

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

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Beachmere, Little Flower Bribe Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

## The Most Holy Body & Blood

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### WE BECOME WHAT WE RECEIVE

Why do we need a feast of the Eucharist? Not only that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life (CCC 1324). But also a feast like this affords us the opportunity to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us which is made visible in the Eucharist. It is also an opportunity for us to seek a better understanding of the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ and to order our attitude to it accordingly, since the Eucharist is a sacrament of life. In order to arrive at a better understanding of the Eucharist we need to ask ourselves why Jesus gave us this sacrament in the first place. A closer reading of today's gospel or, better still, the whole of the Eucharistic discourse in John 6 from which it is taken, provides useful answers. From the reading we find that there are two main reasons Jesus gave us this sacrament. First, Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). In the Eucharist he provides a visible sign and an effective means of him being present to us and us being present to him.

Secondly, as Jesus himself said, **"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."** Jesus also said that he came that we may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). In the Eucharist he provides a visible means of communicating this life to us so that we can be fully alive both in this world and in the next. As Jesus said, **"Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day"** (John 6:53-54). Therefore, the Eucharist is true food and true drink but at the same time it is very different from every other food and drink. The great difference lies in these words of Christ which St Augustine heard in prayer, **"You will not change me into yourself as you would food of your flesh; but you will be changed into me."** We transform ordinary food into our own bodies but the food of the Eucharist transforms us into the body of Christ. Ludwig Feuerbach's statement that we become what we eat is never truer than in the Eucharistic experience.

Therefore, the big question is, why then do many of us who receive the Eucharist not experience more of this radical transformation? Maybe this story will throw more light on the question: A team of Russians and Americans were on a common expedition. Among their cabin foodstuff was Russian black bread. It was tasty but hard on the teeth. It happened during a meal that an American bit into a piece and snapped a tooth. He threw the bread overboard and growled: "This Lousy Communist bread." The Russian quickly countered: "It's not lousy communist bread. It's rotten capitalist tooth."

So my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we do not experience the transforming power of the Eucharist it is probably not on account of a lousy Eucharist but on account of our rotten faith. As we gradually work our way back from the disruption of the Coronavirus pandemic. Let us approach the Eucharist with a more renewed faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and we shall experience therein God's saving power and the transforming love of the Holy Spirit.

**Happy Corpus Christi Feast!**

**Fr Lucius**

## A Brief Note with a Feeling of Excitement for the Days, Weeks and Months to Come!

Hello Everyone!

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

I am really looking forward to offering this greeting to you this coming Sunday. Fr Lucius and I are together also really excited about our opening of the Parish Churches for Sunday Mass this weekend, especially as we celebrate the great and central feast of our faith, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. And, of course beyond this weekend, as we grow in numbers of people enabled to return to celebrating the Eucharist.

Yes, we are moving to six Masses across the parish this weekend, even as we are able to have 20 people present. However, we are also looking forward to hopefully welcoming more people to our Sunday Masses very shortly: 28 people in St Michael's, 38 people in St Mary's, 66 people in St Peter's and 76 people in Little Flower, when the Health directive moves us to "up to 100 people" but within the proper confines of distancing. I need to let you know that It has been great for me this week to take the signs of closure down from our Churches, and look forward in hope to seeing as many of you as possible in the weeks and months to come. – An Alleluia moment!

I would really like to thank Fr Lucius, Sharron and Kath. We have been able to keep the office "open," even if closed to people coming to visit until this week: lovely to have the front door now unlocked! However, so much has been done to keep in contact with you as much as we can, and let you know what might be possible. In this, I would also like to thank you! Yes, so many people have made contact with us and we have been able to grow our knowledge of who makes up our Parish and the communities within Living Waters. This has been a lovely blessing, which will have, I hope, great benefits for us as we move into the future. Can I ask that you continue to keep in contact with us, and also, if you know of anyone who we have not been in contact, please let us know!

A primary concern for us as we open our Churches across the parish is, of course, people's safety. As we open to times of prayer together at Mass, we have made sure that we are complying with the Health and Safety Guidelines asked of us by the State Government and the Archdiocese. When you have the opportunity to return to Church you will see signs of welcome – "Love Thy Neighbour, at a Distance" – also, signs of compliance, and signs reminding us that we still need to care for each other in caring for our own and each other's health. In light of the above, I am very, very grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered to clean our Church spaces after each weekend Mass: this is a matter of compliance for us to be able to open our Churches from both the government and the Archdiocese. People have readily put themselves forward to undertake this necessary, and important activity for protecting us all: bless you!

This will be an ongoing activity for a significant time to come, and I again ask for other parishioners, if you think you are able to assist, please make contact with the office. We have been very fortunate in our country and in our local community. We give thanks to God for this, and also to the authorities who have enabled us to remain safe in the midst of the pandemic. However, many people around our world have, and are still suffering. We need to keep them in our prayers, and ask God to protect and care for them. Thank you, I am grateful to you all for your prayerful support in these challenging times. *Fr David*

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

#### **This Sunday -The Most Holy Body & Blood Of Christ**

*Duet 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58*

#### **Weekday Readings During Easter Time**

<b>Monday</b>	1 King 21:1-16;	Matt 5: 38-42
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 King 21:17-29;	Matt 5:43-48
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 King 2:1,6-14;	Matt 5:6:1-6,16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Sirach 48:1-14;	Matt 6:7-15
<b>Friday Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>		
	Isaiah 61:9-11;	1 John 4:7-16

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

1 King 19:19-21; Luke 2:41-51

#### **Next Sunday – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33*

### *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

#### *Our Recently Deceased*

*Peter Fuller, Meroyn McAndrew, Vivian Vieritz, Heather Holsinger, Damien Quinn Michael O'Shea, Doreen Murphy, Loreta Checa, Hank Damen, Ray Latcham, Vince Roberti, Ray Kerr, Edgar Checa, Colleen Stiller, Terence Gearing, Carol Casey O'Brien, Mick Novotny, June Walton, John Gleeson, Stan Janas, Marilynne Morris, Edward Merritt MSC, Desley Connolly, Betty Sproker, Colleen Ryan, Kay Maher, Bob Bowra, who have recently gone to their eternal reward.*

#### *Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time*

*Eric Bishop, Sr Pauline Shannon, Joe Predebon, Alma Ghiradelli, Brian Sommerfeld, Vincent Dywer, Telesia Tuimaseve, Guy D'Aquino, David Kolo, Kenneth Turner, Phillip Robertson, Max Roberts, Merle Fernley, Harrold Bazzo, Doreen Bannah, Guiseppa Biasi, Raymond McCarthy, Giovanni Barbagallo, Eric Thompson, Fr Michael Fallon, Pauline Clunes, Jack and Kath Bruce.*

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