

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20

R: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

SECOND READING – Corinthians 10: 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

■ **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 – John 6: 51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Let's reflect...

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10:17)

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Dharmapala & Jean, Jeroza, Inaci Francis & Inaci Elizabeth, Sandra & Philip D'Souza, Michelle & Raymond Parnell, Michah Villanueva, Drigo Buenaventura, Alaina Elis Dumling, Ferria Aragoza, Tess Benipayo

For the sick: Diana Machaya (3)

For those who have died recently: Sally Atley, Imelda Cortezano

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Zita Rogers, Joseph Rogers, Oscar Weston, F A Phillips, Harry Phillips, France Rene Dodin, Michael Charles Hessing, Brendan Parnell, Ernest Atkinson

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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13th & 14th June 2020

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JUNE – till Friday 26th : *Temporary Times*

Currently, the weekday Mass timetable permitting 20 attendees is as follows:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays, Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and 5.00pm.
- Wednesdays & Fridays, Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am and 7.00pm (followed by Novena).

Parishioners who wish to attend a Mass, are requested to come to the church at a time when the church is open (see below) in order to register for a Mass. Out of consideration for others, **please register for only one Mass in the week.**

The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.00am till 11.00am. The Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 9.45am till 10.30am.

Hygiene and disinfectant measures continue as well as the monitoring of the church doors (entry door). The doors are locked at the start of the Mass. The Records Book will be maintained and the hand sanitiser is used before proceeding to occupy a designated seat in the church. The available seating is arranged as near to the sanctuary as possible.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Reflection: In spite of the presence of numerous varieties of food that tickle our taste buds, they cannot satisfy our hunger forever and give us eternal life. Only Jesus Christ, the eternal food and drink, can satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst forever! Blessed Alexanderina Maria da Costa of Balasar, Portugal, fed on the Eucharist, which to many eyes seems a lifeless piece of bread. There are Catholics around the world who disbelieve in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Devil dreads the presence of the Eucharist and we who claim to be believers and followers of Jesus may allow a weakening of our faith in the Real Presence of the Eucharist by our sinful way of life. John Ronald Reuel Tolkien, an English writer and university professor wrote, "Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honors, fidelity, and the true way of all loves on earth, and more than that: Death: by the divine paradox, that which ends life, and demands the surrender of all, and yet by the taste of which alone can what you seek in your earthly relationship (love, faithfulness, joy) be maintained, or take on that complexion of reality, of eternal endurance, which every man's heart desires. The only cure for sagging or fainting is communion. Though always itself, perfect and complete and inviolate, the Blessed Sacrament does not operate completely and once for all in any of us. Frequency of reception of the Eucharist is an advantage, bringing greater fruits.

Fr. Dong Tran

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