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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD o f C H R I S T

**“If you do not eat the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you have no life in you.
He who feeds on my flesh
and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him up
on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood real drink.”
(John 6, 53-55)**

Church teaching has always been that the Eucharist is really and truly the substance of Christ's body and blood, that when we receive the Eucharist we actually receive, on our hands and on our tongues, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We believe that to be ordained a priest is to be given the power to change ordinary bread and wine into the very substance of Christ's Body and Blood. We believe that after consecration, the substance is no longer bread, but the substance of Christ, although the attributes of the bread and the wine, their qualities like colour and taste and texture remain the same. And that is why we genuflect before it, for if it were only a piece of bread, we'd be committing idolatry every time we genuflect before the tabernacle.

We celebrate Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, today because of the vision of a small nun, Juliana of Liège eight-hundred years ago. She had a dream in which she saw the Church beneath the full moon, but that full moon had one dark spot on it, and that dark spot she believed to be the absence of a great feast in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ. Soon, Christ Himself appeared to her and asked that she plead for the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi.

For twenty years she had that vision but told no one, until she told her confessor and he told the bishop. At first the bishop was unsure of the girl's claim but soon after he heard of the miracle of Bolsena. Bolsena is a town in Italy and in the year A.D. 1263, a priest, whilst celebrating the Mass, had doubts as to whether the bread and wine truly became the Body and Blood of Christ. At that moment the host he held in his hands began to bleed onto the altar. Today the cloth on which the blood was caught is still kept and on it can be seen the face of Christ.

A year later the Pope decreed that the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ was to be celebrated throughout the world and is a public holiday in many parts of the world.

There are stories, verified by doctors, of women who lived on nothing else but the Body and Blood of Christ which they received daily in Holy Communion. There is Alexandrina Marina in Portugal who for thirteen years, from A.D. 1942 to A.D. 1955 ate and drank nothing except the Body and Blood of Christ, but lost no weight nor suffered any signs of malnutrition. There is Marthe Robin of France who for thirty years up until her death in A.D. 1981 took no food or drink except Holy Communion.

Pope Benedict XVI repeatedly said that God's love is the solution to every problem, personal and social, and that the Eucharist is the ultimate manifestation of that love.

This is not just a theory, this is not just some story, this is reality. The bread and wine are not something like the Body and Blood of Christ, they are not representative of His Body and Blood. The fact is that after the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of consecration of the Priest, the bread and wine no longer exist at all. There is no bread and there is no wine at all. Where they once were there is now and only the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ. On the altar, on your hands and on your tongue lies God.

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Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

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Racquel La Rosa

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac,
Raphaella Chidiac, Sisters

Children's Liturgy Sr. Susanne and
Claudette Takchi

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*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Azzopardi, Engedi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen
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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Important Notice Regarding Receiving Holy Communion

There has been an unfortunate increase in Sacred Hosts been dropped when receiving Holy Communion. Whilst these are accidents, we all have a responsibility to ensure that the Sacred Host—the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ—is guarded and protected.

When receiving Holy Communion, please do not step to the side to consume the Sacred Host, and under no circumstances, turn away from facing the altar before you consume the Sacred Host. Please ensure that you consume the Sacred Host whilst still facing the altar and the Priest or the Extraordinary Minister.

Welcome Fr. Galbert Albino and Fr. Joseph Nguyen

A warm welcome to our new Parish Administrator, Fr. Galbert Albino and Assistant Priest, Fr. Joseph Nguyen who have taken up their new appointments in the parish this week.

As they begin their pastoral ministry among us, we pray for God's abundant blessings upon them and their work. Let us offer them our full support and keep them steadfastly in our prayers as they take up their new responsibilities.

As our new priests settle into their roles, take the opportunity to introduce yourselves after Mass. Your personal welcome is an important sign of our support as they begin their time with us.

O Mary, Mother of Priests, who with your beloved Son, suffered and rejoiced, we ask you to guard in your heart your priests.

Grant that through your humble intercession, they may be preserved from evil, and that their lives may be a testament to the love of your Son, our great High Priest. Amen.



Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.

—St. John Bosco

SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church at 6:00 p.m.



FIRST FRIDAYS

Holy Trinity Church at 7:30 p.m.

The Australian Holy Shroud Conference

The Australian Holy Shroud Conference 2025 intends to make available to the Australian public the most up-to-date findings on the Holy Shroud. In particular it will deal with the 1988 carbon dating issue and subsequent developments. Top-line international and local speakers, including Bishop Richard Umbers, will present the latest information on the Shroud.

The conference will be held from Friday, 27 June to Saturday, 28 June at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting holyshroud.com.au.

Planned Giving Envelopes Available Now at the Doors of the Churches

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are now available at the doors of the church.

Thank you to all those who are already a part of this programme and give to the parish each week. Your generous support is greatly appreciated and is a tremendous source of support for the parish.

If you would like to be a part of this programme please speak with the parish office during the week and we can arrange this for you.

Online Donations in Support of the Parish

Online donations can be made through the Holy Cross Parish website (holycrossgranville.org.au) using our BPoint facility by visiting the website or scanning the QR code below. This can be used to make a single donation or, for those who are part of the planned giving programme, to make your contribution.

Thank you to all those who regularly support the parish by your contributions. Whether through the planned giving programme and your envelopes or through the second collection. Your regular support of the parish is greatly appreciated and is of tremendous assistance to the parish in undertaking our works.





ADORATION *of* THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Eucharistic Miracle of **LANCIANO**

An inscription in marble from the 17th century describes this Eucharistic miracle which occurred at Lanciano in A.D. 750 at the Church of St. Francis. "A monastic priest doubted whether the Body of Our Lord was truly present in the consecrated Host. He celebrated Mass and when he said the words of consecration, he saw the host turn into Flesh and the wine turn into Blood. Everything was visible to those in attendance. The Flesh is still intact and the Blood is divided into five unequal parts which together have the exact same weight as each one does separately."

