



**St John  
Vianney**  
Parish Morisset



**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B 02 JUNE 2024**

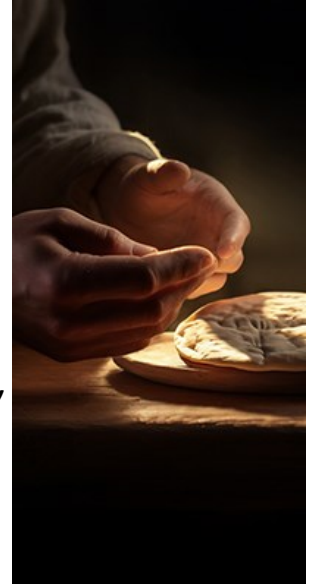
*Today we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This special feast called by its Latin title Corpus Christi, was introduced to the universal church in 1264.*

*What is the Body of Christ? The consecrated bread? The community that shares of that bread? Both? Yes!*

*When we approach the altar and respond to the Priest or minister of communion who presents the Eucharist and declares, “The body of Christ,” we say, “Amen!”*

*That “Amen” and our open hands to receive the Lord affirm our faith in the eucharistic body of Christ. But, in order to be true, we must also be ready to declare our communion with the body of Christ who sits beside us in the pew. If our “Amen!” does not include our attention to all the members of the body of Christ, then our faith is questionable.*

*May this not be so.*



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal People who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

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**UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	1st June 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	2nd June 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	4th June 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	7th June 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	8th June 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	9th June 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	11th June 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	14th June 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	15th June 5pm Family Mass—Morisset
Sunday	16th June 9.30am Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	18th June 9.30am Liturgy—Morisset
Friday	21st June 10.30am Mass—Morisset
Saturday	22nd June 5pm Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	23rd June 9.30am Mass—Morisset

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## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year B — Reflection 2nd June 2024**

How time flies! Since our Easter celebrations we have celebrated 3 of the major Solemnities of the Church — Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, & today the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, which was formerly known as Corpus Christi.

This event took place on the 1st day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb was sacrificed, prior to the suffering & death of Jesus. The disciples had been instructed by Him to go ahead & prepare the place where they were to eat the meal together.

While they were eating He took some bread, blessed it, broke it & gave it to them, saying “this is my body” - then, taking a cup, He gave thanks, gave it to them & all drank from it - He said “ this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many”.

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek term meaning “thanksgiving”

In today’s Collect we pray that we may “revere the sacred mysteries of the Body & Blood so as to experience in ourselves the fruits of redemption”.

This great Feast day gives us an opportunity to reflect on & deepen our understanding of what Eucharist actually means & renew our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. In faith we believe that Christ is really present in the consecrated bread & wine, but it is important to remember that the Body of Christ is also present in our Community as we gather to pray, in the proclamation of God’s Word, in the suffering of people who are being persecuted & in the unexpected moments of our everyday lives.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven He gifted His community of believers some people as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers (Eph 4:8,11) but His greatest gifts were, by far, the Holy Spirit, the source of sevenfold gifts, together with the gift of His very self, made possible through the Sacrament of the Eucharist or as we also refer to it as “Holy Communion”.

Pope John Paul II emphasised this in his encyclical letter “Ecclesia de Eucharista”: “The Church has received the Eucharist from Christ our Lord, not as one gift, however precious among so many others, but as the gift “par excellence”, for it is the gift of Himself, of his person in his sacred humanity, as well as the gift of His saving work”.

The Eucharist is another “mysterium fidei”— a mystery of faith, as is the Blessed Trinity, but more than any other Sacrament, it makes demands on our faith because it is the “mystery of Christ’s real presence” as He becomes for us substantially present, whole & entire, in the reality of His Body & Blood, if only we can open ourselves up to the dimensions of the mystery.

As we know, the Eucharist is not only nourishment for us - as St. Augustine tells us “ we are to become what we receive”, that is, the Body of Christ. We are meant to go out into our world & continue to BE the Body of Christ.

In Holy Communion we receive Christ under the form of bread—In the poor we meet in our daily lives we receive Him in the form of flesh & blood. It is the same Christ!

At the Last Judgement He will say “I was hungry, naked & sick, I was homeless & in prison..... He will not know us if we have not known Him in the underfed & the unclothed, in the sick, the refugees, the homeless, the persecuted & prisoners.

