

## ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

13 – 14 JUNE 2020

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### BEING CHANGED

In Exodus 24, Moses sealed the Book of the Covenant between God and the Israelites by the Blood of the Covenant - immolated bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifice. Moses dashes the bullock's blood onto the altar he built and onto the people. What seems repugnant to us was of central importance to them: symbolising a new life given by and lived towards God. For the people of Israel, blood meant life itself, a gift given by and belonging to God alone. That's why even now Jews (and Muslims) will take the blood from an animal before it is butchered for food. The ritual described here then symbolises the new life that the God of Israel conferred upon his chosen people, and their mutual commitment to each other: the blessings of communion with God and the responsibility to live this out by observing "all the commands that the Lord has decreed". This ceremonial involving blood consecrates the tribes of Israel into a new life as God's holy people.

The rituals of the Old Testament points to the fulfillment in Christ, in God-with-us. Christ has entered the sanctuary "once and for all...offering himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit purifying our conscience from dead actions to worship the living God". The work of Christ as high priest in the heavenly sanctuary opened a way of access to God that was not possible before his self-sacrifice. Following this "new and living way" Christians have access to God and confidence to come into God's presence - "by the blood of Jesus Christ." The sacrifice of Christ, in which we are caught up in the celebration of the Eucharist, brings about cleansing from and forgiveness of sins. This purification has a purpose beyond that of rectifying the individual's standing before God. It enables us to truly worship God. Our purification finally results in the devotion to God that is as total as the sacrifice of Christ, who gave "his own blood [for] our eternal redemption". By his self-giving sacrifice Christ created a new relationship between God and his people. When we receive the bread broken for us and the cup blessed for us in holy communion we acknowledge that the Lord gave his body to be broken and his blood poured out that we might live; and receiving the new life of the risen Lord we acknowledge also that our lives must also be poured out for him.

St Ignatius of Antioch described the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality, the antidote against death". The Eucharist heals and purifies us so that we can share in the life of God. Our receiving holy communion: normally, our food becomes a part of us; here rather, as Augustine reports Christ's words to himself, "you will be changed into me".

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

Our being made like God, our becoming embodied in the Body of Christ, takes time - for most of us, a lifetime. In the Eucharist, memory, experience and hope are woven together: his suffering is remembered (past), [our] mind is filled with grace (present), and we receive a pledge of the glory that is to be ours (future).

Fr Gregory Murphy OP, is currently engaged in parochial ministry and teaching in the Diocese of Dunkeld.



### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present  
in the Holy Eucharist.*

*I love You above all things, and I desire to  
receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

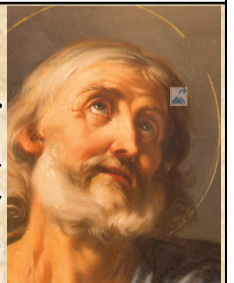
*I embrace You as if You are already here and unite  
myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

*Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Most Divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. (say 3x)*

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph, You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION CORNER

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”*

*-1 Corinthians 10:17*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2020

*YOU CAN HELP END THE PAIN  
OF POVERTY*

This bulletin note is to again seek your support for the St Vincent de Paul Society's 'Winter Appeal'.

As you know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, being present in the community to assist people experiencing poverty and disadvantage is more important now than ever.

Our Winter Appeal this year will be held during Masses over the weekends of the 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June and the 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> June.

This year, because there are fewer parishioners able to attend Mass, we have adapted our Winter Appeal so that donations can be made by calling 13 18 12 or online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au). Donors can direct their gift to our Conference by entering 'Forest Hill' in the comments field. Also, there will be some envelopes available in the church foyer for cheque and credit card donations.

We are also appealing for non-perishable goods including foods and toiletries, suitable clothing, blankets, doonas etc and these items can be left at the Piety Stall.

All donations received are used for the local needs of the St. Timothy's (Forest Hill) Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We thank you again for your generous support now and over the past 40 plus years.

## MASS ONLINE AND ON TV

Fr Tony's Mass live streaming and replay at **Catholic-Parish-of Greater-Box Hill**

(root: <https://www.facebook.com/Catholic-Parish-of-Greater-Box-Hill-345491692726741/>)

### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY MASS

at C31 (listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs).

Live streamed at [St Patrick's](#) and YouTube.

