



Gospel Mk 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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I have met the Dalai Lama, obviously an admirable man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believes that, after his death, there could be a further phase of existence as an insect or an animal.

Contrast Jesus of Nazareth, a man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believed, and staked his life on it, that he would lead a glorified, fully human existence after death. There would be no extinguishing of his personality, but rather, it would be enhanced. He was vindicated in the Resurrection.

As St John Paul II put it, at the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest[ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'.

Our Lord chose bread and wine to convey his Real Presence into us. It is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven, but it has a beneficial effect on our earthly stage of existence. Bread nourishes us and wine gladdens our hearts. Our Lord shares his risen and glorified life with us because he wants to nourish us and gladden our hearts.

We may take a moment to pray that we will share the marriage feast of Heaven with those we especially love, and those for whom heavenly existence will be a life-enhancing surprise. Let us pray for His Holiness the Dalai Lama that he may find himself alongside Pope Francis in the everlasting joy of Heaven.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

6 June 2021

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

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.'

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.
or*

(R.) 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

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.

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!

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NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for details.


Registration: The government QR coding will be compulsory in all Churches once Lockdown 4 finishes in Melbourne. Parishioners will be required to check in with the QR code provided each time you attend any of affiliated churches for any service or meeting. There will be parishioners on hand to help those who are not familiar with the process or who do not have a smart phone. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass so you have time to register or be assisted, so that Mass may still start on time. Wearing of masks is compulsory indoors.

Mass times at our affiliated Churches:

NOTE: NO MASSES THIS WEEDEND AND NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Bridget					5.00pm	10.00am
St Bede				9.15am	6.00pm	11.00am
St Anne					5.00pm	10.30am
St Joachim						8.30am
First Friday of each month - St Bridget's @ 8.30am (with Anointing) and St Anne's @ 10.30am						

Safety Of Children And All Vulnerable People: We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of all children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display in all churches and all Parish Policies are available on the website or at the parish office



catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

As our churches are closed, the special collection is postponed until a date to be advised.

Catholic Mission supports the work of missionaries throughout the world. The effects of COVID-19 are still being felt throughout the world, and in some countries it has had devastating consequences. Your generous donation will support the missions to alleviate some of the pain and suffering. Envelopes will be available.

NOTE: Due to the lockdown there are no Masses this weekend, and no week day Mass next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. If restrictions are lifted Mass will be available on Friday 11 June at St Bede at 9.15am.

Pre-recorded Sunday Mass for the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ from St Anne's East Kew will be available from Saturday afternoon after 5pm. This is the link <https://youtu.be/leTVX7V-caA> It will also be available from St Bridget's web page and St Anne and St Bede Parish web page.

We Remember: We pray for deceased family and friends; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rejoice with the Risen Lord. We also pray for the sick and housebound of our parish community may they experience the healing power of your love.

Prayer meetings this week: Meditation Wednesday 9:30 am, and Scripture Reflection Tuesday 7:30 pm both via Zoom. For information or connection details contact: [Susiehii.hc@gmail.com/](mailto:Susiehii.hc@gmail.com) or 0410981080.

Stewardship: For convenience, parishioners who still use envelopes may wish to do a Direct Credit Transfer to the parish accounts directly online, details are:-

- **Church Account** – for envelopes and donations; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 3829 (Please include your name and if applicable your Stewardship Envelope Number for correct recording)
- **Presbytery Account** – support of the Parish Priest; Bank NAB, BSB 083-347; Acct. No 64 341 5066

Teaching Meditation and Prayer: This course is offered at CTC, East Melbourne on 5 & 12 June and 9&16 October 10am – 4.30pm via Zoom. Aim is to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. For more information contact CTC 9412 3309 or registrar@ctc.edu.au.

Rosters for 12 & 13 June – provided lockdown is lifted and weekend Masses are available.

	Saturday @ 5.00pm	Sunday @ 10.00am
Minister of Holy Communion	G Lawson	Sr P Watson
Lector	E Kelly	V Brunton
Communion to the Sick		V Borg M Landini

NOTE: Ministers distributing Communion at Mass and visiting the sick at home must wear masks whilst doing so, and must sanitise their hands before and after administering the Sacrament.

Church & Parish Office Closed: Due to the current lockdown the Church is closed and no prayer gatherings or meetings are permitted. The Parish Office is closed with staff working from home, however, you may still contact the Parish Office and leave a phone message as the phone is monitored regularly. *Stay safe and stay well!*



On this solemn Feast Day and through all the anxiety of the lockdown let us pray:

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.
 He will either shield you from suffering, or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
 Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.
 Amen*