

St. Monica's Parish

North Parramatta

"Our mission is to build up an active parish community with the Eucharist as the centre, foster deeper prayer and spirituality and reach out as a witnessing community"



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST -

YEAR B

06TH JUNE 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 80

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 115

Response: 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

Heb 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.

This is 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

Mk 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 6: 57

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

St. Monica's Catholic Parish

Cnr Church Street and North Rocks Road, North Parramatta

SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday Vigil - 5pm; Sunday - 9am, 11.30am (Cantonese/Chinese Mass) and 6pm	
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday-Friday - 9.15am	
EXPOSITION:	Every Thursday 8pm—9pm Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,	
RECONCILIATION:	Friday 10-10.30am, Saturday 4-4.40pm, 3rd Sunday of the month 10:15-11am, or on request	
MARRIAGES:	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior	
BAPTISMS:	Please contact the Parish Office for appointment with the Parish Priest. Phone: 9630-1951	
ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ EUCHARIST AT HOME	Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630-1951	
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951	Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
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REFLECTION

A Tale of Two Scarves

I have met the Dalai Lama, obviously an admirable man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believes that, after his death, there could be a further phase of existence as an insect or an animal.

Contrast Jesus of Nazareth, a man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believed, and staked his life on it, that he would lead a glorified, fully human existence after death. There would be no extinguishing of his personality, but rather, it would be enhanced. He was vindicated in the Resurrection.

As St John Paul II put it, at the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest[ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'.

Our Lord chose bread and wine to convey his Real Presence into us. It is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven, but it has a beneficial effect on our earthly stage of existence. Bread nourishes us and wine gladdens our hearts. Our Lord shares his risen and glorified life with us because he wants to nourish us and gladden our hearts.

We may take a moment to pray that we will share the marriage feast of Heaven with those we especially love, and those for whom heavenly existence will be a life-enhancing surprise. Let us pray for His Holiness the Dalai Lama that he may find himself alongside Pope Francis in the everlasting joy of Heaven.

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Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



Prayer to St. Joseph

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.

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 11, THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
June 12, THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE SICK.
ESPECIALLY**

Paul Chiu, John Rodrigues,
Dave & Fan Lin Wilson, Francis Lee,
Jerry A, Michelle Barnes,
Levi Bell, Grace Boitano,
Gesualda Borg,
Monica Teresa & Fernanda Carigliano,
Veronica Coorey.
Margaret Dorahy, Heidi Ellich,
Josie Estera, Philippe Kalife,
Tim Kelly, Mary Korunic,
Lillian Leigh, Monique Malouf, Maria
Itang Tagle,
Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos,
Llave Family, Sheila Watts,
Gloria Cherote,

MASS INTENTIONS

Sri Pathmanathan
Ernesto & Aurora Mariano

PARISH ACTIVITES



St. Monica is on Facebook! Please join and get updates of the Parish during this current period.
Please like our page : **St Monica's North Parramatta**



Christian Meditation Every Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enquiries/facilitator : Patricia Brown, 0418 406 661 or email: pabrown02@gmail.com.



St Monica's Parish Rosary Group Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST MONICA'S BRANCH meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am in the meeting room. Enquiries : Julie Skulander on 0411 988 361



Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday from 8pm–9pm.
All are welcome.

St. Monica's Sacraments

stmonicasacraments@gmail.com



First Holy Communion 2021

Compulsory Parent Meeting : 8th June at 7.00 pm - (Parish Hall)
1st Lesson : 19th June 4pm or 20th June 8am - (Parish Hall)
Commitment Mass : 19th June 5pm or 20th June 9am - (Church)



Special Collections toward Parish Toilets & Kitchenette renovation:

There will be special collections taken toward the renovation and inclusion of new toilets in the Parish Centre with direct access to the toilets for the use of Parishioners who attend Mass. A new kitchenette will also be included for the use of the Parish office and Parish Centre. Special Envelopes will be available from today to end of August. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided. Your donations toward this much needed renovation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**