They are all waiting for our love, in them waits Christ. May we give of ourselves, as Jesus did, so that others may come to know & experience the life & love that only Jesus can provide. He is concerned about our eternal life & His Body & Blood are the food & drink that sustain us on our journey to that life. St Mary MacKillop said in 1900, “God has acted most generously with us. Let us be generous in return”. Heather White

## **Anointing Mass-Friday 7th June. -10.30am**

Friday 7th June is a ‘pupil free day,’ and there will be no students at Saint John Vianney School.

To continue with the Friday Mass schedule, Fr Darryl Mackie will celebrate an Anointing Mass in the Morisset Church at 10.30am. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a sacred moment, when we pray for God’s grace to strengthen someone who has any sort of illness. Using the sacred oil of the sick blessed by the bishop in Holy Week, Fr Darryl will make the sign of the cross on the forehead and palms of those receiving the sacrament. The anointing and prayers are for physical and mental healing, and for the soul as well.

## **National Reconciliation Week 27 May-3 June.**

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, Now More Than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue.

National Sorry Day(26th May) is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World’s Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia’s major faith communities.

In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia’s first National Reconciliation Week.

In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week—and subsequently across bridges in cities and towns—to show their support for reconciliation.

Now it happens across the same dates every year 27 May to 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1976 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision.

Catholic Schools have been recognising the week through many different classroom activities, liturgies and out of uniform days.

## **Parish Assembly**

The Saint John Vianney School Community and St John The Saint John Vianney School Community and St John Vianney Parishioners, are invited to a Parish Assembly, to be held after the 9.30am Mass, next Sunday June 2nd. The Assembly will not have the same format as in previous years. The sole aim of the Assembly is to discern the direction and path the parish needs to take moving forward.

Fr Greg Barker VG and PP Boolaroo/Warners Bay, together with Fr Matthew Muller VG and Chancellor and Canonical Advisor will attend the Assembly to answer questions.

Last week a written report of parish finances, together with a report explaining how the parish has evolved to where it is today, was made available for your perusal.

## Points to Ponder

Traditions have always been an important dimension of celebrating faith. Each age is a time of special grace, including our age of high technology.

### Did You Know?

In many parishes, receiving the Sacrament of Christ's Body from bread consecrated at the Mass being celebrated is not the usual practice.

Instead, the faithful often receive hosts that have been consecrated at an earlier Mass and reserved in the tabernacle. In effect, a "Communion Service" is inserted into the celebration of Mass. This all-too-common practice is far from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and is contrary to the norms of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

**'It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass.'**

Some priests and sacristans object that it is too hard to get the number of hosts right. Yet, in parishes that observe the liturgical norms, it is not as difficult as might be thought to estimate the quantity of bread that will be needed. The annual Mass count provides base figures for each Sunday Mass, and it is generally straightforward to determine the quantity for Mass on weekdays. The priest celebrant, another minister or the sacristan can generally tell whether the number of people present is above or below the base figure and adjust the number of hosts accordingly.

The custom of the Catholic Church is to reserve consecrated hosts in the tabernacle for Viaticum of the dying, and Communion of the sick and housebound,

Out of necessity, the Church in some places where the sacrifice of the Mass cannot be regularly celebrated also reserves consecrated hosts for the celebration of Holy Communion in the absence of a priest, normally with the Liturgy of the Word or the Liturgy of the Hours.

## Vinnies Winter Cash Appeal

The Morisset Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society, will hold their Winter Cash Appeal at the Masses on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June 2024.

## Question Box

Recently it was brought to the attention of the PPC, that often parishioners have matters of faith questions, and are not sure where to go with them for answers.

In an effort to help people with their questions, please place your question in the stainless steel mailbox outside the parish secretaries office, in the Callinan Centre, and the questions will be answered.

## Baptism Preparation Program

Baptism is a happy event and a time to ponder God's loving gifts in our lives. For those seeking baptism for their children our baptism preparation programs will usually run in the evenings on the second Tuesday of the Month starting at 7pm, bookings are essential. Our next Program will be held on **Tuesday 11th June 2024**. Bookings can be made online at the link at: <https://forms.office.com/r/wZtatkt01V> or by contacting our Parish Office.

## Pope Francis' prayer intention for June 2024

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

## Planned Giving Tax Receipts

We greatly appreciate those who support our parish through planned giving. A percentage of those contributions are **Tax Deductible for those who complete a TAX RETURN only.**

If you require a **TAX RECEIPT** for your planned giving contributions we ask that you complete the online form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/qfepK7wa0V> or call the Parish between 9am and 2pm Weekdays.

