



Embracing the communities of:
 St Mary's South Brisbane,
 St Francis of Assisi West End,
 St Ita's Dutton Park and
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield



The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes stand.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 2nd June 2024 - Year B

Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi. Vatican II reforms saw the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) and Corpus Christi joined into one feast which is what we celebrate today as *The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*.

When we look to our readings this weekend, we will hear of a gruesome practice of blood being sprinkled on the people of Israel. In the first reading Moses cast the blood upon the people and said to them *'This, is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'*

We know scientifically that blood is quite extraordinary. It carries oxygen and nutrients to all parts of the body. Blood can carry carbon dioxide and other waste materials to the lung and kidneys but what does the scripture mean when it says that blood carries/contains rules or commands?

The ancients had some intuition of the value of blood within the human person. Anthropologists will tell us that every culture engaged in some form of sacrificial offering connected to blood. Within the bible, blood is associated with life. So when Moses talks about the blood containing this covenant and the commands or rules of the Lord, he's basically saying that the lives of the people, sprinkled with blood, is to be spent on the upholding and following of the covenant and commands.

Nothing short of your life is acceptable. It requires everything. To speak in such absolutes frightens the modern person but we also don't know such expressions of life. We might see it in the 1% of people who we consider 'top-of-the-food-chain' people, or we cast this seemingly unreachable reality upon heroes that we conjure within the mind. The danger here, is that these imaginings are not real.

What is real is the example that Jesus, the martyrs and some of our saints provide for us throughout history. Men and women who were willing to give everything for the sake of the Gospel – the proclamation of Jesus as Lord! They put their life, their blood on the line for Jesus. How do I fair amidst these powerful witnesses?

Whenever we gather for Mass, the Eucharist is a **re-presentation** of the one sacrifice of blood that marked the middle of human history. This great blood sacrifice of Christ carries with it a divine energy that, when mingled with our own blood, makes us more like Christ. So as we celebrate today the sacrifice of our Lord and God, may we also be transformed by what we consume, that as we do so, we might open our lives and hearts to be more like Christ in giving it all for the Gospel and for the sanctification of the world.

God Bless,
 Fr William

Welcome to New Parishioners
 Please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. For more information about our parish or how to volunteer in the Church ministry or our activities, please contact the Parish Office below.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

corpuschristibrisbane.com

SCAN TO VISIT WEBSITE

Safeguarding Officers:

- St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205)
- St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166)
- St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321)
- OLPS Church: Paul Hogan (0418 742 760)

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First reading: Exodus 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.'

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

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

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/**

O precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosed my bonds. **R/**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call upon the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **R/**

Second reading: Hebrews 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 the 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.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 6:51-52

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

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.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 6:57

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

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THIS WEEK'S Psalm Responses

Monday 3rd:
Memorial (Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs)
In you, my God, I place my trust.

Tuesday 4th:
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Wednesday 5th: Memorial (St Boniface)
To you, O Lord, I lift my eyes.

Thursday 6th:
Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Friday 7th:
Solemnity (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)
You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Saturday 8th: Memorial (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
My heart rejoices in the Lord my saviour.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: Genesis 3:9-15

2nd reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Children and Church Survey for Parents

Parents and caregivers, we want to hear from you! Later this year the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be holding a Synod to discern the practical and Spirit-led actions we need to undertake to be a more responsible church on mission.

As we prepare for SYNOD24, we want to hear about your experience of faith at home, your participation in the community of faith, things that help or hinder this, and any stories you have to share.

Please take a few minutes to respond to our short survey at www.tinyurl.com/kids-and-church.



Scan the QR code to fill out this short survey



ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT?

Reclaim is a monthly young adult event hosted by a collaboration of ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. It's a place for young adults to come together, hear excellent Catholic input and be empowered to have a heart for Jesus and the mission of his Church!

**Next reclaim is Tuesday 8th June
7pm at ECM**

(19 Merivale St, South Brisbane)
More details @reclaimbne

NEW EVENT: BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Delve into the richness of God's Word. Whether you're new to the Bible or a seasoned reader, all are welcome to come and deepen your relationship with scripture and reflect with scripture in a new way.