### St Timothy's Vietnamese Sunday Mass at 5 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Timothy-Vietnamese-Community>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Allison Caitlin, Rose Austin,  
Giuseppe Tesoriero, Maria Tesoriero,  
Yvonne Emily Blanchfield, Dawn Fry,  
William Dunne, George Walshe, Mary Flood,  
Frank Costella, Edna Mead, Edmund Joseph,  
Giuseppina Lo Giusto, Andrew Warrington,  
Maureen Patricia Hunter, Phyllis Patton.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

*THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS*

19 June

*IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*

20 June

*O Heart of Jesus pierced for our sins and giving us your Mother on Calvary! O Heart of Mary pierced by sorrow and sharing in the sufferings of your divine Son for our redemption! O sacred union of these Two Hearts! Praised be the God of Love who united them together!*



## MELBOURNE PRAYS



All are invited to join this online community that brings together young people across the Archdiocese for daily prayer opportunities via YouTube and Facebook. Each day, people can join in prayer with others for their own needs and the needs of the world at this time on the following schedule:

- Morning Prayer (7.30am)
- Rosary and Angelus (midday)
- Divine Mercy chaplet (3pm)

Link : <https://www.facebook.com/MelbournePrays> and <https://www.youtube.com/melbourneprays>

## TO ALL VOLUNTEERS



1.If you have not provided the office a copy of your working with children check, please do so. We can also assist in applying for the check.

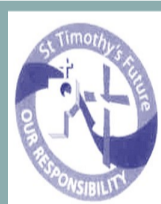
2.Please sign the Volunteer's Declaration of Conduct found on the table at the foyer.



## MORNING TEA WITH FR TONY ON ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:10AM

Meeting ID: 288 646 3871 - <https://zoom.us/j/2886463871>

Fr Tony continues to be present for chats, updates, counselling, queries and even prayer requests. You can contact him at [tony.kerin@cam.org.au](mailto:tony.kerin@cam.org.au) or call (03) 9401 6371.



Thank you for using St Timothy's Parish

Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal and for your continuing support to our parish. Our site link is [Parish Pay Portal](#)

<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Alternatively, you may opt to use the direct/debit facility, kindly email or call us for the Parish bank details.

**ROSTERS:**

**6:00PM**

**9:30AM**

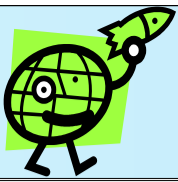
## PROCLAIMERS

◆ This Week	C: R. Grealy P: P. D' Cruz	T. Fernandes A. Lee
◆ Next week	C: P. Kelly P: H. Lobo	R. Yee T. Yee

## COUNTERS

This Week: Adrian Farrell

Next Week: Raj Fonn / Violet Fonn



## VINNIES CRITICAL OF HOME BUILDING PACKAGE

The Morrison Government's HomeBuilder economic stimulus package misses the mark by not including social housing, according to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

In a statement last week, the society's national council acknowledged the leadership of Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the National Cabinet "in continuing to navigate Australia through the COVID-19 pandemic" and praised Mr Morrison for "looking after many low-income people by providing additional safety nets during these times".

However, the society expressed its disappointment that "not one cent of the Australian Government's \$688 million HomeBuilder package will go towards strengthening social housing. Investing in social housing would have delivered long-term good will beyond the pandemic".

The package is restricted to substantial renovations and requires recipients to spend at least \$150,000, which the society said fails low income home owners. Vinnies is concerned about the welfare of those who have been temporarily housed but are likely to end up back on the streets if nothing is done to address the affordable housing shortage.

## AUSTRALIANS TO GET THEIR SAY ON AN INDIGENOUS 'VOICE'

Australians will be given a say on an Indigenous "voice" within months as the Morrison Government steps up the reform to create a new mechanism for community input. Source: Sydney Morning Herald.

The reform plan is likely to go to public consultation from July in the hope of reaching a consensus on measures that would put Indigenous Australians "at the centre" of government decisions that affect them.

While the coronavirus crisis has stymied some of the meetings and consultations, Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt is promising to deliver a mechanism that empowers Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

"We're confident that the Australian people will be able to have their say on an Indigenous voice this year." "We're progressing work and every Australian who wants to have a say will be able to have a say," he said.

## POPE CAUTIONS ITALIANS OVER COVID-19

Pope Francis has called on Italians to continue following health precautions and has prayed for people living in countries where COVID-19 is still causing a huge number of deaths.

"Be careful, do not sing 'Victory!' yet, do not celebrate victory too soon! It remains necessary to follow the rules in force carefully because they are rules that help us to prevent the virus from gaining ground," he said.

