

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

Body & Blood of Christ - Year A

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



Prologue of John's gospel echoes these words - 'The Word was made flesh' - it is underlining the full implications of the Incarnation: the Son of God 'emptied himself', as Paul says, coming to share our humanity in all its frailty. John is presenting the Eucharist as the sacrament of this Incarnation and all that it was to give to the world. He is also affirming the 'healthy materialism' of the biblical tradition. For all its frailty, the human body is God's creation; and in the Incarnate Christ it has become our salvation and the source of eternal life for us.

'This is my body, given, broken, for you. This is my blood poured out for the whole world'. All this is clearly, but subtly, implied in the words of John's gospel. 'Sent by the Father', Jesus is still carrying out - in the eucharistic mystery - the great task he had been given. In John's account of the last days of the Saviour, Jesus declares, 'And when I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw all people to myself' (Jn 12:32). In the Mass, we are given to share in the Saviour's return to the Father, making intercession for the whole human family. 'As I draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me' - our sharing in 'this one loaf' is nothing less than a sharing the life of the Father. It is unfortunate that discussion of this passage often does not get beyond a defence of the 'real presence'. The Eucharist is the sacrament of the whole drama of salvation - 'Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day'. 'Communion', the term we have long associated with this sacrament, has implications that have been neglected. Our 'communion' in the Saviour's return to the Father - his Paschal Mystery - is what unites us as members of his Church.

This gospel, in its emphatic rejection of the murmuring of those who do not accept the teaching of Jesus, certainly upholds the challenging truth of the Eucharist in what has been the Church's faith since the beginning. The repeated reference to 'eating and drinking' clearly echoes the eucharistic practice of the apostolic Church.

'Do this in memory of me'. Many of the great things of life are kept alive through the 'remembering' of cherished traditions. Moses says to the people, 'Remember ... do not forget, the Lord fed you with manna'. In the words of John's gospel before the passage we read today, Jesus has recalled this story of the Exodus, and likened himself to the manna given to the people in the midst of their complaining. Now he announces the inauguration of a new tradition - and, as John tells us, it too will be met with complaining. To this point, Jesus has been telling the people that he was foreshadowed in the manna. He came to nourish their old faith. Now, however, he makes a dramatic announcement. In all that he does, he is giving expression to the ways of his Father - taking up the initiative himself. He will become the nourishment of God's people in a way that could never have been anticipated: 'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'.

John uses the word 'flesh (sarx)' in this reference to the Eucharist. We are accustomed to using another term, speaking of the 'body (soma)' of Christ. In the early Church, both terms were in use. When we recall the Prologue of John's gospel - 'The Word became flesh' - we can recognise the implications of this term. 'All flesh is grass', Isaiah declares, 'The grass withers; but the word of God remains forever' (Is 40:6-8). When the

## Funeral Mass

Kevin Dear's funeral will be held on

**Wednesday 17 June 4 pm.**

There will be a wake in the Parish Hall after.

Please bring a plate to share if you can.



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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Live Stream Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

#### Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

#### No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

#### Other Time

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

## Whoever eats this bread will live forever

Jn 6:51-58

My name is

During Mass we share in a sacred meal called the Eucharist, which means 'to give thanks'. Draw yourself receiving bread from Jesus.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.



Dear Lord,

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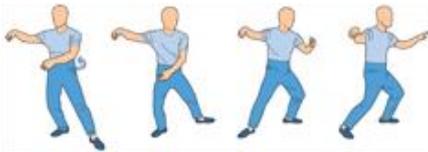
Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



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### Tai Chi Group

St Pius Tai Chi Group will be resuming from 6 July 2020. We will be following strictly the protocol prescribed in the COVID Safety Plan.

Every Monday except holidays, with a new format.

Normal Tai Chi exercises will start as usual between 7:30 and 8:30. But it will be preceded by half an hour (7 - 7:30) of instructions for beginners and for those who want some revision. All parishioners, beginners and advanced practitioners are most welcome.

The venue is the parish hall.

For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

### Divine Mercy Hour

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction-every third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm  
Please join us on Sunday 21 June.



### Line Dancing Classes

Starts 1 July 2020 with COVID Safety Plan  
Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon  
\$5 per session

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This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
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## CHURCH SACRAMENTS

### 2020 Sacraments

The Archbishop has authorised us to resume preparation for and celebration of both First Reconciliation and First Communion. But Confirmation is on hold for the time being for our parish children.

I am working with St Pius X School on the dates and how we can best go ahead with the Commitments and Celebration of the Sacraments.

We can now celebrate Baptism with strict observation of the protocol in our COVID Safety Plan.

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16*

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.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12*

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. 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.)
2. He has 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.)
3. 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

*1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 6:51-52*

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*

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.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



Jesus tells us that he is the living bread of life, and that those of us who eat his flesh and drink his blood will live forever. We call that meal the Eucharist; this name means 'giving thanks'.

Are you thankful for the abundance of food in your life? Or do you take it for granted?

How often have you got ready for an evening meal (after eating once or twice already that day) and said, 'I'm starving!'

How often do you think of people who only have one tiny meal to eat all day? When you do think of them, how do your thoughts affect you?

The symbol of the meal is significant. In Jesus' time every item of food had to be prepared, and the ingredients needed to be gathered and used before they spoiled. Preparing and cooking food for a meal was a major job.

What do you think is the overall attitude of teenagers regarding food, nutrition and health? Are most of them careful not to eat junk food – or is junk food their main form of nutrition?

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**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

21st June 2020

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

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