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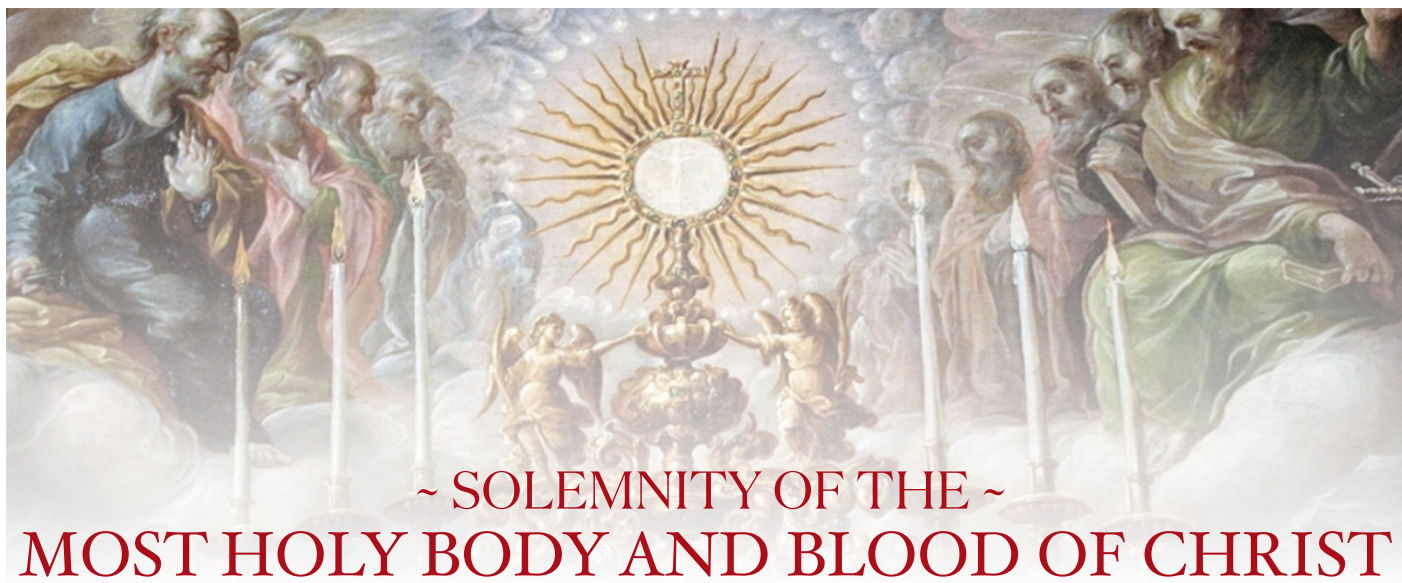
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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### ~ SOLEMNITY OF THE ~ MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, invites us to contemplate and give thanks for the supreme gift of the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharistic sacrifice is truly the source and summit of our Christian life, where the bread and wine are changed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the Real Presence of Christ, who fulfills His sacred promise to remain with us always, even until the end of time. It is the greatest treasure of the Church, a mystery of love that sustains us on our earthly pilgrimage and offers us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

To honour this profound mystery, our parish once again will hold a Eucharistic Procession following the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church this weekend. The procession is a beautiful, public extension of the liturgy, where we carry the Blessed Sacrament out into our world. By walking together behind the monstrance, we show that Christ is present in the very heart of our community and in the midst of our daily lives. It is a powerful public

witness of our faith - an act of collective adoration and a reminder that we are a pilgrim people, journeying through this life with Christ as our ultimate nourishment and guide. Our presence in the streets demonstrates to the world that our faith is alive, vibrant, and centred entirely on the person of Jesus Christ.

Participating in the procession and receiving the Eucharist calls us to cultivate a deep sense of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. This reverence is expressed through both our internal disposition and our external actions, ensuring that our behaviour always matches the greatness of the Guest we receive. Traditional Catholic practices help us prepare our hearts to receive our Lord worthily, including maintaining the required Eucharistic fast (fasting at least 1 hour prior to Mass), ensuring we are in a state of grace through the Sacrament of Penance, and observing prayerful silence within the church before the liturgy begins. Simple gestures, such as a profound bow or a genuflection before the Tabernacle, are vital

outward signs of our inward faith in the Real Presence of our Lord.

