

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
8:2-3, 14-16

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians. 1 Cor 10:16-17

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-52

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

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.

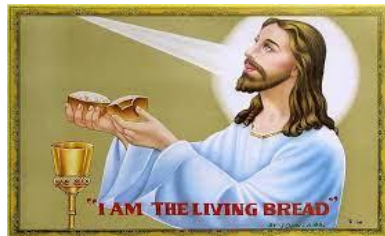
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food,  
and my blood is real drink.

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.*



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## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - YRA

6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. - Year of St Francis

**FOCUS on the WORD:** Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. 1) The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the **Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food** on Holy Thursday and **Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual Mother** on Good Friday. 2) *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel – God-with-us* – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. 3) The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the **“Real Presence”** of Jesus in the Eucharist so that we may appreciate the Infinite Value of the Sacrament by adoring and receiving Jesus in It

**We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because** 1) **Jesus promised it** after miraculously feeding the 5000. 2) **Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist** during his Last Supper. 3) **Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it** in his memory. 4) **“Nothing is impossible for God.”**

*“The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Godman are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and Divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass.” (cf. CCC #1413).*



## 13. Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4-6 December 2026, more information is available at [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026)

**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 everyone**. 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) safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

<b>MEMORIALS/FEASTS</b>	Tues 9th June	<b>St Ephrem</b>	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June –	<b>St Barnabas</b>
	Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>

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

*(John 10:10)*

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**REGULAR MASS TIMES:**  
Saturday Vigil Emerald and FTG 6:00 pm  
Sunday Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10.30 am  
Gembrook 9am Monbulk 11.00am  
Tuesday Belgrave 9am FTG 7:00pm  
Wednesday Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am  
& Thurs Belgrave 9am FTG 9.15am  
Friday Belgrave 9am FTG 11.00 am  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 5.15 pm

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

**BAPTISMS:** are celebrated either during the weekend Masses on the second Sunday at any of the Mass center's, or at 12:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month at St John's, Ferntree Gully. A six weeks' notice is required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on the Parish website. Contact the Parish Office on 97581029 or via email at [marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au](mailto:marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au).

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

**PROCLAIM DAY TWO: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026-For All - whether clergy, lay leader, or someone interested in sharing the Good News.** Cost : \$30 per person per day, or 2 day ticket \$50 Ticket includes lunch, refreshments, access to the keynote sessions and workshops. Find out more [Proclaim26 | Melbourne Catholic](https://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/proclaim26) REGISTER NOW!

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Yr A**  
6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 - Year of St Francis

**PRAYING FOR...**

**All who have died recently:**

**Those who we remember at this time**

Cosimo Coviello, Pauline Barlow, Justin Walker, Patricia Baker, Stephen Windebank, Patricia McCutcheon, Hugh Crowe, Hermina Tenbuuren,

**The sick:** Angela Lorusso, Rosa Lisle, Lyle & Bonnie Hoefler,

Barbara Kenny.  
**ROSARY** the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes prior to all weekday Masses in the Church. All welcome to join in.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

When: **First Saturday of the Month** Please contact Joan Ryan on 0408 411 096 for details.

**CHILDREN' LITURGY** Our children's liturgy sessions are held in the room at the rear of the church.

**ST. JOHN'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER** on Tuesday Mornings in the Parish Community Centre , 10.15am for a 10.30am start. All welcome

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Come and join us each Thurs Morning at 10am in the Parish Community Centre for a chat, a game of cards, may just a cuppa and to sit and knit. All welcome.

**PARENTS AND KIDS GROUP** will meet after the 10.30am Mass **Every First & Third Sunday of the Month** in the Parish Community Centre. Email [jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiandcarlos@gmail.com).

**YOUTH GROUP** Please dm us on Instagram @sjtb.youth or email us at [sjbyouth@gmail.com](mailto:sjbyouth@gmail.com) if you would like to know more or if you have any questions

**CATHOLIC PARENTS** Jenny and Mark Siu, and parenting educator Paul Nines, about how parents can give their teenage children the gift of their presence, and about **how to open up and keep important conversations going.** [Raising teenagers: the art of the conversation | Melbourne Catholic](https://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/raising-teenagers)

**CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?** For 14 years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. **You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating an unwanted motor vehicle.** Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) **to negotiate the formal processes.** If you or someone you know could help please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) for more information.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, owing to the King's Birthday Public Holiday



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CONFERENCE OF FERNTREE GULLY ANNUAL SACRED HEART WINTER APPEAL 2026** Our conference has worked throughout the year each day responding selflessly to the many instances of disadvantaged people in our area. We have supported many companions who have had the following experiences: UNEMPLOYMENT. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE, MENTAL / PHYSICAL / EMOTIONAL ABUSE, HOMELESSNESS, FAMILY VIOLENCE.



On behalf of the conference, we invite you to support our Winter Appeal by:

- Donating a variety of non-perishable food/toiletries for our weekly food hampers
- Making generous financial donations through our **SPECIAL COLLECTION APPEAL on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6p.m. and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30a.m.**
- Volunteering your time in our Op Shop (1821 Ferntree Gully Road)
- Donating household items to the Op Shop (1821 Ferntree Gully Road)

**YOU CAN DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS IN BASKETS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.** Thank you very much for your generous support.



**St Johns Tennis Club**  
Closing

St John's Tennis Club, opened by Fr Bill Bainbridge on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1986 has welcomed hundreds of families over the past 40years – for competition, coaching, friendship and social tennis. We are deeply grateful to the Parish Community for its support throughout this time.

As the Club prepares to close and the land transitions to St Joseph's College for future use, all past and present members, parishioners, and friends are **warmly invited to a FINAL BBQ at the courts Sunday 28 June 2026 at 12.30pm**

Food and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



**REFLECTIONS BOOK AND VIDEOS** capture the magic of **ACYF 2025** to mark the occasion, 6 months on, the Archdiocese has released a special **ACYF 2025 Reflections** book featuring

highlights from the event as well as recordings of the various keynotes and the final commissioning Mass. Find out more here <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/reflections-book-and-videos-capture-the-magic-of-acyf-2025>

**PARISH FEAST OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** Celebrated on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am mass. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** Refreshments will follow in the School Hall. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church, your support would be appreciated! Please join in on this day of our Patron Saint!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR PETER.** For 10<sup>th</sup> June. Every blessing for a very Happy Birthday from all of us here.

**CORPUS CHRISTI INVITES US TO TAKE CHRIST TO THE STREETS** This Sunday, [you are warmly invited join the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession](#) from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to bring the most precious gift of all, the presence of Christ, to the streets of Melbourne. **Sunday 7 June 2026, beginning at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, concluding at Federation Square.**

**SACRAMENTAL CLASSES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST 2026** Dear Parishioners, the Sacramental classes for children who do not attend catholic schools and are ready to make their First Eucharist, **will begin in July.** If you have a child who is in grade 4 or upwards and has made their First Reconciliation please contact: [marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au](mailto:marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au) Ph:9758 1029.

**LIGHT INTO THE CITY**  
Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne's vision to renew St Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne. Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct.

It will strengthen the Church's mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come. The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City; a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city. For more information, please visit <https://lightintothecity.org.au/>

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	
Flowers	Ann P, Connie B
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6.00 pm Rosina L, Lyn K, Myra N 10.30am Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6.00pm Queenie J 10.30am Shami A
Counters	George & Genevieve W, Bindu M, Connie
Gardening	Roger K & Henner T