

# The Voice

22nd June 2014

The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

Psalter Week 1



## ORDINARY TIME

### OF YOUR CHARITY PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF

- **Recently deceased:**  
Father David Hume, George Gibson, Melissa Wadesman, Patricia Mounser, Bruce Gray, Leticia Jaramillo, Barbara Hunt, Kevin Fitzpatrick..
- **Anniversaries:**  
Kevin Garnett, Hilda Andrews, Andrew Flanagan, Cornellis Potter, Dorn Schumacher, Joan Fitzgerald, Kath Leonard, Wafaa El Khatib, David Steele.
- **Remembrances:**  
Members of the Molin family- Robert Snr. Patricia, Jeffery and Robert Jnr.
- **And the sick:**  
Fr. Geoffrey Bugden, Vince Ashley, Lola Proctor, Alan Harland, Beryl Allen, Therese Payne, Hanaa El Khatib, Mary Leger, Wanda Grima, Louise Dunn, Beverley Purser, Grace McNeany, Silvana Anzalone, Grace Williams, Irene Beck, Cissy Tuilekutu, John Osborne.

## May & June's Feasts

Once again we have been foiled in celebrating the Nativity of St John the Baptist. As you know, when the feast does not fall on a Sunday, it is possible, in Ordinary Time, to celebrate it in the form of an "external solemnity" on the Sunday before or after. This year, with the Nativity on next Tuesday, the Sunday before (today) is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ ("*Corpus Christi*"), and the Sunday after is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul— both solemnities of the Universal Church, and therefore not available.

Our only chance is on the day itself. There will be the usual Mass at 7.45 a.m.

Next Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be as usual, at 7.45 a.m. in the church, and at 9.30 a.m. with Anointing of the Sick at Peninsula Village.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul. More about them next Sunday.

Today, don't forget, we have Exposition after the 9.15 Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12 noon. If you are not staying for Exposition, please remember to leave Mass quietly, and don't start talking until you are completely out of the church— so as to give those inside time and space for their prayers.

And now a few words on something else about which I was foiled a few weeks back—the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, a few weeks back (24th May). There was more to the celebration this year that many people realise.

When Pope Pius VII was arrested by Napoleon in 1808, he sent out a call to Catholics to pray for him to Our Lady under her title, Help of Christians. He was imprisoned at Savona and in the chateau at Fontainebleau, outside Paris, for nearly six years, while Napoleon tried to break his spirit. (He failed; Pius' Benedictine formation stood him in good stead.) When Napoleon was decisively defeated in the "Battle of the Nations" at Leipzig in October 1813 and was exiled to Elba in May 1814, he had to release the Pope, who entered Rome on 24th May 1814. In gratitude, the Pope instituted a Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians for the Papal States a year later, setting its date for 24th May. So last 24th May we celebrated the second centenary of that return to Rome.

But there is more to it than that. The early founders of the Church in Australia all lived through Pius' imprisonment and were among those praying for his release

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### Psalm Response

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Praise the Lord Je - ru - sa - lem; Come praise the Lord.

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### Gospel Acclamation

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

## Around the Parish

**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ:** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday after the 9.15am Mass until 12 noon.

**Fr Hill's 50th Anniversary of Ordination** – Luncheon on Sunday, 20 July 2014. Woy Woy Leagues Club from 12.30pm. 3 course meal – Adults \$35 (children's meal available \$12). Please phone Parish Office to book – Tables of 6, 8 or 10 available. Money required by Friday 4th July.

Fr Hill will be celebrating Mass at 9:15am on the day with a morning tea afterwards for those unable to attend the luncheon.

**Baptismal Preparation:** Parents seeking to have their baby baptized are required to attend a talk about the significance of the ceremony. Important issues are raised and the participants view a brief film which complements the talk which has been given. The meeting takes less than an hour and occurs on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parishioners who would like to be part of the group that presents the preparation talks are asked to contact Don Anderson on 4342 3357. This can be a rewarding experience for presenters, as they get to meet many very fine parents.

**Mysteries of Gregorian Chant:** On 12th July the Royal School of Church Music Australia will hold a workshop "Mysteries of Gregorian Chant". The workshop will be led by internationally-renowned chant scholar Dr. Neil McEwan AM FRSCM long-time director of music at Christ Church St. Laurence, Sydney. The workshop will explain the history of the chant as

well as giving an introduction to interpreting the notation with examples relevant to today's liturgy. The afternoon will begin with registration at 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. The afternoon will conclude with afternoon tea followed by the Vigil Mass at 5pm. This is a must-do for all those who treasure the musical heritage of the Christian traditions. Fees are \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members with music supplied. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the music ministry of the parish."

