

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

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 for ever.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2023. No 1987. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

11 JUNE 2023

A PROMISE OF LIFE

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to consider the sustaining love of God in the past, present, and future. Deuteronomy calls us to remember how God nourished the people of Israel in the desert. Amid great hardship on that long journey to the land of promise, it was the living God who provided the people with the means to overcome thirst and hunger.

In trying to help the Corinthians address the division among them Paul stresses the role the Eucharist has in the present. United with Christ’s great act of self-giving, Christians are called to celebrate the source of their unity. Moreover, their participation is a solemn pledge to overcome division by working to reflect who they are, the body of Christ Jesus.

The future aspects of the Eucharist become apparent in today’s reading from John’s Gospel. It reflects how the early church had come to understand that the Eucharist they celebrated was the most precious of gifts. Unlike the manna in the desert, it is a source of life that will carry us through all of life’s journeys and is a reminder, promise, and preparation of the eternal life that awaits us.

The Eucharist prompts us to remember God’s sustaining acts in the past as a source of encouragement for the present. We are called to continue Jesus’ mission and message by working for unity in the present to be ready and worthy to share in eternal life which has been prepared for us in the future.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

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 to 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.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

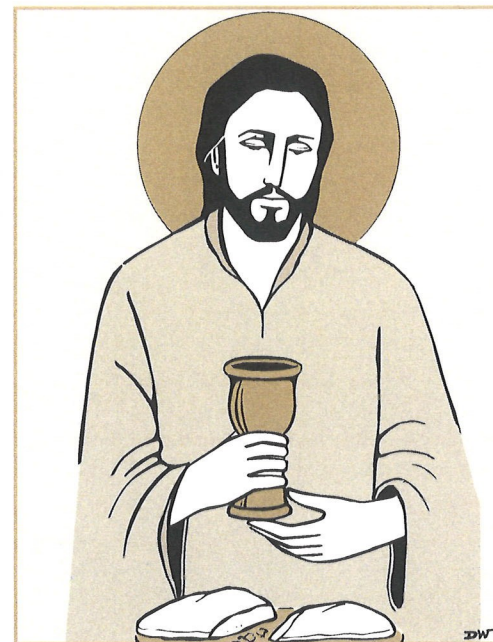
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)

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 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

1 Cor 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!



Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood

Parish Administrator: Fr Pawel Kopczynski CSMA

Email: pawel.kopczynski@sydneycatholic.org

Assistant Priest: Fr Tomasz Lepek CSMA

Email: tomasz.lepek@sydneycatholic.org

Deacon: Eddie Ho

Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

36 Hillview Rd Eastwood NSW 2122

PO Box 437 West Ryde NSW 1685

Ph: (02) 9874 2533

Email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au

Website: www.stkevinseastwood.org.au

www.youtube.com/c/StKevinsParishEastwood

www.facebook.com/EastwoodCatholic

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

Weekday Mass: Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

CCC Mass: Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 4pm-5pm

First Friday Devotion: Monthly at 4pm

First Saturday Mass and Devotion: Monthly at 9am

Exposition and Benediction: First weekend of the month at all Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

SCAN OUR
PARISH
QR CODE TO
DONATE
ONLINE



SCAN ME

WINTER APPEAL, June 17 & 18. Our Vinnies team in Eastwood are dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families facing hardship. Your support is vital to our Winter Appeal next weekend. You may scan the QR code now to donate via our fundraising page.



A message from Olivia Cullen, St Kevin's Family Educator: Join us to celebrate the

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Fri 16th June at 9:30am in the church, followed by light refreshments, reflection, and fabric heart making for babies in the Neo natal ICU at Westmead Hospital. These hearts carry the scent of their parents and help settle these babies during a very vulnerable time of their life. This session will be held in the St Kevin's school library.



Parents, carers and parishioners are invited to attend. **RSVP BY TUES, 13TH JUNE** by scanning the QR code to ensure we have sufficient materials. See poster for details.

UPCOMING TRAININGS to be conducted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office, Venue: St Kevin's Parish Hall. Copy of Baptism Certificate required. COST: FREE. For details on how to register go to: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC), Wednesdays, July 19, 26 and Aug 2, 6pm-9pm All current EMOHC and Senior Altar Servers who haven't done this course from the Liturgy Office are **strongly encourage to participate**. This course is a pre-requisite to all Senior Altar Servers who wish to take the Acolytes course.
- Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers: Saturdays August 5, 12 and 19, 9am-12pm
- Readers: Saturdays October 7 and 14, 9am-12pm

SAVE THE DATE: November 10-12, 2023 - Eastwood Community Camp: Book a campsite or a cabin. When booking, please advise that you are with the 'Eastwood Community Group' so that we are situated together. Book via DEL RIO RESORT 4566 -4330 or visit: <https://delrioresort.com.au/>. For info contact Belinda: 0421 669 752.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

11th June 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently Deceased: Angela Di Giorgio, Lynette Crown

Death Anniversary: Pauline Hart, Jacki Boyce, Eric Smith, Silvana Saurini

Deceased: Selwyn Jackson, Alexander, Mary & Kevin McDonell; John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Don Raffin, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Marie Cummins, Francis Murray; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayon

Sick: Irene De Silva, Dennis Ho, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Burkhart Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Anthony of Padua June 13, MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS June 16,

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY June 17

PARISH NEWS:

• **Over the next two Fridays, June 16 & 23, the usual confession, adoration and Mass between 4pm-5:30pm will move to 9:30am-11am** to make way for Confirmation Program activities for our parish and local public school children. Apologies for the inconvenience.

• **To celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 16th June, and the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 17th June, we will have a Mass with devotion at 9:30am on both days.** Both masses will be followed by adoration with confession until 11am. ALL WELCOME.



• **On Sunday 18th June, we will have a Family Mass at 9:30am followed by morning tea.** Families are invited to join our parish school and celebrate the Eucharist as a community.

• **JUNE 24 & 25 will be the last weekend for receipted Planned Giving Donation for 2022-2023 financial year.** New set of planned giving envelopes will be issued soon.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

UPCOMING EVENTS ORGANISED BY SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH (see posters for details):

June 27th - Purpose Night (high school students Years 9-12)

July 10-12 - Purpose Camp (high school students Years 9-12)

Dec 7-8 - Purpose Conference (high school students Years 9-12 and young adults!)

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.