

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 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

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

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.

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

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.'

✠ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

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 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.

✠ The word of the Lord.

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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
"CORPUS CHRISTI"

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: John Malcaus Charlie Jurisic, Joan Hill, Adriano Maradini,
and Roy Lloyd.

Anniversary: Tony Gauci, John Weeks, George Kerbage, Aldo Viselli, Daisy Joseph, and
Leonarda Cipriano



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St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe. Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend. Please observe signs on the pews. Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

Where will Fr John be??

This Week Saturday 5 June - 5.30 pm Matraville, Sunday 6, June, - 9am Malabar

Next Week: Saturday, 12 June - 5.30pm Matraville, Sunday 13 June - 9am Malabar

From my desk

Greetings one and all on this Solemnity of the Precious Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This weekend 80 of our young parishioners, here at St Andrew's, will receive First Holy Communion at two extra Masses. On this most wonderful feast day, may these children be drawn closer in communion with our loving Saviour.

Congratulations to 35 of our young parishioners at St Agnes', who received their First Holy Communion last weekend, may they receive our blessed Lord in the Eucharist regularly, to nourish their spiritual selves. Many thanks to their parents and all who prepared them for their First Holy Communion and helped them in their celebration that was so beautiful.

Next Sunday, we recommence proper our Sundays in Ordinary Time. Ordinarily, 13 June, is the Feast of St Anthony, but Sunday celebrations take precedence over feast days, except for Solemnities. Following our 10am Mass at St Agnes', next Sunday, St Anthony's Bread will be blessed and distributed. The money raised through St Anthony's Bread will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

This month is the month of the Sacred Heart. This Friday, 11 June, is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and there will be three Masses in the parish, 7am & 12.30pm at St Agnes and 9.10am at St Andrew's

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THE GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER ALL CEMETERY TRUSTS:**

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God bless,

Fr John



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021. Please pray for those children who will receive this wonderful sacrament at St Andrew's this weekend.

Dear Parishioners, as you may have noticed the Malabar Processional Cross had been missing, for some time? The reason was, that it had been at the Restorers being restored. This is a wonderfully, beautiful cross, that we now can appreciate fully in its restorative beauty. There are other items of beauty that are also in need of restoring, since our church opened in 1977. A book of donors has been acquired, so that anyone wishing to make a donation (please place in an envelope and place in any of the collection baskets), can write your name or your family's name to be remembered and inscribed in the Donors Book. Thank you, for your generous giving.



The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart, Friday, June 11, St Agnes' - 7am and 12:30 pm,
St Andrew's 9.10am