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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST —YEAR B

Parish Bulletin

Sunday 6 June 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

Next week Readings: **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B**

Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary—

Patron saint of the Wollongong Diocese (Feast date 12 June)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

St Anthony's Church - Tahmoor

Saturday Vigil - 5.00 pm

Sunday - 7.30 am & 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday - 5.00 pm—Adoration

5.30 pm— Tahmoor

Wednesday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Thursday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

Friday - 8.30 am—Tahmoor

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 4.00—4.30pm

Please wear a face mask

Adoration: Tuesday: 5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday

9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m.

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The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

“Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life”

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH (POPE FRANCIS)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary! To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Lord grant them eternal peace & joy and to their families and friends strength and comfort

ANNIVERSARY:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

PRAY FOR THE SICK John Bell, Leone Kirton, Marie Darlington, Christine Jupe, Graeme Menser, Ross Spirou, Lesley Thompson, Mauro Mariano, Melony Cox, Joanne McMahon, Daniel Clarke, Margaret Brown, Lesley Gardiner, James McNeil, Ian Macnamara, Stephanie Macnamara, Elizabeth Linsell

READERS: THIS WEEK

VIGIL: SCHOOL
7.30AM: ANNE CORDINGLEY
9.30AM: SCHOOL

NEXT WEEK

KATRINA COLLIMORE
DON TURVEY
KATRINA BOUSTANI

CLEANERS: MARYANNE BUTTIGIEG
PAULINE BUTTIGIEG

COLIN DUNN

FLOWERS: MURIELLE AZZI

SUE SPITERI

SACRISTY: MARY GILBERT

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DIocese of WOLLONGONG MASS ONLINE For all of the online Mass options- please visit the DOW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

SPECIAL MINISTERS will not be rostered on during the pandemic

ACOLYTES are most welcome to serve on the altar

NEXT SATURDAY 12 JUNE

following 5pm Vigil Mass—Soup and Damper to celebrate feast of St Anthony (13/6/21)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 62 CHILDREN WHO MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND, FROM AROUND THE PARISH

“Today when the priest gives you Holy Communion, it may seem like ordinary bread, but it is not. It is really and truly Jesus. Today Jesus will come into your heart and soul.

When you receive Holy Communion, He will be closer to you than anyone else ever could be.”



VINNIES WINTER APPEAL Next weekend, 12th and 13th June there will be special envelopes on the pews at Masses for our Winter Appeal. Please try to spare a few dollars for those with nowhere warm and safe to sleep these nights. Thank You.

LADIES Place yourself in the upper room at Pentecost and allow the Holy Spirit to kindle in your heart the fire of His love.

The CURSILLO 3 day weekend relies on the power of the Holy Spirit to revive and renew us. The weekend runs from the 1st to the 4th of July at Hartzler Park, Bowral. Quoting Jesus "Come and see"

As this Cursillo falls in school holidays, it's an ideal time for teachers to grow their own personal Spirituality.

Please call Denise on 04382540139 for further details.

COLUMBARIUM

Our Parish is considering setting up a columbarium wall for the future interment of your ashes, or those of a loved one. A number of other parishes have set up, or are in the process of setting up, a columbarium.

The Parish is proposing to hold a meeting to discuss this proposal. The meeting will call for "Expressions of Interest" for being on a columbarium committee, and also to engage the level of interest to determine the size of the proposed columbarium.

The meeting will be held on Saturday 19th June at 4.00 p.m., before the Vigil Mass. If you cannot attend the meeting, and would like to contribute your thoughts, please contact the Parish, preferably by email to the address on the front of this Bulletin.

SAVE OUR GRAVES ONLINE PETITION

I give my support to Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP who has recently launched a Save Our Graves online petition to put pressure on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from the management of cemeteries in NSW that operate on Crown land. This also has the support of other faith leaders from the Muslim and Jewish communities.

The government's decision is a serious attack on religious freedom and raises significant questions as to the appropriateness of handing over the management of cemeteries to a bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds. Caring for the dead and those who love them is a spiritual mission, not secular. Our faith teaches that it is one of our "corporal works of mercy" and this underpins the way we look after our cemeteries, which we have been doing for over 150 years.

An online petition page has been established at www.saveourgraves.com.au and you are encouraged to sign this petition and circulate it to your family and friends in NSW.

THANK YOU for contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal last weekend, to support the valuable work they do.

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE—

Brochure's for 2021 and 2022 retreats are available from the rack in the foyer. If interested please take a copy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT According to the plan of God brought about in Christ, there corresponds to the identity and mission of the Church in the world "a saving and eschatological purpose which can be fully attained only in the next life". – Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

LATEST COVID DIRECTIVES

- *The total number of people allowed to attend Mass is 200 at St Anthony's Tahmoor*
- *Use of QR code is the preferred method of registering for each Mass.*
- *If unable to attend Mass, it can be viewed on line, or other prayerful means.*
- *Please only attend Mass if you are well.*
- *Please leave the kneeler down when leaving Mass, to allow for easy cleaning.*
- *Collections are still not being taken up, please place offerings in the boxes mounted on the wall or giving can be done by direct debit, please contact the office for details.*
- *Holy water fonts sill not being used.*
- *Please do not touch any statues or icons*
- *The sign of peace is still not by hand shaking*
- *Holy Communion will only be given into the hand*
- *Reconciliation is via appointment with Fr Peter (his phone: 0406001540) or on Saturdays between 5pm – 5.30pm*
- *Baptisms by appointment only either on Saturday or Sunday*
- *You are encouraged to install the COVID-19 App onto you mobile phone.*



For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

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