

# 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 C

19TH JUNE 2022

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

Gen 14: 18 - 20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine;  
he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of  
heaven and earth,  
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your  
enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 109

**Response:** You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)
2. The Lord will send from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
3. A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 11: 23 - 26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed  
on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed,  
the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it  
and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for  
you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he  
took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new  
covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a  
memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every  
time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are pro-  
claiming to his death.

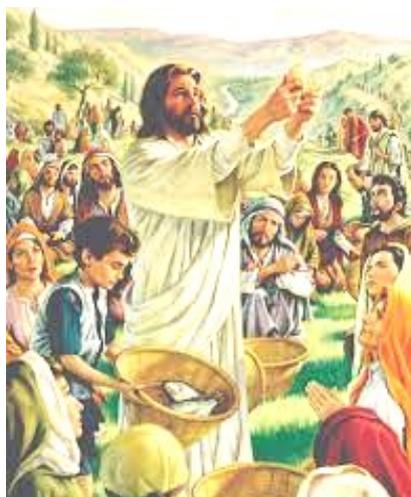
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## SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowled,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.



## 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 St Luke

Lk 9: 11 - 17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them  
about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were  
in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and  
said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the  
villages and farms round about to find lodging and food;  
for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them  
something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no  
more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go  
ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there  
were about five thousand men. But he said to his  
disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.'  
They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the  
five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven,  
and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and  
handed them to his disciples to distribute among the  
crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the  
scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve  
baskets.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	Saturday Vigil - 5pm; Sunday - 9am, 11.30am (Cantonese/Chinese Mass) and 6pm
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b>	Tuesday-Friday - 9.15am
<b>EXPOSITION:</b>	Every Thursday 8pm—9pm Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Friday 10-10.30am, Saturday 4-4.40pm, 3rd Sunday of the month 10:15-11am, or on request
<b>MARRIAGES:</b>	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office for appointment with the Parish Priest. Phone: 9630-1951
<b>ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ EUCARIST AT HOME</b>	Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630-1951
<b>PARISH PRIEST/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:</b>	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951 Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS:</b>	8 Daking Street, North Parramatta, 2151 Website: <a href="http://www.stmonicanp.org.au">http://www.stmonicanp.org.au</a>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-2.30pm Phone: 9630-1951 Fax: 9630-8738 Email: stmonicanp@bigpond.com

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## COMMENTARY

### Tasting the Future

The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the *glorified* humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat!' so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

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## Anima Christi

**ANIMA** Christi, sanctifica me.

Corpus Christi, salva me.

Sanguis Christi, inebria me.

Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.

Passio Christi, conforta me.

O bone Iesu, exaudi me.

Intra tua vulnera absconde me.

Ne permittas me separari a te.

Ab hoste maligno defende me.

In hora mortis meae voca me.

Et iube me venire ad te,

Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te

in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

## Soul of Christ

**SOUL** of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds, hide me.

Separated from Thee let me never be.

From the malignant enemy, defend me.

At the hour of death, call me.

To come to Thee, bid me,

That I may praise Thee in the company

Of Thy Saints, for all eternity.

Amen.

## FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 21, St Aloysius Gonzaga

June 22, Sts John Fisher & Thomas More

June 24, THE MOST SCARED HEART OF JESUS

June 25, THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

**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, Sheila Watts, Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos, Llave Family, Gloria Cherote,

## MASS INTENTIONS

Phil & Pat McBrien

# PARISH ACTIVITES



**Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Every Thursday from 8pm–9pm.  
Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am.



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



**Christian Meditation** every Thursday, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Participation via Zoom is available. Enquiries/facilitator : Patricia Brown, 0418 406 661 or email: pabrown02@gmail.com.



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



**St Monica's Piety Stall** (open alternate weeks)  
Stall is open on Saturday 4.40 - 6.15pm  
Sunday 8.40 - 10.15am

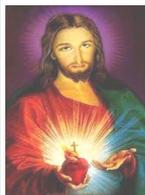


**Remember the Deceased** There is an open diary and pens next to the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue and you are welcome to write down the names of your deceased loved ones or family members on the day of their anniversaries and we will pray for them.

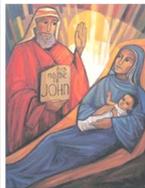


**St Monica's Art Group** Every Saturday, 6pm–8pm, the Art Group will gather at the Parish Centre. Mini workshops are available. Please contact Vera (WhatsApp 0402936947) for details or take a pamphlet at the main entrance of the church.

## Special Masses in June



**Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
23rd June, Thursday  
7.30pm - Vigil Mass in Cantonese  
24th June, Friday  
9.15am & 7.30pm - Mass in English



**Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist**  
25th June, Saturday  
9.15am - Mass in English

**Planned giving Envelopes** are available to be collected at the entrance to the Church. Please collect your box. If anyone wishes to join "Planned Giving" please contact the Parish office to give your details.

## Catholic Outlook Magazine

New copies are available at the entrance to the Church. Please take a copy home.

## 25TH/26TH June ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	C. Maxwell K. Handcock	C. Cheung B. McGettigan	M. Novak D. Llevado
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	M. Woolridge A. Bentley	S. Joseph A. Falamich	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Handcock	Nishan Joseph	Adrian Cheung
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 2 - Vera		
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Regina Astorga/Sanchia Pinto		



## Feast of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The feast dates to the Middle Ages and originated with a visionary nun and a Eucharistic miracle. The story goes like this-

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.

Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today. This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium. St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion. After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena.

Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, Pange Lingua, Tantum Ergo, Panis Angelicus, and O Salutaris Hostia are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*Gretchen Filz, from a Catholic Company*

## Youth Announcements



### St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

We have resumed face to face youth group! Feel free to join us in the community room at 10:30AM! Over the next few months, we will be looking at the foundations of our faith/Catholicism, and in June we are looking at Morality, led by Cheryl and Sam! See you there 😊

### Youth Camp: Mission Impossible 2022

Youth Camp is back on this year (for real this time!) from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July in Gerringong. Apologies for all the pushbacks these past two years so thank you all for your patience 😊 The theme will still be the same and we will be going over some of the challenges we youth might face in our modern society today, and how we can best tackle them. Please note forms were due LAST SUNDAY, but if you are still interested in coming along, you are more than welcome to see Cheryl Wong (0481507169) or Rebecca Cheung (0449055395) for questions/forms/final payments. We hope you are as keen as the leaders are!!

### WYD Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Sunday (18<sup>th</sup> June) we will be having a sausage sizzle to raise funds for our St Monica's team heading to WYD in 2023! We will be selling tickets outside the church today but you are also free to buy on the day too. It will be \$5 for a sausage sizzle + drink 😊 Thanks in advance for all your support!