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### **Feasts of the Week**

### 21 June - St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious. Memorial.

Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568. Died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

### 22 June - Sts John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs. Memorial.

John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England) in 1469. Died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: Born in London in 1478. Died there for the faith on 6 July 1535. An Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father. Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage.

An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

#### 23 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Solemnity.

This devotion, which dates back to the Middle Ages, flowered in France in the seventeenth century as a result of the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (16 October). The feast was extended to the entire Western Church by Pius IX in 1856. It recalls the mystery of God who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.

#### 24 June - The Nativity of St John the Baptist. Solemnity.

This feast was observed on this date in the fourth century. It celebrates the holy birth of "the greatest of all the prophets," the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan River.

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am Friday - 10.15am Yagoona Nursing Home

Wednesday - 7.30pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.30pm Benediction.

BAPTISMS: Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.

## Congratulations to the following candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Jay Salazar

Sofia Serban

Liam James Bernardo

Aimee Christina Challita

Daryl Rodrigues

Jordan Crispin Eduardo

James Tu Nguyen

Paris Moussa

Jonathan Thai Le

Anthony Phan



Brandon Nguyen Hoang Vo

Jason Dinh

Maryanne Caroisi

Carl Lyndon Aguilar

**Thomas Dang** 

Joseph Jelwan

Isabella Emmi

Clara Hanna

Isabella Anna Stranger

Patrick Quoc An Nguyen

Isabella Vu

Richelle Lesley Listianto

Corpus Christi - A - 18 June 2017

# From the Priest

# The Eucharist

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons John 11, and James 8. The boys began to argue who would get the first pancake. Their mother took the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said to the boys: "If Jesus is here, he would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I will wait!" James turned to his older brother and cheekily said, "John, you'll be Jesus. OK?"

Pope Pius XII put it this way: "When we receive worthily, we are what we receive. We are transformed into Christ." Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' which reminds us that Jesus' Body and Blood are given for us. "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." He loved us so much that he was willingly born as we are born, grew as we grow and died on the cross for our redemption. He loves us so much that he continues to be with us in the sacraments especially in the Eucharist which we receive Jesus' life under the form of consecrated bread and consecrated wine. According to Henri Nouwen, "The Eucharist can be seen only by those who already love the Lord and believe in his active, loving presence to us." It is like human love which we don't see but love bonds us to those whom we love.

In the movie Armageddon, the character played by Bruce Willis agrees to lead the mission to "nuke" an asteroid threatening the earth. He dies to save his would be son-in-law, to give happiness to his daughter, and to enable the world to survive. His sacrifice imitated Jesus' self giving on the cross. "while they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them and said 'Take it; this is my body', then he took a cup, gave thanks....'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Do this in memory of me" Jesus calls for discipleship, a deep personal union with him. He wants us to participate in the Eucharist and to share the very life of God.

Let us pray that as the disciples of Jesus and being nourished and sustained by the very life of Jesus Himself, we will carry on Jesus' mission in our world by generously sharing our gifts, talents, time, love and forgiveness with others and always strive for reconciliation and unity.

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and oriented towards it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our "Pasch".

This week's Readings - Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; 1Corinthians 10:16-17; Gospel - John 6:51-58

### **Planned Giving Envelopes 2017/18**

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection. Please ensure you check your name with corresponding address and you pick up the correct one. If you are not a member of Planned Giving you may contact the parish office to join the Planned Giving Program. We can offer a 25% tax deduction from July 1 onwards. Instead of Envelopes you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card which is more economical and efficient for the Parish. Receipts for your contributions for the end of this financial year will be issued at the beginning of July. I would like to thank all contributors for your financial support of the parish. In addition to the financial benefits, your offering enhances the fellowship of the parish as well.

### The Eucharist and the Church

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ also known as Corpus Christi, calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church.

The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Eucharist. At every Mass our attention is called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Christ in it. Our worship of Jesus in His Body and Blood calls us to offer to God our Father a pledge of undivided love and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

The secondary focus is upon the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. He expresses this in the gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head. This image helps keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church.

### **Mass Intentions:**

Recently Deceased: Harold Neville; Dawn Renehan

**Anniversary:** Phero Phan The Cuong; Joan (Pat) Primrose; Joseph William Grealy; John Field; Robert Page.

Deceased: Irene Page; Alexander Page; Alex Page.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino, Ethan Chau, Douglas Needham.

### Next Weekend - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33.

### **Craft Stall**

St Felix Craft Group will be conducting a Winter Craft Sale after the 8.00 and 10.00 Morning Masses on Sunday 2nd July. All parishioners are encouraged to have a look and perhaps, make a purchase from our hand-crafted and new donated goods. All proceeds will be going to the St. Felix Fete Fund.

### Friendly get-together

Come and join a group of people to spend the day together this Thursday 22nd June, in the Presbytery from 10.30am everyone is welcome, children included. Bring along your own lunch and your sense of humour. If you need transport or for more info contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

### An evening of Prayer & Reparation

The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocese Committee) invite you to join us for an evening of Prayer & Reparation for Peace in the World and the Welfare of Australia to be held at St. Dominic's Parish Flemington, on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 23rd /24th of June.

Divided into three Sections by two coffee breaks, the program commences with a 10 pm Mass, private prayer, Re-dedication and reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. To conclude after Midnight Mass, Act of Entrusting to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rosary & Morning Prayers. Parking available doors open at 9.30 pm. Further enquiries contact us on 9984 8988.

**Altar Society: 25/6/17 Group 4:** Maureen Vincent, Laura Malss, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Hien & Vu Bui *(Florist)* 

St Vincent de Paul: 25/6/17 D Rodrigues 2/7/17 Thom Pham

Church Cleaners: 23/6/17: Mai Hai Children's Liturgy: 25th June - Maree

Weekend Choir: 25/6 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God Sun 10am - Children's Choir

### **Readers & Ministers**

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	Sat 6pm 18 J	JUNE 8am	10am	6pm		
С	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef		
R	Stephen Hoang	Maxwell Asuzu	Emmanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef		
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)		
М	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc		
М	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen		
25 JUNE						
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Charbel Eltarraf		
R	Stephen Hoang	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim	Elias Eltarraf		
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)		
М	Gloria Booby	An Dang	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf		
М	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Gordon West	Loreto Eduardo		