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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

The Gospel for today reminds us that we are in a “covenant” relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy.

The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today’s Gospel story of Jesus’ final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and “given” for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus “to be poured out for many”. Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is housed in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning.

Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist likewise signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: the temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman pours healing oil on his head and thus anoints his body “for burial”; a close friend seeks to betray him. Verses 17-21 take up again the story of a disciple's betrayal.

Betrayal and rejection are ever present possibilities even in Eucharistic communities. We are all too aware of this as we endeavour to address the consequences of sexual abuse in our communities. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



**‘CLERGY’**

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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30asm (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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 **Care Group: Anne Huebner 69473406**

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 **June 3rd 2018**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name 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!**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**He feed them, with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 2nd & 3rd June   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Anita Mason |
| Reader |  Evelyn Heffernan  |  Kath Rosetta  |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Bev Piper | -------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th June  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Sue Bulger  |
| Reader |  Kathy Shanahan |  Pat Spannagle |
| Commentator |  Lana Turner |  Howard Young |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  New servers | Xavier Hebderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care | Group 5: Sandra, Maria & Margaret Dean |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In m FEAST DAYS** 5thJune: Saint Boniface 8thJune: Sacred Heart of Jesus 9thJune: Immaculate Heart of Mary

 R O S T E R S

**COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR May 2108**

**1st: $2361.35 2nd: $2265.00 D/D: $1660.00 Talbingo: $100.00**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION** the final information evening will be this Saturday at 5pm for candidates and parents to attend followed by the 6pm Vigil Mass (confirmation commitment Mass). The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 23rd June at the 6pm Vigil Mass. **CHURCH CARE** we are in urgent need of 2 or more volunteers to assist in the cleaning of the church, you will only be required every 8 weeks, if you can help please contact Anna at the presbytery. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our community this weekend **Maggie Ida Piper** daughter of Raymond and Roslyn. We pray for all baptism families. **PERSONAL POSSESSIONS** it would be appreciated if parishioners could restrain from bringing religious items into the church or chapel – our space is limited, and we need to consider our fellow parishioners who may not be in agreement. **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** all Acolytes and Special Ministers will have to obtain a volunteer certificate. If you have one please bring it into the presbytery. **SPECIAL THANKS** this weekend to our faithful volunteer **Evelyn Heffernan**

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Mazx Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddah, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Filomena Comai, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

**Dear families, you too should be fearless, ever ready to give witness to the hope that is in you, since the Good Shepherd has put that hope in your hearts through the Gospel. (Pope John Paul II)**

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