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#### **Body and Blood of Christ**

#### Year A

#### 14th June 2020



#### **Our Pastor's Message**

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know, sitting together for a meal can generate a special feeling of togetherness. Each of us will have our own memories of table fellowship with family and friends. Many of these will be happy experiences of celebration

and laughter, of love received and shared. Some memories of table fellowship may be sad, times when we were more aware of one who was absent than of those who were present. Jesus shared table many times with his friends. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared with them his vision of God's kingdom. At table, the disciples shared something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with them, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper. Today's gospel gives us John's account, of that last supper.

This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out to them, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples for 2000 years. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

It was because of that supper and of what went on there that we gather for the Eucharist. Jesus intended his last supper to be a beginning rather than an end. It was the first Eucharist. Ever since that meal, the church has gathered regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper - taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink.

Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements.

We are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers.

We are also declare ourselves for Jesus, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us.

In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do

In recent months we as a catholic community have been starved of the Eucharist and our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate heightened our senses to the full significance of what we do when we come to the Mass. As we begin to return to the Eucharist these coming week's we can truly appreciate the great gift Jesus gifted his disciples.

It is important to remember that every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the last supper with all it signified is present again to us.

God Bless, Fr Mark

## **Book To Attend Daily Mass**

https://www.trybooking.com/BJPGK

We are using TryBooking online to enable parishioners to book Daily Mass at this time. You are asked to book a maximum of ONE Mass per week.

If you do not receive an email booking confirmation, have any difficulty, or know of anyone who cannot book online please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office and we will assist you.

If you are unable to attend please ensure you cancel your booking online or advise the parish office so others may take your place.

#### **Live Streaming of Mass**

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast

#### Family Prayer

https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-byweek.html/

1st Reading Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

Sunday Readings 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel Jn 3:51-58

Readings at Home

Please see the link - readings of Body and Blood of Christ: https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/

#### **PARISH INFORMATION**

#### **Prayer Requests**

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

Recently Deceased: Please remember Ross Thomson, Paul Smeaton, Necia Stockwell, Jim Hogan, Eamon MacNamara and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Colin Warnick, Melinda Craig, Kay Houghton, Pat Clohessy, John O'Dea, Paul Smeaton, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Eugenie Hargraves, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Wal Giugni, Leo Thomsen, Pat Logan, Danielle Keymer, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

# Planned Giving In The Time Of Coronavirus And Beyond

As all of us are aware, things have changed, some things temporarily and perhaps others permanently.

I pray that you, your families and friends are managing to keep in good health and are being supported through any difficult personal or financial circumstances brought on by the pandemic.

At the very least, this peculiar period in history has forced all of us to look at how we do things in a new light. Your Parish is no different in this and I thank Fr Mark, staff and parishioners for the manner in which you have all adapted.

As mentioned in previously part of this change relates to how your financial gifts to the Parish and particularly your Planned Giving is received.

Cash handling has by circumstance and by necessity become less prevalent in all areas of life, whilst electronic or contactless payment has become the new norm. We as a Parish are fortunate that many parishioners have adapted to this by giving electronically, however for some this is simply not practical, which we understand.

As Mass schedules slowly resume we will no longer be able to pass the collection plate and will instead provide collection boxes at the church doors for your financial gifts.

The combination of these forced changes have created an opportunity for our Parish to make a considered effort to reduce our exposure to handling cash and in turn move away from the use of traditional planned giving envelopes where possible.

As such we will be encouraging all existing envelope givers to commence giving electronically from the end of the current series of envelopes, which conclude on Sunday the 28th of June.

A side benefit will be saving on the cost of printed envelopes. For those who are unable to continue their planned giving electronically from July, we will be able to provide numbered envelopes, which we will produce in house at minimal expense.

Over the coming weeks, on behalf of Fr Mark and the Parish Finance Council, I will be contacting existing envelope givers to assist with the changeover to either regular bank or credit card deductions or the new giving app. For those whom these alternatives are not feasible we will arrange for substitute envelopes to be provided from July.

These changes may be seen as a bold strategy but the reality of the situation demands that we grasp the opportunity to make this change now. Our Annual Planned Giving Renewal will be replaced by a drive to move to electronic giving wherever possible.

Your support and assistance in this endeavour is essential to the future of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kenmore – Moggill and I thank those who have come forward in the last week and moved to regular bank & credit card deductions.

If any parishioners wish to discuss their own circumstances in relation to these changes, you are invited to phone or email me at the Parish office.

Yours sincerely, Michael Finch - Parish Manager

#### **Parish Youth Ministry**

With gatherings of up to 20 people now allowed, I'm excited to say that High School/ Young Adult youth has recommenced and Primary youth will be returning in the near future!

High School / Young Adult Youth Group recommenced on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and will be held each week from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the OLR Primary School OSHC Hall, but as mentioned we can only have gatherings for 20 people so parents will need to RSVP to lock in a spot for their child.

As for the **Primary Youth Group**, we are currently looking to refresh that area of our ministry and reach out to families who are interested.

If you have a child or children in years 4-6, I would love to extend my invitation for them to join the OLR Primary Youth Group once it starts back up. If you're interested in letting your child join, please follow the link to fill out this one minute expression of interest survey.

The survey will also help give us an idea of when the best time is to hold the youth group, so even if your child has been attending for a while, we would appreciate your feedback!

#### https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFWKVXN

If you need to RSVP or have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact me!

God bless, Matt Foxon - Youth Coordinator

- Friday Night High School/Young Adult Youth
  Gathering 6:30pm 8:30pm OLR OSHC Hall
- > Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/olrkenmoreyouth/

### **Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

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