As the number of people who request a **TAX RECEIPT** is used to **calculate the percentage claimable as a deduction** you will need to lodge your request no later than 2pm on **Friday 28th June 2024**.

We also ask that if you are **NOT completing a TAX RETURN** that you do not request a tax receipt. We can provide general receipts at your request.

## With A Light Heart.

A farmer lived alone near a country town with a small dog that he loved and doted on.

After many long years of faithful service, the dog finally died so the farmer went to his parish priest and said, "Father, my dear dog has died. Could you possibly offer some prayers at Mass for him on Sunday?"

The priest replied, "I'm so very sorry for your loss but unfortunately, I can't pray for your dog at Mass."

The farmer said, "I understand Father, really, I do. I guess I'll have to go to the new church down the road. No telling what they believe. Do you think \$1000 is enough to donate for the service?"

The priest piped up, "Why didn't you tell me that your dog was Catholic."

## Biblical Explorations: Moses and the Exodus

The exodus was one of the fundamental events that came to define God's people. It's not much of an exaggeration to say that the rest of the Bible was written as a reaction to God's decision to rescue Israel from Egypt in the exodus. Understanding the exodus helps unlock the whole Bible. Even the gospels draw on the exodus. In this subject, we'll raise some of the key questions about the exodus and think about the different ways that people have interpreted the book of Exodus. We'll also think about what the book of Exodus means in a Christian context and how the gospel writers used Exodus ideas to make sense of Jesus' life.

**RSVP by 8 June to attend at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or in your parish.**

Dates: Thursdays 20 & 27 June Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/6WZSV8CTnT>

## Can you help CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning make a difference?

A single mum, three couples from Afghanistan, a university student, and dozens of school students – these are just a few of the people CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has supported in the last couple of months.

As a not-for-profit organisation, We can't do this work without the generosity of our community. Can you help us to support more?

Donate to our 2024 Make a Difference appeal now: [www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference](http://www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference)



**SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection**

If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, Diocese App, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: SURNAME or set up a direct debit contact the parish office for this option.

**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection**

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page or the Diocese App. If you are considering taking up **planned giving** you may like to know that **a percentage of the contributions are tax deductible**. If you would like to know more or set up planned giving please contact the Parish Office.

**UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES**

- SAINT JUSTIN (M) - 1ST JUN
- THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—2ND JUN
- SAINTS CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS (M) - 3RD JUN
- SAINT BONIFACE (M) - 5TH JUNE
- THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (S) - 7TH JUN
- THE MOST IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (M) - 8TH JUNE
- SAINT BARNABAS (M) - 11TH JUNE
- SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA (M) - 13TH JUNE
- SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA (M) - 21ST JUNE
- SAINTS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE (M) - 22ND JUNE
- THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (S) - 24TH JUNE

<b>WEEKEND ROSTERS</b>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>PRESIDERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	H White D Whitten	U France M Shamley
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France J Hutchins	H White J Shamley
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	A Dussin A Walker G Walker	K Lendon P Melvey D Whitten S Matthew
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	C Lawandos V Paulo	M Melvey R Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J Vipan U France	J France M Fowler
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France H White	P Melvey A Dussin
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX A Walker G Walker	Cameron Family D Whitten

*The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.*

*Our Parish supports The Diocese in its zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Every one of us must each day commit ourselves individually and collectively to safeguard each child and every vulnerable person to whom we interact with. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.***

*If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding by Phone: 02 4979 1390 or Email: [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au), or visit their website for further information: [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)*

**Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life threatening disease:**

Joyce Fren, Mary Carapiet, Monica Gray, Koby Smith, Annette Boyd, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bernadette Martin, Joan Gillett, Bruce Gillett.

**Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.**

Remembrance: Tricia Styles



**Prayer Requests for the Bulletin**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

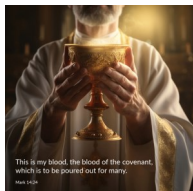
**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.



*Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)*





**SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE**  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**Year B**  
**Sunday 02 Jun 2024**

**The Introductory Rites**  
**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as Australia's First Peoples and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work, live and learn. Especially the Awabakal and Darkinjung nations who are the traditional owners of the land our Parish encompasses. We honour and pay respect to, Elders past, present and emerging, we acknowledge the spiritual culture of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**Gathering**

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

**Sign of the Cross**

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

**Greeting**

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one, and strengthens us by the power of his Spirit.

