

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

2 JUNE 2024

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

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

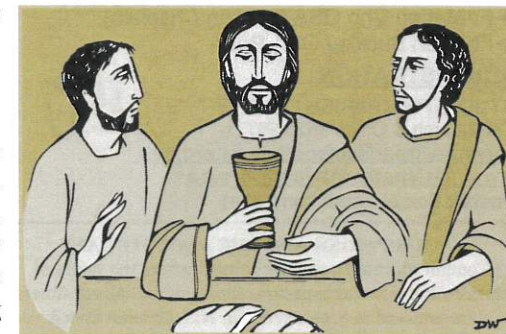
Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

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!

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Worksafe With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant)
- ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 2nd June 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 1st June	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 2nd June Holy Body & Blood of Christ	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Comp		
Tuesday 4th June Bl James of Viterbo	10.00am Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 5th June St Boniface	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 6th June 9 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 7th June Sacred Heart of Jesus	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 8th June Immaculate Heart of BVM	9.00am Mass	

IGNITE THE LIGHT RETREAT

Fr Saldie Resolado OSA will lead a retreat for the young adults of the parish on Saturday 15th June from 11am to 5pm at St Joseph's Centre.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
Fourth Sunday of the month
(except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Anointing/Healing Mass: Tues 4 June 10am
- ▶ SJOS Free Health Check Sat 1 Sun 2 June
- ▶ Ignite the Light Retreat Day Sat 15th June



ST AUGUSTINE ON THE EUCHARIST

“We become what we receive” (Sermon 272)

“What you see on God's altar: the bread is Christ's body, the cup is Christ's blood. Faith can grasp the fundamentals quickly, succinctly, yet it hungers for a fuller account of the matter. So how can bread be his body? And what about the cup? How can it be his blood?” My friends, these realities are called sacraments because in them one thing is seen, while another is grasped.

Listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: “You are the body of Christ, member for member.” If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying “Amen” to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear “The body of Christ”, you reply “Amen.” Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your “Amen” may ring true!

PARISH CHRISTENING

The parish congratulates the family of Summer Damasena who is to be baptised this weekend.



HEALING / ANOINTING MASS 10AM June 4

Our monthly Anointing Mass is scheduled for 10am Tuesday 4th June at St. Joseph's.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Caroline O'Neil, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton.

IN LOVING MEMORY



- ✦ John Crapper
- ✦ Juan Bonizzoni

Anniversaries

- ✦ Lilla D'Angelo
- ✦ Guillermo Jorquera
- ✦ Luz Stella Andrade
- ✦ Sheila Bell
- ✦ Patricia Ryan
- ✦ Nelson Jorquera
- ✦ Kevin Figley
- ✦ Mark Wettenhall

HEALTH OUTREACH CLINIC



1st & 2nd June 2-5pm
St Joseph's Parish Centre. Free health & Hygiene kits, Screenings for Medicine, Dentistry, Audiology, Optometry.

DO YOU ENJOY GARDENING?

If you enjoy gardening and would like to assist with the maintenance of the parish gardens, your help will be welcome. Please contact the parish office.



CALL TO VOLUNTEER MUSICIANS



Anyone intersted in assiting with our music at mass is invited to contact the parish office.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK
27 May – 3 June

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

MASS COLLECTIONS 26/05/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 651.10
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 577.10
Envelopes.....	\$ 210.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards \$	120.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 685.00
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