St Monica's Piety Stall

run by the Catholic Women's League of St Monica's carry a selection of Rosaries, family resources, cards and great gifts for religious occasions. Please come and browse.
Stall is open on Saturday 4.40 - 6.15pm
Sunday 8.40 - 10.15am



Please continue to leave your glass & plastic bottles, aluminum cans alongside the hall, next to the garbage bay so that the needy can be provided for through Vincent De Paul. This is an ongoing project which yielded \$700 last financial year. This year \$260 has been raised so far. Squashed aluminum cans, car batteries, scrap brass, copper and lead are also welcomed to be turned into cash . Please contact Ian Goldthorpe on 9630 1494 for any enquiries/pick-ups.

THANK YOU! Our Parish Collected \$ 5,390/- for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal, it will go towards the support of our Seminarians and The Holy Spirit Seminary.

12th/13th June ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
Readers	C. Meleca S. Meleca	B. Hooker P. Fleming	M. Ellis D. Llevado
Acolytes	Peter Handcock	Peter Mooney	John Hilton
Cleaning	Group 2 – Vera		

Youth + Corner

Corpus Christi

Through the feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate the belief that Christ truly is present in the Eucharist – that through communion, we partake in his body and his blood. This is an essential tenet of our faith, but it is a belief that is not shared by certain branches of Christianity and as such, many people (even practicing Catholics) are under certain misconceptions regarding the true nature of the Eucharist and its significance. In 2003, St Pope John Paul II sent out an Encyclical Letter, *Ecclesia De Eucharista*, which addressed to all members of the Church explaining the foundations of this tradition and why it is so important. While the Encyclical itself had six chapters, here are a few of the points you might find interesting.

In chapter one, St Pope John Paul II examines the proclamation of 'the Mystery of Faith.' The first line we recite, 'we proclaim your death, O Lord,' emphasises the centrality of Christ's death. By 'proclaiming' it, we essentially do more than represent the event, we participate in it by offering ourselves to God along with the sacrifice of Jesus. The next line, 'and profess your resurrection,' also brings us back to the resurrection of Jesus. Because we are celebrating the Eucharist, we are actually participating in Jesus' sacrifice- this also means that the risen body of Christ is made present for us to fully realise the graces received from the body and blood during communion. The final line, 'until you come again,' reminds us that through communion, we receive a glimpse of the gifts promised by God.

He also highlights that participating in communion is more than just turning up to mass and consuming the host once a week. There are two elements to true participation. The first of these is what he termed 'invisible communion,' which mainly refers to the act of practicing our faith and theological virtues. More than just practicing these values for the sake of it, you must do so out of love, and only then will you achieve this invisible communion. The second element is the 'visible' communion with the words and teachings of Christ, the sacraments, and the Church itself. This means that one must understand the teachings of our faith, be a member of the Church, and must have undergone all the relevant sacraments to partake in the Eucharist. For example, someone who has not been baptised or rejects the word of God does not have the core foundations needed to truly receive the fruits of the Eucharist.

Therefore, the Eucharist is not only the true body and blood of Christ, but also something that impacts every part of our lives. As mentioned earlier, the Encyclical contains much more about the importance of the Eucharist and its meanings- so if you are interested give it a read, you will definitely learn something.

- Rashane

Youth Announcements



St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

Face to face/ in person youth group has resumed at 10:30AM in the community room! Feel free to come along Our sessions will continue to focus on books of the Bible from both Old and New Testaments- in June we are looking at the book of Mark! Also follow us on Instagram @fyrestmonicas to keep track of the latest FYRE news and events!

Youth Camp 2021: Mission Impossible

We are happy to announce that our most anticipated event of the year- **Youth Camp**- will be back on again in June! It will be during the Term 2 holidays from the 29th June (Tuesday)- 2nd July (Friday) at Wedderburn Christian Campsite and is open for anyone in Year 5 and above! Forms are due **TODAY**, and if you have any questions please ask Cheryl Wong (0481 507 169) or Rebecca Cheung (0449 055 395). Get excited : D