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Communion	Marion Beverley	Con Graham	Marion Sue	Rebecca Lita
Servers	Stazio Han Andre	Sophie Nicholas Charlotte	Thu Cody Chet	Byron Isaac Xavier
Musicians	Rita	Bong Jearen	Justin	Rita
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### This Week's Mass Schedule

14/08/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
15/06/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
16/06/2023	Friday	8:30am
17/06/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
18/06/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

**1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

**BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS**  
Third Thursday of every month,  
5.30 to 6.30pm

Please Ensure Silence In  
The Church By  
Supporting Silent Prayer

### READINGS

**Corpus Christi - Year A (p.355)**

- 1st- Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
- Psalm - 147:12-15, 19-20  
Resp. hymns page
- 2nd -1 Corinthians 10:16-17
- Gospel Accl. hymns page
- Gospel - John 6:51-58

**Next weekend: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A (p.403)**

- 1st - Exodus 19:2-6
- Psalm - 99:2-3, 5
- 2nd - Romans 5:6-11
- Gospel - Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

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## NEWSLETTER 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

**HE FED THEM WITH THE FINEST WHEAT AND SATISFIED THEM WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK.**

### We Become What We Receive! - The Feast of Corpus Christi

Why do we need a feast of the Eucharist? A feast like this affords us the opportunity to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us which is made visible in the Eucharist. It is also an opportunity for us to seek a better understanding of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ and to order our attitude to it accordingly, since the Eucharist is a sacrament of life which, if misused, could bring about the opposite effect. As St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "All who eat and drink in an unworthy manner, without discerning the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason, many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Corinthians 11:29-30).

In order to arrive at a better understanding of the Eucharist we need to ask why Jesus gave us this sacrament in the first place. A closer reading of today's gospel or, better still, the whole of the Eucharistic discourse in John 6 from which it is taken, provides useful answers. From the reading we find that there are two main reasons Jesus gave us this sacrament. (1) Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). In the Eucharist he provides a visible sign and an effective means of him being present to us and us being present in him.

Secondly, as Jesus himself said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." Jesus also said that he came that we may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). In the Eucharist he provides a visible means of communicating this life to us so that we can be fully alive both in this world and in the next. As Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day" (John 6:53-54).

The Eucharist is true food and drink but at the same time it is very different from every other food and drink. The great difference lies in these words of Christ which St Augustine heard in prayer, "You will not change me into yourself as you would food of your flesh; but you will be changed into me." We transform ordinary food into our own bodies, but the food of the Eucharist transforms us into the body of Christ. Ludwig Feuerbach's statement that we become what we eat is never truer than in the Eucharistic experience.

Therefore, the big question is, why then do many of us who receive the Eucharist not experience more of this radical transformation? Maybe this story will throw more light on the question: A team of Russians and Americans were on a common expedition. Among their cabin foodstuff was Russian black bread. It was tasty but hard on the teeth. It happened during a meal that an American bit into a piece and snapped a tooth. He threw the bread overboard and growled: "Lousy Communist bread." The Russian quickly countered: "It's not lousy communist bread. It's rotten capitalist tooth."

So my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we do not experience the transforming power of the Eucharist it is probably not on account of a "lousy" Eucharist but on account of our rotten faith. Let us today approach the Eucharist with a livelier faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and we shall experience therein God's saving power and transforming love.

**Peace be with you!**  
Fr Lucius

**Sacramental Program:**

- **Confirmation** 18th June.
- **First Holy Communion:**  
-Information meeting Saturday 22nd July.  
**1st lesson - Group 1:** 29th July 5pm at St Mary's.  
**Group 2:** At SMP, dates will be announced during the information meeting.  
Date of Sacrament 10th September.



**PLANNED GIVING:** We are in the process of preparing to order the new sets of envelopes for Planned Giving for 12 months (weekly donation) from July 2023 to June 2024. We are unable to meet the day-to-day expenses without your assistance. We encourage more people to participate in this essential financial support of our Parish. If you would like to join and have a set of envelopes or prefer to give by direct debit (weekly/fortnightly/monthly), please contact/visit the Parish Office by 13th June 2023.

**PIETY STALL**

Please visit our piety stall if you wish to buy some religious articles. Piety stall is situated on the right side of the church as you enter through the main entrance. One could also check the catalogue and order any specific items.

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

The latest Catholic Leader is available at the Church now for \$4. Please leave payment in container/envelope provided.

**Teachings of the Catholic Church**

"A look at key teachings, beliefs, practices and rituals of the Catholic Church and connections to more information." Please follow the link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/teachings-of-the-catholic-church/#catholic-social-teaching>



**Music & Roster:** The Choir members are requested to collect the Music Roster for June, July and August which is available in the Church now.

**Safeguarding Prayer**

Lord Jesus  
May we welcome the kingdom of God  
anew into our hearts and lives,  
embracing discipleship and openness to  
others.

You call us to walk with integrity  
in the service of others.  
May our service be filled with kindness,  
and respect for all God's people,  
giving special protection to children and the  
vulnerable.

May we seek the truth,  
Listen to those wounded by abuse,  
and choose to act with compassion and justice.

Give us the strength,  
to serve humbly and faithfully,  
and to love one another  
as we are so loved by You.  
Amen.



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**ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE**

**Refrain:** *Gather Your people, O Lord.  
Gather Your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather Your people, O Lord.*

Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters,  
each of us called to walk in Your light. R./

We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other,  
each of the gifts the Spirit provides. R./

No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plow  
shares.

Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart. R./

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**PSALM RESPONSE:** (said)

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY**

**Refrain:** *Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
Here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table,  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,  
to share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,  
with faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,  
to flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;  
Your homes will flourish in peace.  
For I, the giver of home and harvest,  
will send my rain on the soil.

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**THANKSGIVING: JESUS YOU ARE BREAD FOR US**

**Refrain:** *Jesus, You are bread for us.  
Jesus, You are life for us.  
In Your gift of Eucharist  
We find love.*

When we feel we need a friend  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that we need love  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share. R./

When we feel that things aren't fair  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share. R./

In communion we believe  
You are there with us, Jesus.  
Thank you for the friend You are.  
Thank you for the love we share. R./

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**RECESSIONAL:**

**COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

**Refrain:** *We are companions on the journey,  
Breaking bread and sharing life;  
And in the love we bear is the hope we share,  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other,  
No longer strangers in God's house;  
We are fed and we are nourished  
By the strength of those who care,  
By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other,  
And we are called by the Word of the Lord;  
To act with justice, to love tenderly,  
And to walk humbly with our God.  
To walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find;  
We will knock and the door shall be opened.  
We will ask and it shall be given,  
For we believe in the love of our God.  
We believe in the love of our God.

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**INVITATION TO SUNDAY  
MORNING TEA**

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a  
morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk  
to your fellow parishioners.



**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those in ill health:** Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Marge Byrne, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Peter Barry, Karl Guerin, Carmel Bird, Paul Massingham, Patricia Thackeray, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

**The Recently Deceased:** Laurel Dingle and Terry Prindable.

**Anniversary of Death:** Emily Pianta, David Hecker, Josephine Schmidt, Patrick Schmidt, Michael Quinn, Michelle & Mary Rutland, Aileen Mackie, Henry Hogan, Richard Elmer, Philip Bertram and Stephen Parker.