

## FIRST READING

### **A reading from the book of Exodus 24:3-8**

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.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

### **A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

**9:11-15**

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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

**14:12-16, 22-26**

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.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



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## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Year B**

**2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018**

*Ever-faithful God,*

*You have made a covenant with your people*

*in the gift of Your Son,*

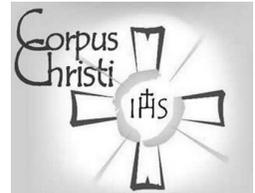
*who offered His body and blood for us.*

*As we celebrate this Eucharist,*

*build up Your Church by deepening within us  
the life of Your covenant,*

*and by opening our hearts to all those in need.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

The ritual meal of the Passover is always shared by families, and Jesus and his disciples have formed a family, so it is natural that they will celebrate this great Jewish feast together. The traditional Passover celebration looked back to the experience of Exodus but always understood not only as a commemoration that makes present again, that experience of liberation through the saving action of God. The unleavened bread recalls the manna given in the desert and the wine recalls the crossing of the Red Sea. At Jesus' meal he changes the point of reference. He no longer looks back to the Exodus experience but looks forward to the cross. The bread is no longer the manna of the desert but his own body which will be broken. The wine no longer symbolises the crossing of the Red Sea but his own blood which will be spilled for many. The blood of the lamb sacrificed on the cross will be the symbol of a new covenant between God and people – no longer the covenant of Moses, but the covenant of love which Christ inaugurates through his death and resurrection; the gift of himself to the world.

- What might be required of those who drink the blood of this new covenant?
- What does our part of the agreement entail? Find ways to pour yourself out for others this week.

Today's responsorial psalm asks – 'How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?' –

'The cup of salvation I will raise; and I will call on the Lord's name'.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

5<sup>th</sup> June St Boniface, bishop, martyr

6<sup>th</sup> June St Norbert, bishop & St Marcellin Champagnat

8<sup>th</sup> June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9<sup>th</sup> June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*

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**MASS TIMES:**

**Saturday 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am**  
 Tuesday 7.00 pm  
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
 Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**

Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

**Year B**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018**

**YEAR OF YOUTH****PRAYING FOR...**

*All who have died recently:* Barbara Loidl. and Charles Vallot.

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Amparo Judit, Ray Daniels, and Ernest Williams.

**The sick:** Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Stanley De Silva, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Jemmy Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryll Turner, Bernard Guerin, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**

Date: **Sat, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018 at 10.30 am**  
 Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
 Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10 am to 1 pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet **every Tuesday at 10.00am** in the Parish Hall a cuppa prior, to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.

**MOTHERS' PRAYER** Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9 am–10 am each Tuesday (during school term)** in the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

**RAFFLE 2018** the draw will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.15pm, St Simons Parish Church Rowville. Details will be published in the Melbourne Age and Herald Sun on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and on the St Simons Parish website: stsimonsparish.com.au Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL 2018** Next week there will be a special collection in support of many clients who have had the following experiences: Unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, Mental/physical/emotional abuse and homelessness. We invite you to support our Winter Appeal by:-Donating a variety of non-perishable food for our weekly food hampers, volunteering in our Op Shop, Donating household items to our Op Shop, making generous financial donations or contributing to our Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL**

A big thank you for your generous contributions. Below is a correction regarding the amount raised, the total donations amounted to \$1587.95. Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with those in custody in prisons, young people in justice facilities, patients and their families in public hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS and seafarers.

**LECTORS' ROSTER** A new roster is being prepared for lectors for July-September. Could those who are currently on the roster please notify me if they are unavailable during that period or if there are any other changes required. If you would like to read at Mass please contact Stephanie on Ph 9785 5497 or email: smhorgen@gmail.com before 17<sup>th</sup> June. You may consider sharing the role by reading just one of the readings. Students in Year 11 and 12 are welcome to be a part of this ministry. Rosters and guidelines will be available on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR THE GODSTART PROGRAM**

we are seeking volunteers willing to hand-deliver birthday cards to children baptised in our parish (1-4 years) and who live in our Parish. If you could help with this important ministry please contact Beth on 9758 3053 or 0423 759 850.

**PARISH MUSICAL "It's Not About the Girl"** Don't forget to get your tickets for our up-coming Parish Musical **Dates: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, at 2pm.** Venue: **The Knox Community Arts Centre, Bayswater.** Please see our ticket seller after mass or pick up a blue ticket order form at the trolleys. Buy early for the best seats...

**Adults \$12; Concession \$10; Children U/12 \$8**

**PLenary Council 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING.** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 now online at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

**REFRAMING RETIREMENT**

- Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 7 July 2018 from 10 am – 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email holsc@bigpond.com or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES WITH ADDICTION**

Resurrection Parish Keysborough in association with the Dandenong Deanery will be running a Forum on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July between 7.00-9.00pm. The speaker will be Dr Michael Carr-Gregg one of Australia's highest profile adolescent and child psychologists. To book Email: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au or phone 0422 296 961

**EMMAUS COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

Vermont South Campus, located at 503 Springvale Road Vermont South will be holding an open day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 between 1.30pm and 6.30pm. For tour bookings or more information, please see the website: www.emmaus.vic.edu.au or call 9845 3211.

**DON BOSCO CAMP SAFETY BEACH A**

Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior)2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> July and 13-16yo (Senior), 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692.

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June to Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Carole D, Lia U
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6pm Nicholas D
<b>Linen</b>	Anne J
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm Queenie J 9am Peter C, Neil & Lorraine , Johanna C 11am: Tony & Christine E
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm Steph H 9am Pamela E 11am Sue S
<b>Counters</b>	Byron M and Ruby S
<b>Gardening</b>	JUNE Barry B..