



SUNDAY 7TH JUNE, 2026 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST. YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (John 6:51-52)

As I watch the birds foraging for food in my front yard, I am transported back to the poetry of Gerard Manly Hopkins who began *The Wreck of the Deutschland* with the prayer: "Thou mastering me God! giver of breath and bread." Every creature needs bread and every creature needs breath. "I can't breathe", that cry of African American George Floyd has echoed across the globe for over six years now, making both Pentecost and Trinity strange reminders of the right of all to the breath of life. It will haunt us until we effect the conversion of heart that eliminates white supremacy and every form of violence.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we remember the two billion or more across the globe who yearn for "bread" in order to remain physically alive. We cannot appreciate this feast and what it signifies unless we have some appreciation and some satisfying experience of the material reality that underpins the symbolism of bread and wine. At the most basic level, this Feast is about bread broken and shared. It calls us to share our daily bread with those who hunger and thirst.

Today's Gospel passage belongs within a section of John's Gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven.

In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

An analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at

Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from our own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels.

In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ.

While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures may have life.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Phong Nguyen** and all sick parishioners.

For **Tess Jones, Lina Tanti and Anna Stacewicz** who

died recently; For **Lina Porzella** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they rest in peace.

Funeral Mass for **Anna Stacewicz** will be held
At St. Augustine's on Friday 12th June at 1.30pm



SYNODALITY AND THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

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 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.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

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.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

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: John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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. (R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven, (All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate

of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son

is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: John 6:57

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

QUIET DAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA

Saturday 27 June, 10am – 2pm; a free event.

This quiet day, at 16 Esplanade Williamstown, led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi, includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for a personal time of stillness.

Free parking in Cole St. Bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Books & readings available. Tea & Coffee provided. Donation to cover costs appreciated.

RSVP by 20 June - Ros: harrisroslyn61@gmail.com

Clara: clarariz@bigpond.com

VCC EMERGENCIES MINISTRY PERSONAL SUPPORT & CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The Program provides Psychological First Aid and Emotional Spiritual Care to community members in response to trauma and emergency. It has provided disaster support since 1977 and recently deployed over 300 volunteers to support communities affected by fires, making contact with 3500+ affected people. Volunteers are trained and **we are currently looking for new volunteers to join us in this ministry of support to Communities.**

We have an upcoming program running in Port Melbourne on Tuesday 7th July 2026.

For more information, contact **Marie van der Weert, Training & Education Manager,**

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YARRAVILLE WINTER APPEAL

There will be a special collection in each of the churches for the **Winter Appeal on 27 and 28 June.**

There is also an appeal for essential non-perishable food items such as Long Life Full Cream Milk, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Tins of Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tuna, Fruit, Soup (tins, packets, cup-a-soup), Tomatoes, Small Boxes of Cereal (Corn Flakes/Weet Bix), 2-minute Noodles, Small packets of Rice; Sweet and Chocolate biscuits, Dry Biscuits, Coffee, Tea Bags.

Thank you.

Yarraville Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

JOSEPH'S CORNER

Thank you to parishioners for your support for the Craft and plant stall last weekend. The amount raised on the day, \$604, will be used to support the work of Joseph's Corner.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – PARISH RENEWAL PROCESS

Some FAQs that may be of interest to you.

Why are we amalgamating?

- We are not amalgamating out of helplessness but out of positivity to build a more VIBRANT, VITAL and VIABLE parish for now and the future.

Will our Churches remain open after amalgamation?

- Once amalgamated our Parish will have 3 Mass centres (Churches). We have not explored the future needs for Church buildings, other property and financial resources. Over time we will need to review how our resources are serving our mission in this local area.

Will the Churches keep their names?

- The churches will retain their holy names.
- As an amalgamated Parish, we will follow a consultation process to identify a Parish name reflective of our community and mission.

Please visit the Parish website for further information.

There are feedback boxes at each Church for your questions or contributions at this stage or you can email the Parish directly at: yarraville@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

The Propagation of the Faith Appeal will be held next weekend, June 13/14 at Annunciation, Corpus Christi and St. Augustine's Churches.

HOSPITALITY

This Sunday, on the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, there will be a cuppa after the **11am Mass** at Corpus Christi Church Kingsville. All parishioners are invited to stop after Mass and celebrate your Parish's feast day.

PARISH PRIEST:

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9.30am till 2.30pm

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CORPUS CHRISTI

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ANNUNCIATION

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LITURGY TIMES**TUESDAY MASS**

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am

St Augustine's....9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:**SATURDAYS** after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

On hold until further notice

COLLECTIONS**THE FIRST COLLECTION** supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.**THE SECOND COLLECTON** (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use these account details.**St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638052213.****St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413****Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315****Presbytery Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413**

There are TAP AND GO CONTACTLESS DONATION TERMINALS in the foyers of the churches. Follow the prompts and choose your nominated amount to donate.

Codes for one off donations via credit card

Unique to the Parish of St. Augustine's



Unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record details and put the card on the collection plate or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to parishioners for the regular donation of food items placed in the churches each week.

Some other items also needed include Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Body Wash/ Soap, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Washing powder /liquid.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK6th & 7th June 2026**The Most Holy Body & Blood A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Pat McLaughlin

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am..... Mary Joseph

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

COUNTING: Val Taylor**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**13th & 14th June 2026**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am..... Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Khanh Nguyen

COUNTING: Krys Biront**SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.