

## 11 JUN – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (A)

### First reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know

### Responsorial: Psalm 147

℟: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

### Second reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We form a single body because we all have a share in the Body of Christ

### Gospel: John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my body is real drink

#### Let's Reflect...

The feast today highlights **the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life**, our faith that God becomes present in a real way in ordinary bread and wine – food for the journey of life in the bread, energy and joy for the journey of life in the wine, and wine of the coming of the Lord. Bread and wine were very much part of the ordinary food of the people of his time, and also of their religious life. People would remember the bread in the desert and the wine of the coming of the Lord.

Each time we come to Mass, **we take part in a real way in the death and resurrection of the Lord**. The sacrifice of Christ on the cross and his resurrection is 'made present' among us. It is a place and time of grace.

So our Eucharist today is not just a commemorate something that happened many years ago. It is our commitment to Christ in his people, and **our faith in his real presence among us in the Eucharist** and in each other.

Jesus asks us to share the bread and cup, to proclaim this 'mystery of faith' for all time. We proclaim today that **the Jesus of the tabernacle is the Jesus within all of us**. Let's be amazed that within each of us, God dwells in Jesus Christ.

**Lord, I believe in your presence in the Eucharist.  
Strengthen my belief.**

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**SUNDAY, 11-Jun**  
**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

**MONDAY, 12-Jun**  
Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 13-Jun**  
**St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 14-Jun**  
Mass: 9.30am

**THURSDAY, 15-Jun**  
Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 16-Jun**  
**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
Mass: 12.00noon  
7.00pm: Eucharistic Adoration

**SATURDAY, 17-Jun**  
**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm – *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 18-Jun**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
Tamil Mass: 4.00pm

### **POPE'S INTENTION - JUNE 2023**

**For the abolition of torture:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Louis Gabriel, Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Please join the Parish Community as we come together to praise and worship the Lord on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm** during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour. All are welcome.

The **Day for Life** is the day in the Church's calendar dedicated to celebrating the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life theme is "Listen to Her", which takes place **Sunday 18th June**, seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus. There will be a second collection next weekend Masses. Please be generous.

**CATECHISM CHILDREN FACILITATION:** The dates are as follows

**18th June - First Holy Communion (non Catholic school)** who received their Sacrament on 6th May will receive their certificates. All Children are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass in their Communion attire and occupy the front seats.

**25th June - Post Holy Communion Programme Children** are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass and occupy the front seats.

**2nd July - First Holy Communion (Catholic school)** who received their Sacrament on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April are requested to attend the 10:45am Mass in their Communion attire and occupy the front seats.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURES, PADUVA AND HOLY LAND:** The parish is organising an 11 days trip to Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Lisbon, and Paris leaving on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. We are arranging another pilgrimage to Bologna, Paduva, Venice, Verona and Ferrara on 21<sup>st</sup> September and 8 days trip to Holy Land on 10<sup>th</sup> November. For further information, please see the notice board at the porch and contact the Group Organiser Julie Fernandes on 07400889899. The Last date to submit your application is on 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 for all the pilgrimages.

### **GETTING MARRIED**

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

### **DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC THROUGH THE RCIA PROGRAMME?**

This means: Adults who are not Baptised at all and who wish to become Catholics; Adults who are baptised into another Christian denomination, but wish to become Catholics, and Adults who wish to become FULL members of the Roman Catholic Church (i.e., those who have been baptised but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist). Registration Forms are now available for the preparation sessions. They may be collected from the Presbytery or may be downloaded from the Parish website - and you will need to make an appointment to talk with one of the priests before you start the sessions.

### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.