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June 2 — The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Year B)

Santissimo Corpo E Sangue Di Cristo (Anno B)

Gesù ci ha promesso di stare con noi fino alla fine del mondo (Mt 28,20). Egli ha mantenuto la sua parola in molti modi. Egli è con noi nella sua parola, che è sempre una parola viva e santa, che conduce al Padre chi ad essa si affida. Egli è presente, ancora di più, nel sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue. E ciò merita certo una festa. Questo sacramento ci colma, innanzi tutto perché fa arrivare fino a noi l'"incarnazione" del Verbo divino: Dio continua a venire per restare. Non ci abbandonerà più. In secondo luogo, questo sacramento ci nutre: alimenta in noi quella vita divina che è la nostra vera vita, poiché è eterna. Questo sacramento, infine, ci fa vedere, sotto forma di pane e di vino, colui che gli apostoli hanno visto, ma, proprio come Gesù di Nazaret non era visto da tutti come il Messia, il sacramento del suo corpo e del suo sangue non convince tutti. Per chi si ferma alle apparenze, tale sacramento non costituisce una prova, poiché ciò che si vede non basta. Infatti si vede solo ciò che si lascia vedere. Per il credente invece, cioè per chi si lascia raggiungere dall'amore di Dio, questo sacramento è il più grande fra i segni, il segno che mette in comunione con Gesù stesso. Il credente è da esso trasfigurato, il suo peccato è purificato, grazie ad esso pregusta il banchetto promesso: quello delle nozze del Figlio. *(Iachiesa.it)*

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ enables the Eucharist to be set in a broader scriptural context than is possible on Holy Thursday. This year the wider context appears in readings unified around the theme of the 'blood of the covenant.'
 The Eucharist catches up this sense of the divine 'service' performed by Christ upon the cross: one innocent person giving himself up to death in order to free 'many' (potentially the entire human race) from the captivity and condemnation associated with sin. The Eucharist, then, continually re-enacts the loving, costly outreach of God in Christ to draw human beings into the life-giving covenant.
 The pilgrim People of God celebrates the Eucharist in anticipation of the 'new wine' of the Kingdom and as a means whereby it is continually cleansed and renewed on its journey. *(Brendan Byrne)*

Vinnies Food Appeal (8th/9th June)

Parishioners are asked to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society by donating non-perishable food items.

Donated items can be placed in the basket at the front of the church.

These items will be passed on to the Fawkner Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please help provide this most basic essential to those in need.

(Please note food donations can be made at anytime).

Papua New Guinea Landslide Appeal

Sadly, remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck the Enga province at 3am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape.

Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced. The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. Your urgent support is needed now.

There will be a special collection at this weekend's masses.

You can donate online at www.caritas.org.au/png or phone 1800 024 413

Sacrament of Confirmation

Any students from government schools wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2024, please contact Anna Proud on 0402741258.

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio, Donato Di Tella, Lina Cerra.
Upcoming funeral: Phillip Debono, Friday, June 7 at 11.00 am.
Recently deceased: Phillip Debono, Giuseppina Mengato, Grazia Cisternino, Cesare Inchincoli, Aldo Angelino, Anthony Hollmann.

Anniversaries: Margherita and Rosa Interligi, Lilliana Di Giorgio, Anna Maria D'Agostino, Antonio Comito, Mariam Adam, Maggie Odicho, Salvatore Musso. Salvatore Calvi E Vincenzo Calvi, Giannina Quattrocchi, Vincenza Cavalli, Giuseppe Cavalli, George Abdallah, Giovanni and Giovanna Beltempo.

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, especially those whose names are on the Church pews and the Resurrection Chapel.

Si pregano i parrocchiani di notare che i nomi per l'elenco degli anniversari dovrebbero essere inseriti nel bollettino solo

Mass times

Weekday:
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

Weekend: Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ;
 Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential.
 Contact the Parish Office

Joke of the Week

A middle-aged man took his dog to the vet and asked him to cut off the dog's tail.

'Why do you want to do that?' asked the vet. 'His tail is perfectly healthy'.

'I know', said the man. 'But my wife's great-Aunt Gladys is arriving tomorrow and I don't want anything to make her think she is welcome'.

(The book of senior jokes)

Rosters for weekend masses (June 8/9)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: M. Markis

Sunday 9.00 am: V. Burgio

10.30 am: V. Burgio

Bus driver: J. Butera



Propagation of the Faith Appeal (15th/16th June)

Social stigma, poor access to services, and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Recognising this need, the Church has begun work on the House of Mercy. When complete, the House of Mercy will provide shelter to first aid services.

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Please donate to this appeal

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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