**Solemn Profession:** Brother Matthew Boland, O.P. will be making his solemn profession during Mass at 7pm, Friday 27th June at St. James Church, Woolley St. Glebe. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The Parish bus is available & will leave our church at 5pm. Ring the Parish Office to book a seat.

**Urgent – Volunteer Drivers** for parish bus needed to join a roster transporting parishioners to and from Mass on weekends. Must have an LR license. Please contact parish office 4341 1073 if you can help.

**St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothing Appeal** will be held next weekend 28/29 June.

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Faith community Flynn McCall, Callie Lynch and Marco McDonald baptized last Sunday.

**St. Vincent de Paul Members and Volunteers** monthly Mass next Saturday, 28th June 9am.

**Liturgy Team:** Please note there will be *no* meeting this month.

**Catechist's Meeting** next Thursday, 26th June 9am-12md in the Leo Mahon room.

**Family Ministry Meeting** Thursday, 26th June, 1pm in the Riley room of the Ethel Cox Centre.

**Children's Liturgy Roster 29/6/14:** Leif Spicer (L). Marianne Bowyer (L). Ted Meyer (L).

**Volunteer Church Cleaning Roster 27/6/14:** Maria Wickens. Pam Hickey. Judy French. Warren Sparrow.

**Bus Trip:** Budgewoi Barbecue Picnic. Wed. 25th June, 10.30am pick up. Cost \$15. Contact Susie Casey 4344 1742 / 0403 417 639.

**Morning Tea** after 9.15am Mass next Sunday, 29th June. Rostered are our Craft Ladies.

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace** Medjugorje anniversary prayers. Wednesday 25 June, 1.15pm-2.15pm, Lady Chapel.

**Parish Bus Service**-All patrons using the service for masses, trips & Coffee/Tea & Chat must contact the Parish office to alter their schedule or request for service.

**Lectio Divina** prayer group next Thursday 10.30 in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All welcome.

**Feast of the Sacred Heart Vigil: will take place at Holy Cross Church, Kincumber** from 6pm, 27 June to 6am, 28 June. Visitors do not have to stay for the entire vigil but can come & go any time during the night. Mass at 7pm followed by Benediction and the contemplative prayer in front of the Exposed Eucharist. For enquiries call Paul Salmon on 0407 100 540.

## Social Justice

### Time for a New Start:

It has long been the position of policy-makers that the low rate of Newstart is consistent with community expectations and is functioning as an incentive for labour market participation. This rationale suggests that beyond any worth while assistance gained through labour market and training programs, the low payment, flanked by a tough compliance regime, will create a strong work incentive. This logic is being challenged by charities and community services, trade unions, labour market economists and business leaders. Far from being an incentive, it has become a barrier to work. For many, the payment does not cover significant costs related to job search and cir-

cumstances of financial stress regularly detract from seeking employment and preparing for interviews. As stated by the Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia:

*The point that I, and other employers, have tried to make is that entrenching people into poverty by expecting them to live on \$35 a day is not a pathway back into employment.*

The newstart Allowance is set so low that even an increase of \$50 per week would only raise its value to half the minimum wage—hardly a disincentive to finding work.

The government can introduce a whole range of incentives and programs to encourage people into the labour market, but the immediate priority must be an

increase in payments. It is time for a 'new start' - one that focuses first on the adequacy of Newstart and other Allowance payments before there is any consideration of the 'incentivisation' of payments. Over the past two decades, agencies like Catholic Social Services Australia and St. Vincent de Paul have seen the value of the Allowance payments fall. They have been at the forefront of efforts to convince parliamentarians on both sides of politics of the need to treat our disadvantaged brothers and sisters more fairly.

*Most Rev. Christopher Saunders, DD. Bishop of Broome. Chairman, Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.*

# Scripture Readings

Bruce Janiga

## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), June 22

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

1 Cor 10:16-17

Sequence: Lauda Sion

Jn 6:51-58

We move from celebrating God as mystery on Trinity Sunday to focusing on God's desire to be united with us as we celebrate today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. For us as Christians, God is both immanent and transcendent: within and beyond. The manna with which God feeds the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years foreshadows the Eucharist, the true bread from heaven. During their time in the wilderness, Israel learns to trust the Lord. Moses calls the people to "Remember how ... the Lord, your God, / has directed all your journeying" (v 2), in order that they might learn to depend on God. The "water ... from the flinty rock" (v 15) is also a sign of God's concern for them and anticipates the "living water" given to us in Jesus, as seen in John 4, the story of the Samaritan woman.

