



St Michael's Church - Meadowbank

The Parish Bulletin

Corpus Christi, Yr B/2

2018: Celebrating 70 Years as a Parish



Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Ps 80: 17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 9:11-15

The blood of Christ can purify our inner self.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

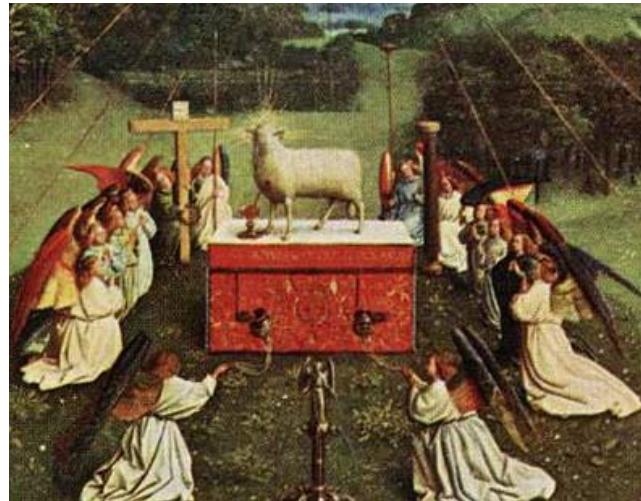
This is my body; this is my blood.

Communion Antiphon:

John 6: 57

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

Gospel



Mark 14:12-16,22-26

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.

Reflection from Father James McCarthy

Today we celebrate the great mystery of the loving presence of our God in the Eucharist - Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament - the centre, heart and high point of our faith, religion, and lives.

Today's feast reminds us that we need to appreciate and treasure the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a sacrament and as a memorial sacrifice. The Eucharist, the real presence of God amongst us, should not be taken for granted, but should be respected, loved and treasured as the most valuable thing we receive in our lives.

Acknowledgement of the land

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoira nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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1st & 3rd SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2nd SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

4th SUN 10 am - Muntia Gouw

1st SUN 10am - Peter & Jenchris

3rd, 5th SUN 10am - Mary Towers

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Welcome to St Michael's Church -

Meadowbank! A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTIONCONTINUED**

A great deal can be said about the Eucharist, but most simply the Eucharist is the great act of thanksgiving and it is the most amazing thing that God does for us on a daily basis.

2000 years ago, who would have thought that God was to become a man? Most people at the time of Christ found it fairly difficult to believe that a mere man was also God. Today it is equally hard to believe that God can come amongst us in what appears to be bread and wine.

But today's Scripture from the Last Supper reminds us that the sharing in the Banquet of Christ – sharing in Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist is an essential part of being a Christian. The teaching and doctrine of the Eucharist is one of the hardest teachings to believe.

Today's feast was instituted in 1264 by Pope Urban IV. He asked St Thomas Aquinas to write the hymns and prayers for today's feast, which included the famous Tantum Ergo and O Salutaris.

A Muslim preacher recently said that if Catholics truly believe that God is present in the Eucharist, then they would not come forward with hands and on their feet, but they should come forward on their knees before the presence of the one that they are truly unworthy to receive into their hearts and their homes. But God gives us the greatest gift possible – the gift of his physical living presence – not because we deserve it, but because every human needs God's presence in their life, and so coming to communion is not scary or a burdensome activity.

When we come into the Church, our God is here, sitting on his throne in the tabernacle. It can be easy to chat and to treat the church like a hall, a gym or any other place, but the church is the throne room, the heavenly palace, and our king is always sitting, watching and is present to us. The question is "Are we present to the Lord when we come into the church?

The Church, interpreting the commandment to keep holy the day of the Lord, requests that we attend the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist every week, unless we are sick or unable to travel to Mass because of great distance. When a person truly believes in the Eucharist, then that person will not miss being with Christ every week. When coming into the church, look towards Jesus, pray and speak quietly with God. Let us thank God that we are permitted to enter into the great events of Christ's life and to participate in the events of Heaven while being here on earth. Let us thank God and truly believe that when we receive the Eucharist, we are truly receiving God into our lives – the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PARISH MORNING TEA (This Sunday after 10am)

On Sunday 3rd June after the 10am Mass at the Bush Hall. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Download & Sync Parish Calendar. The parish calendar of activities is available for download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis with new events, Mass intentions and activities. If you use a google calendar on your mobile or Ipad, it is very easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button located on the parish homepage: www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au

St Michael's Playgroup

Every Thursday 9-11am in the Parish Hall
 Children ages 0-5 welcome. Enter via the school gate on Hughes St.
 Cost \$2 and a piece of fruit to share
 Free play, sing song, story-time, art/craft and lots more!
 For more information on either of the above, please contact Elsa Manu elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au

Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for students who intend to start Kindergarten next year at St Michael's Meadowbank Catholic Primary School. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office on 9808 2658. Fr James and the Principal Mr Story will be conducting enrolment interviews in May/June for parents and students enrolling for 2019. Please encourage families to consider a Catholic Education and to contact the School for more information.

Extraordinary Ministers 2 Week Course

7th and 14 July from 9:15 – 12noon
 St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 2A Charles St., Ryde
 Contact Parish Office for registration forms.

A Course of Formation for Acolytes.

This course is primarily intended to prepare lay men to be instituted by the Archbishop into the ministry of Acolyte. Prior participation in the formation course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is normally also required. Others involved in ministry at the altar who are not becoming Acolytes may also attend.

This programme of formation will be led by Fr Don Richardson, who has had over 30 years experience as a server, acolyte, sacristan, master of ceremonies and priest at parish, cathedral and papal liturgies.

