

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 the 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.**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

A Covenant or Testament is an agreement or compact or alliance, and in Scripture it means one between God and man. At the Last Supper, Our Lord would speak of the New Testament or Covenant, which is best understood in relation to the Old. The Covenant that God made with Israel as a nation was done through Moses as the mediator. It was sealed with blood, because blood was considered as a sign of life; those who mixed their blood or plunged their hands into the same blood were thought to have a common spirit.

The Last Supper and the Crucifixion took place during the Passover, when the Eternal Son of the Father mediated a New Testament or Covenant, as the Old Testament or Covenant was mediated through Moses. As Moses ratified the Old Testament with the blood of animals, so Christ now ratified the New Testament with His own Blood, He Who is the true Paschal Lamb.

'This is My Blood of the New Covenant.' The Hour of His exaltation having come, for within less than twenty-four hours He would surrender Himself, He gathered His twelve Apostles about Him. In one sublime act He interpreted the meaning of His death. He declared that He was marking the beginning of the New Testament or Covenant ratified by His sacrificial death. The whole Mosaic and pre-Messianic system of sacrifice was thus superseded and fulfilled. No created fire came down to devour the life that was offered to the Father, as it did in the Old Testament, for the fire would be the glory of His Resurrection and the flames of Pentecost.

Since His death was the reason of His coming, He now instituted for His Apostles and posterity a Memorial Action of His Redemption, which He promised when He said that He was the Bread of Life. 'He took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, This is My Body, given for you.' (Luke 22:19). He did not say, 'This represents or symbolises My Body,' but He said, 'This is My Body' - a Body that would be broken in His Passion.

Then taking wine into His Hands, He said: 'Drink, all of you, of this; For this is My Blood of the New Covenant,

shed for many, to the remission of sins.' (Matthew 26:28) His coming death on the following afternoon was set before them in a symbolic or unbloody manner. On the Cross, He would die by the separation of His Blood from His Body. Hence He did not consecrate the bread and wine together, but separately, to show forth the manner of His death by the separation of Body and Blood. In this act, Our Lord was what He would be on the Cross the next day: both Priest and Victim. In the Old Testament and among pagans, the victim, such as a goat or a sheep, was apart from the priest who offered it. In this Eucharistic action and on the Cross, He, the Priest, offered Himself; therefore He was also the Victim.

Next came the Divine command to prolong the Memorial of His death. Repeat! Renew! Prolong through the centuries the sacrifice offered for the sins of the world!

After changing the bread into His Body and the wine into His Blood: 'He gave it to them.' (Mark 14:22) By that communion they were made one with Christ, to be offered with Him, in Him, and by Him. All love craves unity. The highest unity in the Divine order is the unity of the soul and Christ in communion. When the Apostles, and the Church later on, would obey Our Lord's words to renew the Memorial and to eat and drink of Him, the Body and Blood would not be that of the Physical Christ then before them, but that of the glorified Christ in heaven Who continually makes intercession for sinners. The Salvation of the Cross, being sovereign and eternal, is thus applied and actualised in the course of time by the heavenly Christ.

When Our Lord, after He changed the bread and wine to His Body and Blood, told His Apostles to eat and drink, He was doing for the soul of man what food and drink do for the body. The sacrifice of what is lowest must precede communion with what is higher. First His death was mystically represented; then communion followed. The lower is transformed into the higher; chemicals into plants; plants into animals; chemicals, plants, and animals into man; and man into Christ by communion. The writings of Christianity are not as important as the life of Christ, Who living in glory, now pours forth on His followers the benefits of His sacrifice.

The one note that kept ringing through His life was His death and glory. It was for that that He came primarily. Hence the night before His death, He gave to His Apostles something which on dying no one else could ever give, namely, Himself. Only Divine wisdom could have conceived such a Memorial! Our Lord never told anyone to write about His Redemption, but He did tell His Apostles to renew it, apply it, commemorate it, prolong it by obeying His orders given at the Last Supper. He wanted men not to be readers about His Redemption, but actors in it, offering up their body and blood with His in the re-enactment of Calvary, saying with Him, 'This is my body and this is my blood' dying to their lower natures to live to grace ... so that eventually they might share in His glory.

(Life of Christ)



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST / CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR B - 2 JUNE 2024



"Upon receiving Holy Communion, the Adorable Blood of Jesus Christ really flows in our veins and His Flesh is really blended with ours."
- St John Vianney

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

First Reading Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:12-13, 15-18

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

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 Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

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.**

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent for pilgrims in their banishment, the bread for God's true children meant, that may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshadowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, and in the ancient paschal food, and in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, Good Shepherd, Bread Divine, still show to us Thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us Thine; So may we see Thy glories shine in fields of immortality; O Thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, our present food, our future rest, come, make us each Thy chosen guest, co-heirs of Thine, and comrades blest with saints whose dwelling is with Thee.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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



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Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ / Corpus Christi - Year B - June 2nd, 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of those in Purgatory.
the Recently Deceased:

Colleen Makim, Lynette Gurr, Patrick McCormack,
Richard Noonan, Betty Crawford, John McLean.

the sick:

Charlie McGregor, Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin,
Sue Barwick, King Charles III, Bob McGuire, Robert
Sanders, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette
Keightley, Phillip Matthews, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry
Leech, Lara Bentley, Paula Lennon, Danny Dickins,
Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane,
Brian Barker, Clare Lockwood, Margaret Kahler, and
all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits
to the homebound and the sick

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)
BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550
Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.
2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses
BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072
Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell
For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please
quote your surname and envelope number for the
reference.
Planned Giving Program: If you wish to join the planned
giving program, please contact the parish office.

