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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR C - 22ND JUNE 2025

A Celebration of Divine Presence

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, is one of the most profound celebrations in the Catholic liturgical calendar, celebrated after Trinity Sunday. It honors the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—body, blood, soul, and divinity. More than a commemoration, this feast invites all of us to reflect deeply on the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and its central place in the life of the Church.

The origin of theory of Corpus Christi trace back to the 13th century. Although belief in the real presence had always been part of Catholic doctrine, the feast was established formally by Pope Urban IV in 1264. He was moved by both the Eucharistic devotion of St. Juliana of Liège and the miracle of Bolsena—where a consecrated host reportedly began to bleed, affirming the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.

What sets Corpus Christi apart is its emphasis on public expression of faith. Traditionally, it includes a Eucharistic procession where the consecrated host, displayed in a monstrance, is carried through the streets. This procession is not merely ceremonial—it is a bold proclamation of Catholic belief in the true presence of Christ and an act of reverence that brings Christ out of the church and into the world.

The procession also has a communal aspect, uniting believers in a shared act of worship and adoration. In many cultures, it is accompanied by flower-strewn streets, elaborate altars, and hymns sung by choirs and congregants alike. This sensory-rich celebration highlights the joy and reverence with which the Church approaches this sacred mystery.

Catholics believe that in the consecration of the bread and wine at Mass, these elements are transformed into the actual body and blood of Christ—a doctrine known as transubstantiation.

The feast emphasizes the Eucharist as not merely symbolic, but a real and active encounter with the divine. This feast also reinforces the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist. It is a re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, made present in every Mass. By partaking in the Eucharist, the faithful are united with Christ and with one another, forming the mystical Body of Christ, the Church.

In today's fast-paced and often distracted world, Corpus Christi serves as a powerful reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reverence. It challenges us to reflect on how often we truly recognize Christ in the Eucharist and whether our lives mirror the transformation that such an encounter should bring.

The Eucharist, as the "source and summit" of Christian life, addresses this hunger by offering not just a symbol but the living Christ himself. It becomes a moment of encounter, a space where heaven touches earth.

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is far more than a date on the liturgical calendar. Whether through solemn liturgy or vibrant public procession, Corpus Christi invites the faithful to pause, adore, and proclaim with joy: "This is my body... this is my blood." In a world often marked by division and doubt, this feast offers unity, clarity, and hope in the enduring promise of Christ's presence among us.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**
Please contact the Parish office

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

St Mary's Cathedral Parish RCIA

If you feel called to the Catholic faith this is a great opportunity to come along and learn and experience, not only the Catholic faith, also where God is in your life and calling you. The invitation is open to not only individuals who desire to become members of the Catholic Church, but for Catholics who might like to learn more about their own faith.

Date: 2nd June at 6:30pm and run each fortnight

Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre level 1

Cathedral Parish Piety Shop

The piety shop is open after every weekend Mass and between 10am – 2pm on Thursdays.

Stop in and have a look - peruse what is on offer.

A special gift for someone special or maybe a gift Special gift just for you.

The Angelus Prayer

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Parish Pilgrimage of Hope

In joyful celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, which the Catholic Church marks under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", the faithful of St. Mary's

Cathedral Parish is invited to undertake a pilgrimage to **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Ross on July 19th, 2025.**



We will gather at St Mary's cathedral at 9am, depart at 9:30, we will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Ross and enjoy a BYO picnic lunch afterwards.

A flyer with more information and the schedule will be available at all our Masses.

A bus with limited spaces will be available for those who will require transport, a list will be there at the back of our churches for you to place your name.

There will also be a sheet for those who are taking their own car and if you would have space for others.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Parish is in need of you. Welcomers, Readers, Sacristans, Flowers, Sewing, Piety Shop and the list goes on.

There are many ways to be involved if you are willing. Leave your number and name at the Parish Office or talk to **Deacon Mick in person or by text on 0403 741 913.**

We would love to hear from YOU !!

Peter's Pence Annual Collection



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Peter's Pence Collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Your support goes directly to supporting Pope Leo XIV and his charitable works.