The Pope greeted the few hundred visitors who had assembled in St Peter's Square. Seeing people in the square, he said, was a sign that "the acute phase" of the pandemic in Italy was over, which had led to the gradual easing of restrictive measures.

"Thanks be to God we are coming out of the epicentre stronger. He reminded people, "the virus continues to claim many victims" in other countries. "I wish to express my closeness & prayers to those populations, to the sick, their families, and to all who care for them."

## CHURCH DENOUNCES MALICIOUS EMAILS

The Catholic Church has denounced malicious emails being sent to random recipients claiming to be from Catholic parishes, dioceses and other organisations.

In recent weeks, emails have been sent that mention one or more of the following: Cardinal George Pell, the complainant in his criminal trial, COVID-19 and – most recently – the upcoming Eden-Monaro by-election.

"The content in the small number of emails that have been forwarded to us is offensive, unChristian and, in some cases, defamatory," said Fr Stephen Hackett MSC, general secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. "The views expressed in the emails we have seen do not in any way reflect the views of the Catholic Church, nor the organisations that are purported to have sent them."

Fr Hackett says a number of media reports have described an increase in the amount of devious online behaviour during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have been told that because these emails aren't seeking money or seeking to access people's personal details, they don't meet the threshold for criminal investigation.

"We, nevertheless, see this behaviour as harmful and criminal," he said.

## SOLDIERS GIVE OUTBACK CHURCH A FACELIFT

A tiny outback church in Queensland has undergone a facelift, thanks to Australian Defence Force personnel deployed at a remote COVID-19 control point.

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church at Windorah, 1,200 kilometres west of Brisbane in far south-west Queensland, has served the town of just 60 residents for 80 years and was in need of much-delayed repairs.

Windorah Development Board treasurer Peta Geiger said the ADF troops' efforts had been a great morale booster for the town, which is struggling with a lack of tourists since Queensland closed its borders in March.

"There's not much traffic passing through Windorah," Ms Geiger said. "That [church] was just one of those projects we weren't getting to. We needed manpower. There's 60 of us that live here so it's been on the back burner for quite a few years.

With plenty of spare time, the ADF was happy to help finish the church restoration.

## CHAPLAINS MINISTERING ON THE FRONTLINE

When images of people overseas dying of COVID-19 filled television screens, Adelaide Archdiocese's hospital and prison chaplains knew they had to continue their ministry, despite fears of contracting the virus.

Unlike the majority of South Australians who were asked to isolate and work from home, the small team of chaplains quickly made the sacrifices needed to ensure they could continue to turn up to provide pastoral and spiritual support to the sick and those in prison.

Manager of the Archdiocese's Hospital and Prison Chaplaincy, Annette Heinemann, said she is extremely proud of the efforts of her team members in these challenging times. "Over the weeks I have heard their message of fear and anxiety about COVID-19 ...they have been fearful as other clinical staff have been, but have continued to turn up to work every day to provide important pastoral care to the staff, prisoners and patients," she said.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD. When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in the Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brother and sisters in Christ.

## **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Lord Jesus, you are the living bread from heaven.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, though many, we are one with you.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you draw us to eternal life.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

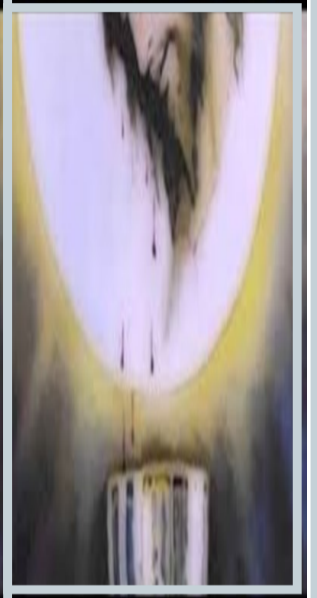
## **FIRST READING: Dt 8: 2-3, 14-16**

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 then 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.'

**"...A grain of wheat must die if it is to bear many seeds."**

*John 12: 24*



## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**

**Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

1. 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.)**
2. He has 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.)**
3. 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: 1Cor 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:**

**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 Jews:

'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 forever.'

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –YEAR A**

*First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15; Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33*

**REGISTRATION AND BOOKING FOR THE MASS**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A49A4AE2CA2F85-sttimothy>

To register and book for physical attendance to our weekend masses, please go to **[signupgenius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)** through the link above.