In the Gospel, Jesus declares himself "the living bread that came down from heaven" (v 51). By sharing in this heavenly food, we receive the promise of "eternal life" (v 54). Jesus refers to manna, the "bread that came down from heaven" in the time of their ancestors, but they "still died" (v 58). He gives something greater than manna. The bread he gives enables us to "have life because of me" (v 57) and "live forever" (v 58).

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is prompted by some concerns he has about their behavior. One of the problem areas is the manner in which they are celebrating the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist. In today's reading Paul reminds them that in sharing in the "cup of blessing" and "the bread that we break" (v 16), we share in the life of Christ. Eucharist unites us with each other and with God, for we, "though many, are one body" (v 17). Therefore we should strive to approach the Lord's table worthily.

*For reflection:* How does receiving the Eucharist impact my life? Do I see myself as united with the church as well as with God when I share in the Eucharist?

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## Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, June 29 Mass During the Day

Acts 12:1-11

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

Tradition says that Sts. Peter and Paul suffered martyrdom in Rome. Today the church honors these two great apostles who are especially honored in Rome, but as Pope Francis said last year on their feast, "it is an important feast for the universal Church because the entire People of God is indebted to them for the gift of faith" (*Angelus* address, 2013).

The Gospel text today is unique to Matthew. Simon Peter's declaration of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (v 16) is not the result of human reasoning but the result of a heavenly revelation. It is at this point in Matthew's text that Simon is given the nickname Peter, "rock," and upon this rock Jesus establishes his "church," a word found only in Matthew (here and in 18:17).

In Acts we hear about the early persecution of the church by Herod Antipas. James, son of Zebedee, was killed in A.D. 44. Peter's subsequent arrest and rescue from prison serves to encourage the church because it illustrates that God is protecting Peter from harm. His death occurs some 20 years later in Rome. There is much to be done and many miles to travel before he meets a martyr's death.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, the apostle writes with a sense of impending death: "The time of my departure is at hand" (v 6). Remembering his trials, he affirms that "the Lord stood by me and gave me strength ... and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom" (vv 17-18). The example of his faith in the face of suffering offers encouragement to Christians of all ages who face trials because of their faith.

As the preface in today's Mass says, "Each in a different way / gathered together the one family of Christ; / and revered together throughout the world, / they share one Martyr's crown."

*For reflection:* What does the witness of martyrs mean for my faith? Have I drawn meaning from the suffering of others?




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The Scriptures today remind us that "we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf." How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the Body of Christ?

*See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

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## Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Umina, Umina Beach, Ettalong, Ettalong Beach, Koolowong, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point, Phegan's Bay and Wondabyne

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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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Margaret Cooper

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*Office Hours:* 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday

*Deadline for The Voice:* 3.30 p.m. Wednesday

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

**PARISH CHOIR** – Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m.  
Enquiries: 4341 3367.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**, 21a Dul-kara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP** For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

**CATHOLICCARE** Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600

**MARY MAC'S PLACE** Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

**CASH HOUSIE** every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

## May & June's Feasts

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and the restitution of the Papal States.

John Joseph Therry was born in Ireland in 1790 and was ordained in 1815, a year after Pius' return and in the first year when the new feast was celebrated. Pope Pius approved his appointment as one of two official (i.e., Government approved) Catholic chaplains to the new penal colony in Sydney, where he arrived in 1820. When he built his first church in Sydney (the ancestor of St Mary's Cathedral) in 1821, he put it under the patronage of Our Lady, Help of Christians ("St Mary's" for short).

John Bede Polding was born in Liverpool, England, in 1794, was professed as a Benedictine in 1811 and ordained a priest in 1819. He was appointed Vicar Apostolic of New Holland and Van Diemen's Land in 1834 and arrived in Sydney in 1835. When

the Australian hierarchy was established in 1842 (with Polding as Archbishop of Sydney and Bishops at Adelaide and Hobart), the bishops met in Sydney 1844 and put Australia under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians. This was approved by Rome in 1852, and Pope Benedict XV declared her Patroness of Australia in 1916.

Therry and Polding were typical Catholics of their generation. They watched in horror as the French revolution worked to destroy or inhibit the Catholic Church. (When Pius VI died in prison in Valence in 1799, that was supposed to be the end of the papacy – but that's another story.) When they chose a Patroness, they looked to the one who had protected the pope and who, they were sure, would protect Australia

FR JOHN HILL, P.P.

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