SATURDAY 28 & SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

**PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY**

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catholicdevfund](https://bpoint.com.au/payments/catholicdevfund)



From Our Anniversary Book: Gertrude Rose, Eliza Wiltshire, Barbara Paprotny, Edelene Crosswell Mary Luttrell, Elizabeth Mary Berger, Cecil Owen, James Hanlon, Grace Kelly, Gabrielle Hawkins, Domenico Passarelli, Anne Fletcher, Elsie Deegan, Aileen Mitson, Ian Corby, Sr. Alacoque Cornish (SSJ), William Owen, Martin Rodriguez, Silvio Andolfatto, Marita Kirkham, Marie Philbin, Reginald Packer, Harold Aiken, Marion Allen Harry Haigh, Patrick Conway, Eileen Hughes, Alice O'Neill, Giuseppina Corradetti, Mary Propsting, John Finn, Zelinda Vacca, Maria Passa, Giuseppina Di Narzo, Catherine Mundy, Raffaello Carluccio, Sr Campion Luttrell (PBVM), Sr Gabriel Horner (PBVM) and Sr Biddy Clippingdale (PBVM).

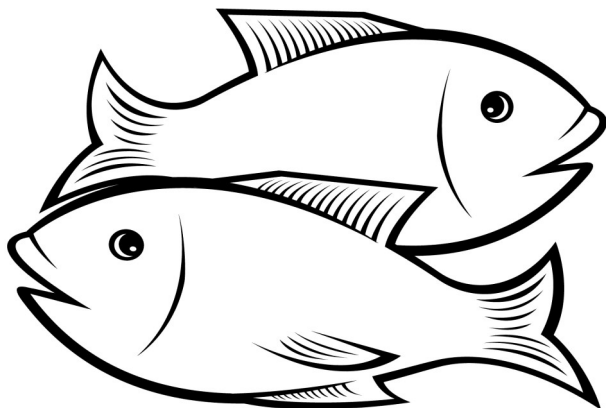


WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

Children's Corner:

In each fish write down a way that we can 'feed' people as Jesus did.



THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The June edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived.

Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/ Church to take home and share with family and friends.



Here are the highlights from this edition:

- Mystery of the Shroud to visit Tasmania
- Pentecost at Richmond: Many cultures united in faith
- The gift of fertility explored as Billings LIFE visits Tasmania
- Pentecost fire pots fan flames of faith
- Following the 'little way of love': Moonah-Lutana celebrates canonisation centenary
- Newly renovated Ranelagh church blessed and consecrated
- Nominations now open for Guilford Young Medal
- Spirituality centre honours founders and embraces faith-filled future
- Vietnamese Sisters find new home in Granton
- New CEO for St Joseph Affordable Homes

Annual Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession - **22nd June 2025**

Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
for the Feast of The Body & Blood of Christ

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

St Joseph's Church, Hobart, 12.45pm

Celebrate the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ by walking with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the City of Hobart.

Enquiries: Vincent Parr on 0487 132 429

For further details go to: hobart.catholic.org.au



Archdiocese
of Hobart



**Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre
Josephite Mission
Hobart**

COMING EVENT: Dr Drasko Dizdar will provide more on the Emmaus Journey

When: Saturday 28th of June in the Chapel at 67 Clare Street New Town – 10 – 12.00pm.

What: Lectio Divina format. It is not essential that you attended the first Lectio Divina.

Who: Suitable for adults - there is no provision for childcare at the centre at this stage. Cost: \$20 - Morning tea provided. For those staying on for lunch between 12.00 and 12.30 pm please bring a share plate.

For the latest retreat brochure or retreat information or to indicate you are attending the Lectio Divina please go to: <https://mmsm.org.au> and book under Hobart events or ring the Centre at (03) 6228 1628 or email admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au to add your name to the list of attendees.

“ CHATTER THAT MATTERS” Tuesday 24th June at 7pm

Join us to hear Cathedral priest Fr Steven Smith Chatter about what really matters on the 1st floor of the Parish Centre, starting at 7pm and finishing no later than 8:30pm. Coffee/Tea and bites to eat available.

Fr Steven has been a priest for 5 years and still remembers vividly his journey (mission) on the way to the priesthood. Come, Listen and ask questions of a priest still in the beginning of his vocation.



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

READINGS OF THE DAY –THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR C

First Reading

[Genesis 14:18-20](#)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4](#)

**(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ (R.)
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 9:11-17](#)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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| Monday 23rd June | - Matthew 7:1-5 |
| Tuesday 24th June | - Luke 1:57-66, 80 |
| Wednesday 25th June | - Matthew 7:15-20 |
| Thursday 26th June | - Matthew 7:21-29 |
| Friday 27th June | - Luke 15:3-7 |
| Saturday 28th June | - Matthew 8:5-17 |

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS: [Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles](#)

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| First Reading | - Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 |
| Responsorial Psalm | - Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5 |
| Second Reading | - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 |
| Gospel | - Matthew 16:13-19 |

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.