

St Thomas More's Parish

A welcoming Catholic Community growing in faith, united in our mission to share God's love.

We acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday ~ 2 June 2024

This weekend our sacramental candidates will receive their first Holy communion. They will be fully initiated Catholics in the church. This the culmination of 12 weeks of preparation. As this weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, also known as Copus Christi, I want to share with you the lessons that have resonated with me in breaking open this sacrament to our young candidates.

Firstly, as part of the liturgy of the Eucharist after the consecration we profess the Memorial Acclamation, when the priest says "The Mystery of faith". In this case, mystery is not something to solve but rather is unexplained to us. It is a mystery how we have faith. Faith in and of itself is mysterious. We can't touch it but we can *feel* it. The consecration of the Eucharist is a mystery of faith. How do you explain faith?

Secondly, we profess our beliefs when we recite the creed or renew our baptismal promises but we also profess our faith in saying *Amen*. When we receive the Eucharist, we are asked to believe in the body of Christ, to which we respond amen. In saying so, amen means *I Believe*. It is an exceptional profession of faith. This is a sacred procession, the holiest of holy we get to encounter, how do you accept and revere this privilege?

Thirdly, we are all familiar with the saying "you are what you eat" and in consuming the Eucharist, the hope is to become closer and more like Christ. We, the church, make up the body of Christ. Once we have come together with other believers in communion to hear the word of God, we can now go forth to love and serve the Lord...be like Jesus. Go out and live your faith, don't save your profession of faith, mystery of faith, hearing the word of God only for mass. Live it every day. How will receiving the Body and Blood of Christ influence your life?

I want to Congratulate the newest fully initiated members of our church in taking this step in their faith journey.

Addison, Dion, Christine, Kendall, Tyrell, Paige, Chloe, Evie, Brielle and Henry.

I want to thank Kristin Byrne and Erin McVeigh in their assistance in running the sacramental program. It is most appreciative. I couldn't do it without you.

My prayer this week is that in receiving this Eucharist, it will strengthen and embolden us to transform our lives and live out our faith. Amen

God bless ~Jacinta



Readings Year B:

Exodus 24:3-8

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Judith Keleher, Marc Slevin, Wendy Edwards, Andrew McGregor, Nancy Daly, Jim Dickenson, Deb Handley, Damian Wyvill, Kylie Lane, Nev Sarquis, Greg Twidale, Glenna Kasmer, Janice Lockhart, Thomas Lawton, Terry Tyers, Christine Prescott & her son Donncha Boles, James Babineau, Wini Collins, Pauline Anderson, Maria Krulik, Joan Leonard, Sister Dorothy Bayliss RSC, Bill Phillips, Peter Erbacher and Betty Saal.

Fr.s Hal and Nandana are both recovering from operations this week, please keep them in your prayers for a speedy and full recovery.

Anniversaries: Ann Gaine, Fr Joseph McKey [1982], Fr Kevin Noble [2010]



Welcome to our new Parish Administrator Kimberly Gaslevich.

She will be in the office on Wednesday's & Thursday's 9am-3pm,
parishoffice@stthomasmores.org.au

Breakfast Club- is looking for volunteers if you can help from 7:15-8:15am on Wednesday mornings please let Jacinta know at parishleader@stthomasmores.org.au

Peter McDonald is leading a tour to Ireland in July 2025, if you are interested contact him on pmcduck@netspace.net.au or phone 0408345022.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 22nd June: Celebration of the feast of St Thomas More, special commissioning mass celebrated with Bishop Ken Howell. SOCIAL night after mass, potluck dinner and trivia. Fun family night out! Let Jacinta know if you can help.

SVDP- Winter shelter we have committed to hosting 3 nights - **24 June, 22 July and 19 August.** We need volunteers for preparing the church and set up, cooking of meals or snacks, spending time with the guests, staying the night to supervise, breakfast and pack up. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please contact Brendan Doherty at bedoherty14@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Celebration for Fr Hal's retirement! After 5pm Mass on the 13th July. St Patrick's will farewell Fr Hal with a morning tea on Sunday, 14th July after the 9am Mass.

Sunday 2 June The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) [STM – St. Thomas More's] [SPC – St. Patrick's]	8.30am STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm SPC	The sacrament of First Holy Communion Hospitality morning tea
Monday 3 June St Charles Lwanga	9:00am Mass STM 5.30pm Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass 6:30pm PPC meeting
Tuesday 4 June	5.30pm Mass STM 9am Mass SPC	9am Adult Faith – Presbytery meeting room
Wednesday 5 June St Boniface	7am Mass SPC	7:15-8:15 Breakfast Club 10am Open Door – Presbytery meeting room
Thursday 6 June	7am Mass SPC	
Friday 7 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	9.30am Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	Rosary in Chapel before Mass
Saturday 8 June <i>The Immaculate heart of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5pm Mass STM 7am Mass SPC	
Sunday 9 June	8.30am Mass STM 7am, 9am, 5.30pm.	

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WEEK 2 ROSTER	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MASS CO-ORDINATORS	G. Harvey	M. & M. Bourke
WELCOMERS	S. McNelley	R./J. Akins, M. Gill
ORGANIST/SINGER	M. Dickenson & J. Farrell	D. Phillips, J. Killmister, T. Delany
READERS	S. McNelley, F. Mitchell, J. Olive	T. Carter, M. Dodd, S. Pfeiffer, L. Cargnello
COMMUNION MINISTERS	M. Lobo, G. Harvey, B. O'Keefe	M. Bourke, M. Stevens, S. Kruger, D. Gardiner
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