Furthermore, our exterior modesty, our posture, and the way we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion should reflect the deep awe we feel in the presence of the King of Kings. When we take the time to prepare ourselves properly, we open our souls more fully to the abundant graces that flow from the altar.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let us approach the altar with renewed wonder, joy, and gratitude. Whether we are kneeling in silent adoration, listening to the word of God, or walking together in our parish procession, let our devotion be wholehearted. May this solemnity deepen our love for the Holy Eucharist, drawing us closer to Christ and binding us more tightly in charity as members of His Mystical Body. Let us pray that our public witness will touch the hearts of those in our community, drawing them closer to the love of Christ.

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## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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### Holy Mass

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

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

### Nigerian Community Mass

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

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### Rosters

#### Church and Toilets Cleaning

Tuyet Duong and Savelina Sikimeti

#### Flower Arranging

Ana Brown and Latu Manu

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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### 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, 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

### Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 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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### Rosters

**Church Cleaning** Group 2: C. Buultjens,  
N. Chidiac, P. Zaiter

### Readers

**Vigil** Gerry Pinto, Rosette Chidiac,  
Racquel La Rosa

**10:00 a.m.** Armani Barakat, Sisters, Mary  
Georges

### Children's Liturgy

Sr. Susanne and Claudette Takchi

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,  
John Augustus, Antonio Bifulco, Ann Blesson, John Borg,  
Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia, Carmello Gioenco,  
Evangeline Grabato, Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter  
Higgins, Terese Jones, Therese Khalil, Jacob Lee, Josephine  
Magro, Zoe Mrzljak, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Ben  
Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Don Provest, Ricardo  
Tognini, Sam Wardan, Gerard Watts.



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

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Juanita Zavalla Adato, Gil Adato, Victor Azzopardi, Joseph  
Baini, Carmen Bonello, Charlie Bonello, Dick Cahill, Gwen  
Cahill, Vincent Cahill, Albert Camilleri, Les Camilleri, Tessie  
Camilleri, Christine Derwin, Joe Paul Fehir, Alan Frost, Carmen  
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Wales, Carmel Watts, Phyllis Webb, Mershed Wehbe, Yasmine  
Wehbe, William Yott, Dib Zaiter, Laila Zaiter, Jessie Zammit

## **Holy Mass and Solemn Procession in honour of Corpus Christi This Weekend**

Join us at Holy Trinity Church this weekend, for the celebration of Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. as we honour the great Solemnity of Corpus Christi. On this sacred feast, we express our profound gratitude and devotion to Our Lord for the divine gift of the Most Holy Eucharist.

After Holy Mass, we will openly and publicly profess our faith with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Together, we will accompany Our Lord through the neighbouring streets surrounding the church. This public act of adoration allows us to bring Christ's blessings directly into our local community.

The procession will then return to the church for final prayers and solemn Benediction. Please join us, and invite others to come along for this beautiful day of worship, public witness, and deep spiritual grace, giving thanks for the gift of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

## **Visit our Church Piety Shops**

Are you looking for a holy gift for an upcoming Sacrament, or perhaps a devotional aid for your own spiritual life? Our parish piety stalls offer a beautiful selection of sacred items to help deepen your faith and assist in your daily prayers.

We warmly invite you to stop by after Holy Mass this weekend to browse our stock. Our collection includes blessed rosaries, daily and Sunday missals, Bibles, crucifixes, holy cards, and various spiritual reading materials. Whether you are searching for a beautiful rosary bead, a confirmation keepsake, or a statue of a beloved saint, you are sure to find something to inspire devotion.

## **External Lighting Installed at Holy Trinity Church**

We are pleased to announce that new external lighting was installed at Holy Trinity Church this past week. This upgrade follows a recent Risk Compliance audit undertaken by our parish insurers in conjunction with the diocese. The audit recommended additional lighting to enhance the wellbeing of our parishioners, particularly on the Bennalong Street side of the church, and to provide added security for the church and its grounds.

We extend our sincere thanks to Phil Romano and the team at Romano and Sons Electrical for their outstanding assistance and professionalism in completing this vital work.

With Holy Family Church's lighting completed a few years ago, this project successfully brings both of our parish churches in line with the recommendations set by our insurers.



