



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

6 June 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B



CORPUS CHRISTI – INDISPENSABLE SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR OUR SOULS

Before the Lord Jesus entered his passion, death and resurrection, he instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering for all human beings. As a sacrament, the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's life, grace, and peace. As a banquet, the Eucharist nourishes, strengthens, and nurtures our souls. As a sacrifice, the Eucharistic celebration is a representation of Jesus' loving sacrifice on Calvary, the sacrifice which is completed in his Resurrection. The sacrifice of Jesus is made for us so that we can offer this to God the Father for the pardon and remission of our sins.

Obviously, the Holy Eucharist is one of the most precious gifts the Lord has granted us and the whole world. As our bodies need physical food in order to exist and develop, our souls also need spiritual food to be alive. When we stop eating food and drinking water, our bodies will die down and die out. When we stop talking and listening to the Lord, we may stumble and be lost in life ignorantly, without our awareness. When we stop coming to Jesus to be healed, reconciled, strengthened, guided, fed, nourished, and nurtured, we may lose the genuine peace and joy for our hearts, the real meaning and motivation for our lives and essential zeal and energy for our journey, the journey towards our true home in heaven.

At the Last Supper, instead of using expensive food and drink to share with his disciples, Jesus used bread and wine. He used bread and wine so that all people, including those who are poor, vulnerable, homeless, downtrodden and unloved can come to receive him. At Mass, the bread and wine are converted into the substance of the risen Jesus' Body and Blood, while their appearances remain. This Transubstantiation is a beautiful mystery of our faith. In the Eucharist, God shares His life with Jesus and with all other people. The Eucharist is truly the Sacrament of our union with the Lord. Jesus generously gives us his own Body and Blood. The 'Bread' is broken for us and for everyone. The Divine life is given and shared so that many others may live and live to the full.

We are so blessed to have God in our lives. We are really blessed to be able to receive Jesus into our hearts every day and every Sunday. May we always be grateful to God and may we be Christ-bearers and conveyers, humbly and courageously bringing Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness and peace to others.



Fr Thanh Tran
Assistant Priest

Masses have been offered for:

Anna Lo Thi Nguyen (grandmother of Fr Thanh), Frances Pym (recent), Ruth Flett, Mary, Luke, Patrick & Joseph Kean, Dolly, Doug & Matthew Williams, Ailsa Musson, Mary Barry, Mary Duncan and James Parekh (anniversaries).

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am,
11am Choral Mass, 4.30pm,
6.00pm

Te Rangimarie Centre
11:00am (Miha Māori)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday
7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm
Saturday 9.15am
Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY EXODUS 24: 3-8; 2ND: HEBREWS 9: 11-15;

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

PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

As Monday is a Public Holiday there will only be one Mass celebrated at 9.15am.

Do you call Cathedral Parish your home?

It's Census Time This weekend you have another opportunity to complete the Parish Census. You can either complete a hardcopy form while you are at church this weekend or by one of our online options: Facebook, Parish App or Parish Website.

Men's 'Spirit Night' - Whisky & The Holy Spirit

Friday 11th June, 7.00pm at St Francis of Assisi School, Innes Rd. Join the Cathedral Brotherhood for an evening of faith sharing, accompanied by a whisky tasting. Speakers include Fr Simon Eccleton. Seats must be booked at either the parish office, or email Phil Bell phil.clare.bell@gmail.com. \$20pp. To secure your place payment can be made into the parish bank account Catholic Cathedral Trust 03 1592 0207236 20 using the reference WHISKY

This week is Samoan Language week This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2021 is Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive. This is especially important as it relates to the Samoan language. St Mary's School encourages their Samoan students to use Samoan when interacting in everyday school life. This week the Arataki team (years 4-8) have painted the windows of the Learning Centre with patterns relating to Samoan culture and have been learning some simple phrases in Samoan.

Sacrament of Confirmation Any Baptised Catholic adults in the parish who have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to receive the Sacrament this year in September please contact Clare Bell cbell@cathedralparish.nz

Mission Circle The Mission Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday 8 June at 1.30pm in Assisi Lounge**. An invitation is extended to all parishioners to join with us for an afternoon of fun, including games of Housie, raffles and afternoon tea. No joining fee – just come along with a small grocery item for a 'Housie' prize, a small raffle prize and a small plate for afternoon tea. Housie cards are 30c each and raffle tickets 50c. All the money raised goes to support various Catholic Missions. Any queries – phone Diana Clark 942 1705 or Gaye O'Connell 960 5328.

Women's Wine Tasting Night Come along to a wine tasting with a difference. Viniculture and wine play a significant part in biblical literature, and this tasting will reflect on the method of wine making and Sr Kath Rushton will speak about 'The Spirituality of Wine'. Nibbles provided. A maximum of 30 women so register now by emailing Kirsten Challies. Wednesday June 30th at 7 - 8:30pm in the Assisi Lounge. Cost: \$20pp.

Workshop Fr Tien will repeat his Parish Alive Conference workshop entitled "Growing In Our Prayer Life: Adoration" on **Saturday June 19th at 10.00am in the Assisi Lounge**.

Save The Date One-Day Parish Retreat, **Saturday July 24th**. Mark your diary now for a day of spiritual refreshment. More info to follow.

Parish Men's Luncheon to be held at "GBR" 180 Marshlands Rd 12 noon 15 June. Please confirm attendance by June 13th. Confirmation or any inquiries to Martin 385 9947.

Children of Hope: Adoration for Kids Come along and spend some time with Jesus in a half hour of guided adoration. Songs, prayers and short periods of silence, **St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Chapel, 3.00pm, Sunday 6th June**. Nibbles and play afterwards in the Assisi Lounge. All welcome. Contact Debra: 0277175616 for more info.

Interested in becoming Catholic? We will begin instruction in August on our Catholic faith and anyone who feels drawn to become a full member of our Church, or simply to investigate that option, is welcome to join in this instruction. Please make yourself known to one of the priests or pastoral workers or complete the OCIA form in the Narthex to register your interest. We look forward to journeying with you.

Inviting others to become Catholic If you have someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please take time for focused prayer for them over these coming weeks and invite them to our OCIA programme which begins in August, where they can receive instruction in the Catholic faith. If it would be helpful for Fr Job or Kirsten Challies to describe the process, contact them via email.

Sunday 13th June is the 104th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. Please join in praying the Rosary in the Chapel at 4.00pm that day. All welcome.