All:

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Introductory Remarks**

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,  
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,  
we gather in God's name  
for when two or more come together  
God is always with us.  
We worship in union with the whole Church  
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

**Opening Rite**

**LITANY OF PRAISE**

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the high priest who has won for us salvation:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the wine of the new covenant: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to the banquet of life: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

**Opening Prayer**

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

God of glory,  
your gifts are never ending and give us life.  
Fill us with your goodness  
so that we can live in your love  
and share the blessings we have received with others.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading**

**Exodus 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.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial 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.**

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.)

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading

### Hebrews 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.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

## Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion

The sequence, *Sing forth, O Zion*, may be said or sung in full, or using the shorter form indicated by the asterisked verses.

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing  
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,  
In hymns and canticles divine;  
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song  
Worthy his praises to prolong,  
So far surpassing powers like thine.  
Today no theme of common praise  
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –  
The living, life-dispensing food –  
That food which at the sacred board  
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord  
His parting legacy bestowed.  
Then be the anthem clear and strong,  
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,  
The very music of the breast:  
For now shines forth the day sublime  
That brings remembrance of the time  
When Jesus first his table blessed.  
Within our new King's banquet-hall  
They meet to keep the festival  
That closed the ancient paschal rite:  
The old is by the new replaced;  
The substance hath the shadow chased;  
And rising day dispels the night.  
Christ willed what he himself had done  
Should be renewed while time should run,  
In memory of his parting hour:  
Thus, tutored in his school divine,  
We consecrate the bread and wine;  
And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given –  
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:  
Into his blood the wine is turned:  
What though it baffles nature's powers  
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours  
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.  
Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,  
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,  
There lie the mysteries adored:  
The living body is our food;  
Our drink the ever-precious blood;  
In each, one undivided Lord.  
Not he that eateth it divides  
The sacred food, which whole abides  
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;  
Be one, or be a thousand fed,  
They eat alike that living bread  
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,  
With sure increase of grace or sin,

The ghostly life, or ghostly death:  
Death to the guilty; to the good  
Immortal life. See how one food

Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.  
We break the Sacrament; but bold  
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;  
Deem not the whole doth more enfold  
Than in the fractured part resides:  
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;  
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;  
The hidden deep reality  
In all its fullness still abides.

\*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 foreshowed;  
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

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to **Mark**

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

### Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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.

**Reader:**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All are seated.**

### Reflection on the Word

**A short period of reflection may be observed.**

### Profession of Faith

**Leader:**

In union with the whole Church  
let us profess our faith.

**All:**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow.**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Faithful

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, through the Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader:** That the Holy Church may acclaim the true presence of Christ to all. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That through the everlasting covenant, priests and bishops will continue to serve God's people faithfully. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That all who are preparing for their first Eucharist will come to receive the Sacrament as a nourishing gift from Jesus Christ. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our parish community gathered at this table will always hunger for the ways of Christ as our true living bread. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we will heed the message of Pope Francis on World Children's Day that we should be joyful, always help others, and know that we are all precious in God's eyes, In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the village of Kaokalam, Papua New Guinea, devastated by a recent avalanche, will receive the help they desperately need, and those who have been killed will be received into the Kingdom of God. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That all the sick will find comfort in the bread of heaven and the wine of peace. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That all those who have died will come to know eternal life with Christ. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Loving Father, through Christ's body and blood, we are granted nourishment in the Eucharist. Hear our prayers and help us to receive this holy mystery as sustenance for serving others in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Leader:**

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### The Concluding Rite Blessing

**Leader:**

May the Lord be with us  
and protect us  
now and for ever.

**All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.**

**All:**

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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## **FAITH MATTERS: Letters – Telling Stories, Creating Relationships**

I first came to know Sally Connor through letters. In the 1970's and 1980's letters were the most common form of mass communication, especially over long distances. Back then the post was generally anticipated with a sense of joy, letters, postcards, birthday cards would land in the letterbox, unlike today when generally only bills arrive!

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The written word helped to create relationships, you would get a sense of the writer and their personality, through their turn of phrase, their paper choice, the handwriting, the way the stamp was attached! In the digital world in which we now live have we lost the art of letter writing, of sharing our life with others? Or, do we overshare and present a "perfect" façade to the world?