**Launching next Wednesday
6pm at St Francis' Hall**
5th June and 19th June
RSVP via the Parish Office

ST FRANCIS' MORNING TEA Sunday, 2nd June 2024



Please join us for our monthly morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass. All welcome! A plate to share would be most welcome.

Mini Retreat: A Morning's Prayer

Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane, "A Morning's Prayer" is an opportunity to reflect and find peace in the presence of God. Come and experience a time of spiritual renewal and connection. Scan the QR code to register and be part of the event.

When: Saturday 8th June, 1-4pm
Where: Hanly Room, Brisbane City



COMMUNITY PICNIC IN THE PARK

All are welcome for a community picnic in the park after Mass on **Sunday the 9th of June**. Orleigh Park is a perfect picnic spot along the Brisbane River with beautiful large trees for shade, plenty of grass and a children's playground. We will have a sausage sizzle and some drinks. Feel free to bring a picnic rug or chair and a plate to share. Please rsvp with the Parish Office.

When: 9th June 10:30am
Where: Orleigh Park, West End



Support St Francis' Table through Containers for change

If you wish to support St Francis' Table Ministry through the **Containers For Change**, please use this account number C11452798 when you depositing your containers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GABBY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Gabby is 22 years old from South Brisbane Parish, this year she is volunteering with NET Ministries, an organisation that ministers to hundreds of young people each year throughout Australia and New Zealand. In order for Gabby to continue her ministry to young people, she needs to raise \$6,900. If you are in a position to help support this mission please go to www.netministries.com.au/support-us and donate using Gabby Brennen in the reference section. Thank you for your support!



PARISH UPCOMING LITURGICAL TRAINING IN JUNE

Ministry Training:

We are offering a training for our ministries over the next few months. If you are part of these ministries within the Parish or would like to get involved please come to our training session for the appointed time and date. If you are not able to attend this time, there'll be another round in July;

- **Sacristan and Altar Server:**
Sat, 1 June - 10am at St Francis of Assisi Church
- **Readers:**
Saturday, 1 of June - 10am at St Francis' Hall
- **Communion to the Sick:**
Sat, 15 June - 10am at St Francis of Assisi Church
- **Music Ministry:**
Saturday, 15 June - 10am at St Francis' Hall

Please let the Parish Office know if you can attend any of these events.

This is Josh.

Josh is one of over 120 homeless and vulnerable visitors that frequent Emmanuel City Mission's Catholic daytime sanctuary to receive support and care from the street.

"To be able to come here every morning to have a feed and a shower *gave me back my dignity,*
I was at the point where I'd given up."

At ECM, visitors have access to hot meals, showers, washing machines, clean clothing and a community that rallies behind them. Soon, ECM will move to the St. Mary's precinct. We invite you to 'come and see' for yourself what it means to serve this community.

To join ECM's team of missionaries and care for people like Josh, we'd love to hear from you:

contact@ecm.org.au

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IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024

Registration is now open !

If you are interested in attending the 2024 Ignite Conference as part of our Parishes' youth group, please let Fr Will or Fr Ravi know.



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19-22 September 2024

St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

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PARISH ACTIVITIES 2024

BAPTISMS

- Saturdays - 10.00am
(Booking is essential - contact Parish Office)

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tuesday 6.30pm: St Mary's Church
- Sunday 4pm: St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturdays after 8am Mass until Sundays 8.30am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Friday - 7am: St Mary's Church
- 1st Saturday - 5pm: St Ita's Church
- 1st Sunday - 7am: OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (School Term Only)

- Sunday - 9.00am: St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - Ministry to the Elderly

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm
St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Tce, West End

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Your continued support of our Parishes is appreciated. Please consider giving to our planned giving program.

If you'd like to use direct debit please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office.

- [St Mary's Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)
- [Dutton Park Parish Direct Debit Request Form](#)

or direct internet transfer:

- **St Mary's Parish South Brisbane**
BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 100 009 890
Ref: Your Last Name and Collections
- **Dutton Park Parish:**
BSB: 064-786
Acc No: 100 023 601
Ref: Last Name and Collections

We also have **Tap n Go** at the back of the Church

SAFEGUARDING

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550.
For more information visit brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding

