legislative Council: [www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer](http://www.bit.ly/petitionparlprayer)
- Write to your local state members of parliament to respectfully let them know your views. You can find out who your local MPs are at: [findelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au](http://findelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au). Writing to both your Legislative Assembly member and to some or all of your five Legislative Council

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SACRAMENTAL CLASSES**



**Confirmation Preparation**

for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These classes are for children who do not attend

Catholic Schools, who have received the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are in grade 5 or upwards. If your child is in this category and you are interested that they attend the Confirmation classes, **please contact the parish office for an application form: on 9758 1029 or marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au. Classes will commence in June, 2024.**

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11am.** Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament from 10 am. Please stay for a cup of tea/coffee after Mass.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE DISASTER**

Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Your **urgent support is needed now.** Please, Donate at [www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png)



**PIETY STALL NEWS** We are very excited to announce that we have some very special and unusual gifts available, direct from Kerala, India. These include a large selection of Rosary Beads. The stall is an easy and fuss-free way to shop, including free parking!! Thank you! Peter & Dawn & all the team.

Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) **Emergencies Ministries Personal Support training** sessions which you are most welcome to attend please click on the link below for further information: <https://vccem.org.au/training/> Register now for the session on **22<sup>nd</sup> June, in Port Melbourne.**

**ROSTERS: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Flowers	Genevieve & Gina
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm Peter G, Help Needed 9am Joanna C & Thelma B 11am Anna M & Priya H
Lectors	6pm: Tess D 9am Peter F 11am: Joan R
Counters	Tony B, Steph H, Peter F, Rosina L
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T