

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.

# CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY Year A - 11th June 2023

#### Good News Reflection: How Jesus in the Eucharist helps us in difficulties

This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the reason why we believe it is truly and physically the presence of Jesus.

In the first reading, we're reminded that God our Father always provides the food and drink that we need for survival in the desert days of life's hardships. What he did for the Israelites, he does for us today in whatever ways we experience hot trials and dry faith. He provides what we need by giving us the True Presence of Christ, who comes to us in the bread of Mass (the Eucharist), and in the presence of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us (Baptism and Confirmation), and in the priest whose ordination makes Jesus present to us in Confession.

The Gospel passage tells us that the Eucharistic food and drink are truly Jesus himself, not a mere symbol of his love. Oh-me oh-my, how we need this food and drink to survive the serpents and scorpions and the parched and waterless ground of our desert experiences! Jesus literally fills us and quenches our thirsts. As we consume him, he consumes us. As we draw him into us, he draws us into himself. In this unity, we walk through our trials with all that we need for success.

The second reading tells us that the Eucharist increases our unity with Christ's body on earth, the church community through which he provides the various resources that we need. In this unity --when it's activated as it should be -- no one lacks anything good because all necessary goods are shared. And ultimately in this unity, as Jesus said in the Gospel, we're assured of eternal life in heaven, where all needs are met perfectly and completely.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are the "serpents and scorpions" in your life right now? In what ways do you feel parched, thirsty to the point of desperation? During Mass, imagine that you're walking through a desert to receive from Jesus what you need. How does it feel to approach Jesus this way?

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#### **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. MASS TIMES PARISH ADMINISTRATION **St Mary's** (20 Merivale St, South Brisbane) Parish Priest: Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap Email: <u>pp.southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</u> Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass) Sunday: 9am and 5pm Parish Deacon: Deacon Adam Walk Email: walka@bne.catholic.net.au St Francis of Assisi (47 Dornoch Tce, West End) Pastoral Coordinator: Sr. Salvation Bunao SFI Parish Secretary: Niken Westerman Finance Officer: Kevin Bhasin • Sunday: 9am St Ita's (Pope St, Dutton Park)Saturday (Vigil): 5pm Parish Youth: <a href="mailto:southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au">southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</a> Sunday: 10.30am (Indonesian) Safeguarding Officers: **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** (Victoria St, Fairfield) • St Mary's Church : Chris Bolger (0407 480 205) • St Francis of Assisi: Liam Cunnane (0477 306 166) Sunday: 7am • St Ita's Church: Liam O'Rourke (0411 033 321) CONFESSION OLPS Church: Vania Lobo (0435 935 925) **St Mary's Church** Sat: 8.30am-9am | Sun: 4.15-4.45pm Office: 47 Dornoch Tce, West End, Q 4101 Telephone: 07 3844 2744 Postal: PO Box 3857, West End, Q 4101 Emails: - <u>southbrisbane@bne.catholic.net.au</u> St Ita's Church By appointment (contact parish office) stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au More information: Websites: - <u>www.southbrisbanestmarys.org.au</u> - <u>www.duttonparkcatholic.org.au</u> ST ITAS'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Q 4102 Phone: (07) 3838 8400 Email: pduttonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au Web: www.stitasduttonpark.qld.edu.au FB: - www.facebook.com/stmaryssouthbrisbane/ www.fb.me/duttonparkwestendcatholicparish

### **READINGS AT MASS**

#### First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

### R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates he has blessed the children within you. R/

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R/

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R/

### Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### Gospel Acclamation: 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: John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

#### 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 12th:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Tuesday 13th:** *Memorial (St Anthony of Padua)* Lord, let your face shine on me.

Wednesday 14th: Holy is the Lord our God.

**Thursday 15th:** The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

Friday 16th: Solemnity (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Saturday 17th: Memorial (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary) The Lord is kind and merciful.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

1st reading: Exodus 19:2-6

2nd reading: Romans 5:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

If you know anyone who are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion at their home, please contact the Parish Office (details at the back page).



### MASS INTENTION

If you wish to have a mass intention for your departed loved ones, please use the envelope provided at the foyer of the Churches.



Please print the names for whom the mass is intended clearly with the specific date of the mass, and hand it in to the Priest/ Church Coordinator.

### **Pilgrim Virgin Statue May - October**



Invite a Pilgrim Virgin statue into your home from May to October and commit to praying the Rosary everyday while it is at your home. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY, 11 JUNE 2023 The Feast of Corpus Christi



Dutton Park and St Mary's Parishes are invited to join with over 4,000 other Catholics walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane City commencing and ending at St Stephen's Cathedral.

*Please join us - meet at 1.00 pm at St Mary's car park – parking available.* 

A Prayer Petition Book is available in each Church. Please write your petitions in this book and it will be presented at the Cathedral on 11 June.

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: Photographic display of over 150 Eucharistic miracles will be open over the weekend at the Francis Rush Centre next to the Cathedral: Saturday, 10 June: 11am - 5.30pm and Sunday, 11 June: 9am - 5pm

Vigil Night Adoration: (St Stephen's Chapel, Cathedral precinct) Saturday, 10 June 7pm to Sunday, 11 June, 8 am.

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN



The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month of June we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend 10am Mass on Wednesday, June 28th, at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.

Stay tuned for news about more commemorations over the course of this year-long celebration.



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### ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL TOOWONG Celebrating 120 years

St Ignatius School Toowong invite all former students, families and staff to their anniversary celebration on;

	30th July 2023
Time:	Commencing at 3pm (Mass at 5pm)
	School undercover area ptoowong@bne.catholic.net.au or Ph. 3371 1094

# TWO MINUTES CATECHISM

#### What does the Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrate?

Also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

In 2023, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is on June 8, but it is transferred to Sunday, June 11 in some dioceses.

# Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi?

The Catholic Church honors Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn't think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the universal feast of Corpus Christi.

Taken from https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/holy-trinity-sunday-21087

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM UPDATES

Sr Salvacion and her Sacramental Team organised and prepared a retreat for the Confirmation Candidates and their parents/guardians last Saturday. This retreat is a final preparation for the Candidates to be confirmed this Friday by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The Candidates and their parents/guardians were engaged in various activities to enhance their understanding of this sacrament.

We thank the parents who donated and helped with serving the meals. Thank you also to the Sacramental Team and other volunteers who worked hard behind the scene.

Please continue to keep these Candidates in your prayers.





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