At the Human Library gathering on June 28 2024, we invite people to share letters they have received and the relationships that are attached to those letters. I am sharing my relationship with Sally Connor and her life story with you. Whilst not a traditional letter, it is in essence a love letter.

When you are a young midwife riding a bicycle into the English night to deliver a baby you must have faith. Faith in your bike, your medical tools, your nursing skills, the goodwill of those you will encounter on your travels and most importantly your God. You hold the lives of the mother and babies and often time the ongoing survival of their families in your hands. This was the life of Sally (Sarah) Connor in late 1950's Birmingham & Worcester England. Sally died in February 2024 after a long life of faith and service.

Sally was my aunt, and in some ways, she was my European mum, for whenever I headed across the sea, I saw her and was mothered (always well fed) and nurtured by her. Before meeting her in person in 1983, I felt I already knew her through her letters, letters that travelled via sea mail, written on the thin blue paper that allowed for much to be communicated, but cost less to post. Letters that told of family news, community news, children born, and people who had gone to their eternal rest. The letters were peppered with PG and TG and I remember sitting with my dad and asking him about the people in the letters and what PG and TG meant. His reply, in his beautiful Irish accent; "Ah sure, that's your Auntie Sally saying Please God or Thank God, she's a good one for the prayers". And it was true, her life was lived in relationship with God. God was present in all she did in her daily life, her hospitality, her appreciation of nature – God's creation, her faithful worship, her devotion to the Rosary and her abiding love of family.

Sally's faith and her love of family stood together, literally. The picture of the Sacred Heart at the top of the sideboard, with a papal blessing alongside and then numerous pictures of her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, and nephews.

Sally was born in County Galway, Ireland in the 1930's, to a large Catholic family. Life in Ireland at this time was not easy, jobs were scarce, the troubles were many, but throughout this her and her family's faith endured. In the early 1950's Sally left Ireland to train as a nurse in England. After completing nursing training, she then

trained as a midwife and the style of her work in that area is known to many who have watched the show "Call the Midwife". At a dance in Rotherham, England she met my uncle, Joseph Connor, two shy young ones from Ireland, they "hit it off", they were devoted to each other and when apart would write to one another every day. They eventually went home to Ireland to marry. They lived for many years between Ireland and England, before eventually settling in Chorley. Their life centred around family, having 4 children, working hard and participating in the life of their parish, St Joseph's Chorley, with the children attending the parish school and St Joseph's Catholic Club being a favourite place to socialise.

Her faith sustained her through the deaths of her parents, her husband, when she was only 54 years old and one of her daughters only a year before she herself died. In her last illness, her knowledge of impending death was not faced with fear, but with trust, trust in God. She stood strong, knowing that at that time she was enduring earthly troubles, but there was peace and love in the eternal life that the Gospels revealed. The Gospel selected for her funeral Mass, John 14, says "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in Me"

Auntie Sally will be missed, but her life, lived in faith and love has created an extended family who have been touched by her spirit, raised with faith and a knowledge that "God is near, Always guiding your way" as sung by one of her granddaughters in the Recessional Hymn "May The Road Rise To Meet You".

To register for the June 28 Human Library – "Letters – Telling Stories, Creating Relationships" please click on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/1GEzWxaDig>

## **Dedicate some time to God with the Christian Formation Course**

The Christian Formation Course is a one-year face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and faith within the Catholic Tradition.

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Morgan Owens describes her time in the Christian Formation Course as transformative.

After her baptism, she took on the program to deepen her faith and further explore the Catholic tradition.

"I felt like it was also a really good way for me to dedicate one night a week to myself and my faith, you know, stepping out of the role of mother and student," she said.

"I just really wanted to dedicate that time to God and exploring the depths of the Catholic Church because it's got so much to offer, and there is so much to learn."

The course is a one-year face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and faith within the Catholic Tradition. It introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy.

Aside from the learning, Morgan's favourite part of the course was connecting with people who were also on a faith journey.

"I really enjoyed the interaction that we had with the other students," she explained.

"The class ended up being like a community, and we got to know one another very well and learned about each other's lives and what God meant to us."

Morgan encourages anyone interested to get involved and take on the course.

"You've got nothing to lose, it'll open up so many doors," she said. She adds that the workload is very manageable and should not hinder other activities.

How can you get involved?

Expressions of interest are now open! Head to our website to fill out the form: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

The course commences in July 2024. Last year, we interviewed Morgan and some other participants to hear their thoughts about the course. Check it out at: <https://youtu.be/2xwdSRz-YxY>