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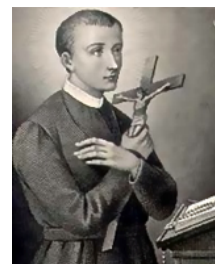
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Welcome to St. Gerard's parish, where we foster the wellbeing and safety of all children and adults at risk. Since we take the safety of our young and vulnerable parishioners seriously, we have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to abuse. All parishioners have the right to feel safe and welcome. If you have any concerns, visit <https://www.stgerards.org.au/child-safety-professional-standards/> or see the Safeguarding Officer. "Child Safety is Everyone's Responsibility"

## Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Readings for Mass (Year A) - June 10/11, 2023

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

### **First Reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

### **Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

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

### **Gospel Reading - John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Oh Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood through which we are strengthened in body, soul and mind. We solemnly pledge that we will offer You our undivided love and also service to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will. We pray this in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

We require more volunteers to please come forward to read at the 5:30pm Sunday Masses. Please call the office on 9792 4422 or email your details to [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au). Thank you.

Catholic Theological College - Find Your Path at CTC Online. Information session on Monday, 19 June at 7.30pm. Register via [ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session). For more information contact Dr Christopher Knauf at [ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](http://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)

*Congratulations to the children receiving their First Holy Communion.*

*We pray that they will grow in goodness and faith as they come to know Jesus more.*

*Congratulations and God bless;*

*Ainsley Bonnyvensura, Dhanya Caballero, Akash Emmanuel, Elijah Hayat, Ariana Lopez,  
Lemilo Saletele, Ethan Singh, Antonia Trovarelli, Chelsea Vitoria*

The next God and Beer Event will be held on Monday, 19th June. Topic: How Islam Led Me Back to Christ. Speaker: Charbel Raish. Time: 6.30pm dinner, 7.30pm for the talk. Venue: Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill. RSVP: [GodandBeer.com.au](http://GodandBeer.com.au) Contact: John - [jtsmyth@gmail.com](mailto:jtsmyth@gmail.com)

Inner Healing through “Meditation on Jesus” through Breathing in the Spirit and gentle prayerful postures with relaxation methods. From June 30 – July 2, 2023 Guided by Fr. Gilbert. Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia. RSVP. Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: [gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)

Catholic Mission seeks a Diocesan Parish Appeals Coordinator:

- Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term (18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.
  - Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.
  - Become a member of an experienced Diocesan team.
  - Recruiting and supervising a team of Parish Ambassadors across Melbourne;
  - In concert with the Parish Ambassadors, recruiting a team of speakers to promote Church appeals.
  - Overseeing a formation Program to support a growing team of Parish Mission Ambassadors.
- For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at [melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au)

### **Word of the ‘Living Father’: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That’s how Jesus presents it in today’s Gospel. He doesn’t make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today’s reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—trogein—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today’s First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites’ hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today’s Psalm, too, we see a connection between God’s Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with “finest wheat” and proclaiming His Word to the world.

In Jesus, “the living Father” has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today’s Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus’ own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today’s Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a “participation” in Christ’s body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.



## **Daily Antiphons - Monday, June 12 to Saturday, June 17, 2023 (Year A)**

### **Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 12**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

### **Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let Your face shine on me.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** We proclaim Christ crucified: Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **Wednesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 14**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Holy is the Lord our God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Teach me Your paths, my God, and lead me in Your truth. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

### **Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 15**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

### **Friday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 16 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The designs of His Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear Him.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Take My yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in Me.

### **Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time - June 17**

#### **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Entrance Antiphon:** My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

**Responsorial Psalm:** My heart rejoices in the Lord my saviour.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart. *Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** Mary treasured all these words, reflecting on them in her heart.