## **Sacrament of Penance at Holy Cross Parish**

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Penance for the sanctification of their souls and spiritual renewal. Through humble confession and the priest's absolution, we receive God's mercy, purifying our hearts and restoring our union with the Church.

Confessions are heard each Wednesday at Holy Family Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and every Sunday from 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. At Holy Trinity Church, the Sacrament is available every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Come and experience the peace of Christ's mercy.

## **Wednesday Adoration at Holy Family Church**

Please note that weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be temporarily cancelled during Fr Galbert's annual leave. Adoration will resume its usual schedule on Wednesday, 17 June.

During this time, Holy Mass will continue to be offered as normal on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Penance (confession) will also remain available at the usual scheduled time. Please maintain your regular devotions and attendance at the Holy Mass during Fr. Galbert's absence.

## **Holy Trinity Church Audio System Upgrade Appeal**

Thank you to everyone supporting the audio system upgrade at Holy Trinity Church. We have raised just over \$24,000 toward our \$60,000 goal. To help us reach our goal, we have also applied for a Community Building Partnership Grant through the NSW Government, however, approval is not guaranteed.

This project is the next chapter in our long-term refurbishment program, which has successfully revitalised both parish churches. We remain in need of major sponsors and significant donations. We are incredibly mindful of current cost-of-living pressures; however, if you can assist with a large-scale contribution, please contact the Parish Office during the week.

For electronic donations, secure online contributions can be made at [holycrossgranville.org.au/donate](http://holycrossgranville.org.au/donate).

Thank you for your enduring stewardship, generosity, and care for both of our churches and parish. May we continue to build on the legacy of those before us who have entrusted these sacred buildings to our care.



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Every year, the Church pauses to celebrate one of its most beautiful and profound feasts: the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Corpus Christi. Established in the thirteenth century, this feast day exists for a singular purpose: to explicitly adore and thank our Lord for the wondrous gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. While Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper in the shadow of Christ's looming Passion, Corpus Christi stands as an unreserved explosion of joy, thanksgiving, and pure adoration. It is a day where the faithful collectively turn their gaze to the altar, recognising that the source and summit of our entire life rests safely within the tabernacle.

The historical roots of this solemnity trace back to thirteenth-century Belgium, sparked by the mystical vision of a holy nun, St. Juliana of Cornillon. Our Lord revealed to her the need for a specific feast dedicated entirely to His precious Body and Blood. This heavenly request was further confirmed in 1263 by a Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena, Italy, where a Host visibly bled onto an altar cloth during Mass. Moved by these events, Pope Urban IV officially established the universal feast in 1264, commissioning the great St. Thomas Aquinas to compose its sublime hymns, which the Church still sings today.

At the heart of this feast lies the

foundational doctrine of the Real Presence. When the priest pronounces the words of consecration over the bread and wine during Mass, a radical, supernatural change occurs. What looks and tastes like bread and wine are no longer so; their entire substance is completely transformed into the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This is not a symbol or a mere spiritual reminder. The very same Saviour who died on the Cross for our redemption and rose again in glorious triumph is substantially and truly present on our altars.

Because the Eucharist is Jesus Himself, our response must be one of absolute awe and meticulous care. True reverence shapes both our internal disposition and our external posture. When we enter a church, our immediate instinct should be to locate the sanctuary lamp and offer a reverent genuflection toward the tabernacle. In that quiet moment, our hearts can echo the beautiful Latin phrase *Adoro Te Devote*, which simply means, "Devoutly I adore Thee." During Mass, our outward actions mirror this inner conviction. Whether we choose to receive Holy Communion on the tongue or reverently in the hand, our posture and manner should always reflect a deep humility and total dependence on God, standing as a visible testimony that we are receiving a sacred gift we could never earn.

A vital truth forming the bedrock

of Eucharistic devotion is that Christ is fully and entirely present in every single piece of the Blessed Sacrament. Church teaching shows us that Christ cannot be divided. If a consecrated Host is broken, He is not split into fractions. Instead the whole Christ is present in the entire Host, and the whole Christ is present in even the smallest, most microscopic particle that separates from it. Every tiny crumb that rests upon the altar, falls upon the communion cloth or remains on a paten is still fully the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord. There is no point at which a fragment becomes too small to be our Lord.