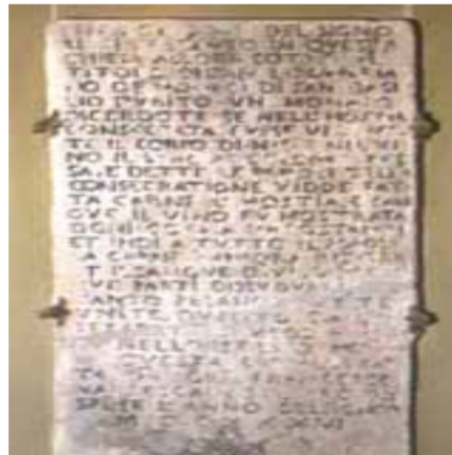
In 1970, the Archbishop of Lanciano and the Provincial Superior of the Conventual Franciscans at Abruzzo, with Rome's approval, requested Dr. Edward Linoli, director of the hospital in Arezzo and professor of anatomy, histology, chemistry, and clinical microscopy, to perform a thorough scientific examination on the relics of the miracle which had occurred twelve centuries earlier. On March 4, 1971, the professor presented a detailed report of the various studies carried out. Here are the basic results: the "miraculous Flesh" is authentic flesh consisting of muscular striated tissue of the myocardium (heart); the "miraculous Blood" is truly blood. The chromatographic analysis indicated this with absolute and indisputable certainty; the immunological study shows with certitude that the flesh and the



Monstrance containing the Holy Relics



Relic of the wine which was transformed into Blood



Stone tablet from A.D. 1631 which describes the miracle



Painting located in the Valsecca chapel which depicts the miracle

blood are human, and the immuno-hematological test allows us to affirm with complete objectivity and certitude that both belong to the same blood type AB—the same blood type as that of the man of the Shroud [of Turin] and the type most characteristic of Middle Eastern populations; the proteins contained in the blood have the normal distribution, in the identical percentage as that of the serous-proteic chart for normal fresh blood; and no histological dissection has revealed any trace of salt infiltrations or preservative substances used in antiquity for the purpose of embalming. Professor Linoli also discarded the hypothesis of a hoax carried out in past centuries.

In 1973, the chief Advisory Board of the World Health Organisation appointed a scientific commission to corroborate Professor Linoli's findings.

Their work lasted fifteen months and included 500 tests. It was verified that the fragments taken from Lanciano could in no way be likened to embalmed tissue. As to the nature of the fragment of flesh, the commission declared it to be living tissue because it responded rapidly to all the clinical reactions distinctive of living beings.

Their reply fully corroborated Professor Linoli's conclusions.

In the extract summarising the scientific work of the Medical Commission of the World Health Organisation and the United Nations, published in December 1976 in New York and Geneva, declared that science, aware of its limits, has come to a halt, face to face with the impossibility of giving an explanation.

***"For my flesh is true food
and my blood is true drink"***

(John 6:55)

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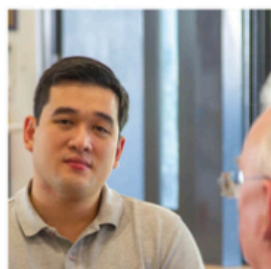
“God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called.”

— recently ordained priest, Father Matthew Dimian.



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Saints & STUFF

St. Juliana of Liège

We owe to St. Juliana of Liège the privilege of being able to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

St. Juliana lived in the first half of the thirteenth century in Belgium. An orphan, she was taken care of by the Norbertine Sisters of Liège, and at the age of 13 she entered the order.

St. Juliana had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She began having dreams in which she saw a full moon that had a black line running through it. She later interpreted the moon as the Church—reflecting the light of Christ, as the moon reflects the sun, and the black line as the lack of a celebration of the sacramental Body of Christ.

She told her confessor of her dreams. He took her seriously and spoke of the dreams to several high-ranking clergy, including the Archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Pantaleon.

Three years after St. Juliana's death that archdeacon became Pope Urban IV. Remembering St. Juliana, he established the Feast of Corpus Christi in 1264—the first time that any Pope instituted a feast to be celebrated by the entire Church.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Real Presence

1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." "This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

1378 In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord.

1381 That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that cannot be apprehended by the senses, but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.

CATHOLIC

SCIENCE and the REAL PRESENCE

Since 1970, scientific analysis of particles of the Blessed Sacrament have been undertaken around the world. Some of these tests included Hosts that miraculously transformed including those from Lanciano in A.D. 750 to two from Argentina in 1992 and 1996, one from Mexico in 2006, and two from Poland in 2008 and 2013. The results of the various tests conducted around the world have all given the same results:

The blood is human, AB blood type; human DNA was found; white blood cells, red blood cells, haemoglobin, and mycrophages were found, indicating fresh blood.

The flesh is human myocardium tissue of the left ventricle of an inflamed heart; in the miracles from Argentina and Poland, there was evidence of trauma from the presence of thrombi, indicating repeated lack of oxygen; lesions present showed rapid cardiac spasms typical in the final phases of death.

In the Sokolka miracle, the remaining host is tightly interconnected with the fibres of human tissue, penetrating each other inseparably—as if the bread were transforming into flesh.

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The Readings

Introit (cf. *Ps.* 80:17)

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

The Book of Genesis (14:18-20)

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High
for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps.* 109:1-4. *R.* v. 4)

R. You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord’s revelation to my Master:

‘Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ *R.*

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. *R.*

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. *R.*

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (11:23-26)

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,

The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation (*Jn.* 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

The Gospel of St. Luke (9:11-17)

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Communio (*Jn.* 6:57)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.