JUNE - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

MONDAY 3rd

Feast Day of St Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs
No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 4th

Tuesday of the 9th week of Ordinary Time
Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 5th

Feast Day of St Boniface of Mainz, bishop, martyr

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

THURSDAY 6th

Feast Day of St Norbet, bishop & St Marcellin Champagnat

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 7th

First Friday & Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Holy Mass (HTS Yr 6) - 9.30am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass & Adoration - 12 Noon

Benediction - 1.00pm

SATURDAY 8th

Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

No Mass at Bundarra

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 9th

External Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm

(and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES: (May to August times)

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 2.30pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

*"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest
homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."
- St Leonard*

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR JUNE

Holy Trinity Team

HOME ROSARY

*"How beautiful is the family that recites the
Rosary every evening." - Pope St John Paul II*

Bernie & Colleen Graham

11 Diamond Street, Tingha

Wednesday 5 June at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Men's Breakfast - Sat 8 June 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 9 June 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 12 June 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 15 June 2024, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed 31 July 2024, 5.00pm

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Each Mass this
weekend will conclude with Benediction. Benediction is
different from a normal priestly blessing. The priest is
not the one blessing the people. Rather, the priest holds
the Blessed Sacrament Who is the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is
Christ Himself alone directly blessing the people. To signify this,
the priest drapes the humeral veil over his shoulders and hands.
We should receive every blessing with love, reverence, and
humility. When Christ Himself bestows the blessing, our
reception of it should echo the words of St Thomas: "My Lord
and my God" as befits the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
O Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners, I beg
of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since
your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray
again. Mother, keep me, a sinner, constantly bathed in the light
of your Immaculate Heart. Amen.

Notice from Principal of Holy Trinity School

The Armidale Catholic Schools Office (ACSO), with the approval
of the Armidale Catholic Schools Board, is currently engaged in
a project to determine the viability of an expansion of Holy Trin-
ity Catholic School, Inverell, to Years 11 and 12, with view to the
school being a full Kindergarten to Year 12 school. As part of
this data gathering we are asking parishioners to express their
views on a potential expansion. This data will be utilised as part
of the discernment process to determine the viability of this
proposal. We ask that you spend a few minutes answering this
short survey. There are only a few questions, with a space at the
end to make any comments you wish for the ACSO to consider
or think about in relation to this project.

MASS ROSTER	01Jun-Sat 5.30pm	02Jun-Sun 9am	08Jun-Sat 5.30pm	09Jun-Sun 9am
Projector	J Kelly	R McGregor	Sr Coral	MJ Guest
Readers	S Szumowski & R Moffitt	B McGrath & J Monie	C Roberts & P Mather	D McMahon & S Hollis
Commentator	J Harris	MJ Guest	J Monie	M Robinson
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	R Moffitt	MJ Guest	A Michael	J Rainger
Counters		B Baldwin & J Frater		G Chie & G Fleming



Prayer to the Sacred Heart by St Margaret Mary Alcoque

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it
finds You, Who are its centre, its love, and its
happiness. By the wound in Your heart
pardon the sins that I have committed
whether out of malice or out of evil desires.
Place my weak heart in Your Own Divine
Heart, continually under Your protection and
guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing
evil until my last breath. Amen.

The Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be
made after Holy Communion at Masses on June 7th and June
9th (incl. Saturday evening). A plenary indulgence is attached
under the usual conditions.



Blessed Carlo Acutis
(1991-2006)
to be canonised in
Jubilee Year of 2025

Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

Our parish is blessed to receive an exhibi-
tion of Eucharistic miracles, which is based
on the work of Bl Carlo. He developed a
webpage www.miracolieucaaristici.org
to show to the world 32 eucharistic miracles
from history. He said that "the Eucharist is
my highway to heaven." Carlo will be
declared a saint (canonised) next year as
part of the Jubilee Year celebrations.

This high-quality display comes to us
through the generous work of Kate and Kieran Hobbs of
Brisbane. **Their work is voluntary and so a donation is request-
ed as you visit the exhibition to defray their costs.** The exhibi-
tion will be with us from June 6th to 11th, coinciding with our
patronal feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Part of the
display is a first class relic of Bl Carlo.**

The display will be in the meeting room and the church itself.
Entry is through the church or directly into the meeting room.
The exhibition will **not** be available **during Mass and Holy Hour
times.** Please consult the Parish Bulletin for these times.

Proposed hours of opening for the exhibition

Thursday June 6 - 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Friday June 7 - 10:30am to 11:30am and 1pm to 4:30pm

Saturday June 8 - 10am to 4:30pm

Sunday June 9 - 10am to 12noon

Monday June 10 - 9am to 12 noon *NB this is King's birthday
holiday*

Tuesday June 11 - 8am to 11:30am

For security and safety, we need volunteers to be in attendance
during these hours. Please let Fr Paul know if you can give an
hour or two to be a custodian of the exhibition and of the relic.