The course is conducted over three sessions. The venue and dates for the forthcoming course are as follows:

WHEN: Saturdays 4th, 11th & 18th August 2018, (9:00am-12:00pm). Registration from 8:30am

WHERE: Parish Centre, Ryde-Gladesville. 2A Charles Street, Ryde NSW 2112.

Contact the Parish office for registration forms.

Meadowbank Parish 70th Anniversary

On 1 October 1948, Fr Bush was appointed as the first parish priest of St Michael's Meadowbank.

To honour the memory of Fr Bush and the 70 years of the parish, there will be an Anniversary Celebration on the Solemnity of St Michael the Archangel, the Parish Feast Day, on Saturday 29th September.

Fr James is looking for suggestions/ideas for what could be prepared for the occasion. Already, there have been suggestions of different forms of celebration dinners, a special Mass to invite previous parishioners to attend and even a suggestion of an outdoor Statue of St Michael. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in participating in the organising committee or have any suggestions.

PULPIT POINTS 03-June

- Supercharged for charity
- An obvious Saint: Caroline Chisholm
- Two new Jesuits
- Pro-lifers threatened
- Movie review: Solo: A Star Wars Story
- Religious Freedom Bill launched

Confirmation Program - Enrol Online!

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Friday 21 September at 7pm for candidates in Year 6 and above.

Enrolment Masses will occur on Saturday 2 June at 6pm Mass and Sunday 3 June at 10am Mass.

ENROLMENT LETTER AND FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AND FORM COMPLETION THROUGH PARISH WEBSITE.

Parent Formation Evening will occur on Tuesday 26 June at 7pm in the Hall. Candidate sessions occurring on Tuesday evenings throughout August.

Collections Update from 27 May

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners.

1st Collection (to assist clergy): \$1266 - \$40 under target

2nd Collection (parish costs): \$1620 - \$280 under target

ROSTER- CHURCH CLEANERS

For the month of June

Fadia Tohme, Amala Ambrose, Grace Wei, Christine Henderson

LINEN: Vi Moussa VACUUM ROSTER: John Abood

Walk with Christ 2018 - Sunday 3 June

The Annual Eucharistic Procession of the Church in Sydney travels through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Participants are asked to gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction.

Walk With Christ engages Catholics of all ages and backgrounds and revives a rich Catholic tradition of public faith demonstration. Don't miss this extraordinary event! Bring your family and friends as we witness to the presence of Christ in our city.

New Votive Candle Stand

Thank you to the following who have contributed generously for the purchase of the new votive candle stand for the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
 Diana Setiyo, Priscilla Luzon, Moussa El Bayeh, Felicity Donnelly, Agnes Aldana, Lou Temprosa, Monette Tan, A. Piu and an Anonymous donor.

Sacramental Programs 2018

All important sacramental program dates are available for download from the Parish Website. Dates are also included in the downloadable parish calendar.

NEXT WEEKEND**Roster: 9 / 10 June 2018**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00PM Vigil	Jim Lemcke	Aneela Pereira Glen Pereira	1 Mark Pereira 2 Pam Keenan 3 Gemma Martin 4 Henaa Jawher 5 Robyn Meehan 6 Prescilla Luzon
8:00AM	Meynardo Talisayon	Chris Twomey Agnes Aldana	Declan Thomas Joseph D'Mello
10:00AM	John Fillion	Maureen Richardson Livia Bolanca	1 Connie Buttigieg 2 Celeste Villarente 3 Joel Tabuso 4 Darryle Fernandes 5 Lala Tabuso 6 TBA

Liturgy for this week (3 - 9 June 2018)**Sacraments:****Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:15pm-5.45pm**Devotions: Prayer for Priests:** 8:45am every 1st Saturday**Morning Prayer:** 7:40AM every Sunday**Rosary:** 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer****Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

8:15am-9:15am every Friday

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Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Wednesdays after AM Mass**Weekday Services this week:**9:15am - **Communion Service:** Monday9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday to Saturday7.00pm Friday - **Special Mass for Sacred Heart Feast****Weekend Masses:**

6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday (*Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass*)**The Piety Stall** will be OPEN AFTER ALL MASSES

THIS WEEKEND. Call in and have a look at our selection of First Communion gifts and cards

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 are now ready for pick-up at the back of the church.**Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting** on 7th June at 7:30pm.**St Vincent de Paul.** ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL will be on the weekend of the 9th & 10th June.**Church Cleaning, Altar Linen and Flowers**

Join the Altar Society and keep our church fit for God. We are in need of more helpers in the Church to clean, do flowers and vacuum. More help needed. Contact Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551.

**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.**

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

Parish Weekly Mass OfferingsSaturday 2nd June 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for Rosa Giaconna

Tuesday 5th June 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for Jesus Bui

Wednesday 6th June 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for Neville Gittany

Thursday 7th June 2018 9:15am

Mass for the well being & comfort of Fr Denis Foley

Friday 8th June 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for Anna-Lena Lopez

Saturday 9th June 2018 9:15am

Mass for the sick: Bridgitte Ambrose

NOTE: ONLY ONE MASS OFFERING IS PERMITTED PER DAY.**Saints of the Week****Tue 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr****Wed 6 Saint Norbert, Bishop****Fri 8 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Solemnity****Sat 9 The Immaculate Heart of Mary****Masses for the Sacred Heart of Jesus****Next Friday 8 June - 9.15am (Whole School) and 7pm. ALL WELCOME****ROSARY AT ANZAC PARK:**

We invite everyone to join the Rosary on Saturday, 9th June, at Anzac Park, West Ryde at 2:00-3:00pm for Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Any queries ring Annette Tidy at 98076892

Become a Catechist Now.

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