This awesome reality is precisely why protective traditions dictate such strict care during Holy Communion. The use of communion plates held carefully under the chin or hands of the communicant, the meticulous purification of the sacred vessels by the priest at the altar, and the profound silence observed are not empty rituals. They are necessary, loving guards against accidental sacrilege. To lose a single particle through carelessness is to lose a fragment of our Lord Himself. As we celebrate Corpus Christi, let us renew our commitment to guarding and adoring the Blessed Sacrament with the holy fear and immense love that our Eucharistic King deserves.

Oh Sacrament Most Holy, Oh Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

HOLY CROSS PARISH GRANVILLE

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

# *Corpus Christi*

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**10:00AM**

HOLY MASS FOLLOWED BY  
PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Holy Trinity Church  
Cnr. Randle St. & Bennalong St. Granville*



# Saints & STUFF

## St Juliana of Cornillon

St. Juliana of Cornillon, was a 13th-century Belgian Norbertine nun, and was responsible for the establishment of this great feast of Corpus Christi.

From a young age, Juliana experienced a recurring, mysterious vision while deep in prayer. She saw the full moon shining with immense brilliance, but with a distinct dark spot cutting across it. After years of pondering this symbol, it was revealed to her that the moon represented the Church's liturgical year, and the dark spot signified the absence of a specific feast dedicated entirely to thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist.

Because of her great humility, Juliana kept this secret for twenty years, fearing no one would believe a cloistered nun. When she finally shared the vision, she faced intense ridicule and opposition from local leaders, eventually forcing her to flee her own convent.

Undeterred, her theological insights eventually reached Pope Urban IV. Moved by her vision, he instituted the universal Feast of Corpus Christi for the entire Church in 1264. St. Juliana stands as a powerful testament to the impact of quiet perseverance, proving that a single, hidden life of prayer can reshape the devotion of the world.

## CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *The Mystery of the Eucharist*

**1324** The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

**1355** In the communion, preceded by the Lord's prayer and the breaking of the bread, the faithful receive "the bread of heaven" and "the cup of salvation," the body and blood of Christ who offered himself "for the life of the world."

**1376** The Council of Trent summarises the Catholic faith by declaring: "Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."

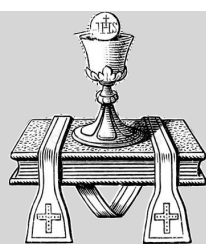
## CATHOLIC Trivia

### The Legnica Event

Did you know that the Church continues to investigate potential Eucharistic miracles even in our own century? In 2013, at a parish in Legnica, Poland, a consecrated Host underwent a transformation that led to extensive scientific testing by forensic pathologists. During Mass on Christmas Day, a Host fell to the floor and was placed in water to dissolve. Instead of dissolving, red stains appeared.

Independent examinations conducted by various forensic medicine institutes identified the stains as human heart muscle tissue under extreme stress. While the Church always approaches such events with great caution—requiring rigorous scientific and theological scrutiny before any formal recognition—these occurrences serve for many as a poignant, modern-day reminder of the profound mystery we celebrate each Sunday. The findings were officially approved for public veneration in 2016. Such events remind us that the Eucharist remains the true heart of our faith.

Whether through science or simple devotion, these occurrences invite us to deepen our reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, recognising it as a living, sacred gift that transcends time and continues to speak to the world today.



## MASS MATTERS

### ~ The Gloria ~

Having sought God's mercy, we joyfully erupt into the Gloria, or the Angelic Hymn. This significant canticle begins with the very words sung by the angels at Christ's birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will."

By chanting this ancient prayer, the Church unites earth with Heaven in a cascade of praise, adoration, and thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity. Because it is a hymn of profound exultation, it is reserved for Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, and major solemnities. This majestic chorus lifts our souls from the heavy reality of our sins, filling us with spiritual strength as we joyfully advance on our sacred pilgrimage.

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# Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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## The Readings

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### Introit

(Cf Psalm 80:17)

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

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### First Reading

#### The Book of Deuteronomy

(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.'

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### Responsorial Psalm

(Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12)

℟. 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. ℟.

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. ℟.

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. ℟.

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### Second Reading

#### First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

(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.

### 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.

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### Gospel Acclamation

(John 6:51-58)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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### Gospel

#### The Gospel of John

(John 3:16-18)

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.'

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### Communio

(John 6:57)

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