



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

2 JUNE 2024

## 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.

## 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!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - 2 June 2024

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

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

**REFLECTION: Seeing Stars:** It is always an amazing thing to look up at the night sky and see the stars. It is astounding to think that these stars are above us always above us 24 hours a day but that we can only see the beauty of these lights when the rest of the world is dark. We are able to see the whole world by the light of the sun, but we are blind to the world beyond us unless we enter into the darkness. This image can help us understand the mystery of our faith. We are called to believe in things that cannot be seen with human eye. Things that can be only seen when we are not blinded by the glories of this world. So often stories are told about people who come to believe in God only after they have been hit by some sort of crisis. Perhaps its just at the moment when the bright lights of success and hope have gone out of their life and they are surrounded by darkness that they are able to see a reality that is beyond earth. This can also help us to understand the call of the scriptures to step away from

the love of the world which can blind us to the things of faith. As long as we are blinded by the constant sensory stimulation and entertainment of this world, we will struggle to see the reality that is above us. This is why St Paul tells us in the letter to the Colossians “to set our minds upon the things above and not of the earth”. So never be afraid of the darkness that may come over your life because it is at those times that you will be able to see the stars most clearly.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS (PAID / UNPAID):** All Church Workers (Volunteers or Paid) are to attend the Safeguarding Induction. A Church Worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven’t attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. To register please book online:  
<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.

Mater Christi, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. Thursday 11 July 2024. 7-8pm.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. As we hear almost daily, the increased cost of living is affecting many of us. Many costs are up significantly, including food, clothing, insurance and especially rent. For some in our local community, it means that they simply don't have enough money to buy food or cloths for their children. Our members continue to visit around 10 households per week and we’re able to assist families with food, clothing and furniture from our second-hand store. Without the generous donations from our parishioners, we would not be able to help as much as we do. We really appreciate the generous donations placed in the built-in cash box just inside the church entrance. This an immediate and direct positive impact on our community members in need. Thanks once again for your ongoing support. Ian Digney, SVDP Hilton President, 0428 121 152.

**FLU SEASON IS HERE:** Parishioners, Covid variant virus is still with us, and we are approaching Flu Season. If you are unwell, please stay home until you are recovered. We can show care for self and others in the community.



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**RECONCILIATION** -  
**Saturday’s:** 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
 Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:** Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham

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**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP:** Pilgrimage 15-26 October 2024. Find out more by phoning 02 8912 4812 or emailing [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au).

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Donations towards the votive candles is always appreciated. To meet our costs each candle is 30c. your generosity is acknowledged.

**ST JOHN (POPE) VI:** St Paul (Pope) VI was a quiet man, not one to seek honour or fame. He was a distinguished diplomat in the service of the Vatican and at a time of great upheaval within the Church as Vatican II Councils were unfolding. He guided the faithful through reforms that were necessary with courage and wisdom, despite the unpopularity of decisions that were made. He was very much a servant of the Kingdom not a seeker of glory. He wrote “My hope, O Lord, in you. You are my Way, my Truth, my Life; my one and supreme good. Help me to never lose sight of my ultimate destination or to be detoured by

the maze of slogans clamouring for my attention. Keep my heart and my gaze fixed on you, who give meaning to everything in and around me.”

**PRIEST and SECRETARY TEMPORARY OFFICE:** Fr Michael’s and Parish Secretary’s Offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Monday night’s 7-9pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Saturday 1 June**  
**9am Mass:** NuNu Hla (Ann)  
**6pm Mass:** Franco Ferfolia (Ann)
- Sunday 2 June**  
**7.30am Mass:** For the People  
**9am Mass:** Joe Taranto (Ann)  
**3-4pm:** Holy Hour
- Tuesday 4 June**  
**9am Mass:** John De Ceglie (Ann)  
**2pm Funeral Mass:** Dermot McKernon (RIP)
- Wednesday 5 June**  
**9am Mass:** John Randall (RIP)
- Thursday 6 June**  
**9am Mass:** Susanna De Ceglie & Teresa Neate (RIP)
- Friday 7 June**  
**9am Anointing Mass:** Norbert Barth (RIP)



**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.**



**THE NEW COVENANT**

Our readings of this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ deepen our understanding of the death of Jesus as inaugurating the new covenant he makes with God and all God's people.

In the first reading Moses shares with the people all the words of God he had heard in his encounter with God on the mountain. The people answer with one voice that they will observe all that the Lord has decreed. Moses seals this covenant ritually with burnt offerings, the sacrifice of oxen, and the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and the people.

The Hebrews' reading illuminates the difference Christ makes with the sacrifice of his own self and blood: he is the 'mediator of a new covenant'.

Mark's Gospel presents two scenes. The first occurs 'on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed'. Jesus, portrayed as an observant Jew with his disciples, makes preparations for Passover. The second drops us among those gathered for that Passover meal, 'while they were eating...' Here we are invited to see Jesus take the bread, bless it and break it, saying 'Take, this is my body.' Then we see Jesus take the cup, give thanks and give it to them. They all drank from it. Jesus' words tell us that 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many'. The closing words, hymn and movement to the Mount of Olives signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant.

May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

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