

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They all ate and were filled.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / C

22 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4

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

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: / 'Sit on my right: / I will put your foes beneath your feet.' R.

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

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

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / 'You are a priest for ever, / a priest like Melchizedek of old.' R.



Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

■ The word of the Lord.

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 foreshadowed;
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.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 11:23-26

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

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

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

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!

Fr Michael Trainor

22 June 2025
The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ - Year C

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND
MASSES** **Sat:** 5.30 pm **Sun:** 9 am & 5 pm

CONFESIONS

* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm
* Before every Mass
* By appointment

**WEEKDAY
MASSES** **Mon:** 9am **Tues:** 9am **Wed:** 12noon
Thurs: 9am **Fri:** 12noon

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



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

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nancy Daly, Cheryl Moloney, Angelito Llave, Noelene Freestone, John Haggart, Barry Condon, Ben Boyd, Sr.Rosalie O'Neill RSJ.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin McNamara (21/5), Sandy Murray (22/5), Pat Smyth (7/6), Grant D'Elboux (21/6).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, Ellen Jackson, Maureen McNeill, Frank Grima.

SICK: Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Robyn English, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, John Ryan, Yvonne Tarrant.

COMING EVENTS:

24 June The Nativity of St John The Baptist - Solemnity - 9am Mass

27 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity - 12noon Mass

28 June Confirmation - Saturday, 5.30pm Mass

29 June Sts Peter and Paul, apostles - Solemnity - 9am Mass

06 July National Aboriginal & TSI Sunday



COLLECTIONS:

Account Name: West Tamworth Catholic Church **BSB:** 082 105

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We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land
and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

The Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Body and Blood of Christ (the Eucharist),
the actual presence of Jesus Christ,
body and blood, soul and divinity,
under the appearances of bread and wine.

Our Catholic faith believes that
through the consecration during Mass,
the bread and wine are transformed
into the body and blood of Christ.



Do you really witness the miracle that happens each time the eucharist is celebrated in the Mass. It has been recorded that just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that "during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus." The interesting aspect of this is that it was predicted way back 119 years ago in 1902 by Pope Leo XIII. Source: catholic365.com Each time this happens during Mass, try and be present in that moment, take note of the time, the words, and really experience the miracle that occurs and feel the presence of Jesus at that point.

PARISH CONFIRMATION 28 JUNE: Please keep in your prayers ALL Candidates who are preparing for Confirmation next Saturday evening. We are blessed to have 36 Candidates this year and our first official visit from Bishop Murphy.

CALL FOR ROSTER VOLUNTEERS: We are in great need of more volunteers for our Reader and Gifts rosters for Sunday evenings. If you can help in this way, please speak with Fr Sabu or contact the Parish Office. Should you be a current reader of any Mass time, and ever unable to keep your commitment, please endeavour to ask someone to replace you and if unable to find a suitable replacement please let the office know. Thank you

COLLECTIONS: Please know that as society becomes more and more 'cashless' that giving your regular collection donations is possible via electronic transfer to the account details listed opposite. You may reference your name or remain anonymous. The Church Account (2nd coll'n) is what runs and maintains St Patricks Church, while the Presbytery account (1st Coll'n) goes to the diocese for the upkeep of the diocesan priests.

ROSTER FOR: 22/06/25

Vigil: R: C Ledwos D Bolitho

Gifts: S. Shulze V Griffiths

9am Sun: R: R Paull A Sartori

Gifts: B Schipp C Grima

5pm: Sun R: C Lavell Volunteer

Gifts: Volunteers

Counting: P Shiels S Brown

Altar Linen: H Reid

Fri Cleaning M Brown K O'Brien

ROSTER FOR: 29/06/25 (Confirmation)

Vigil: R: St Joseph's School

Gifts: St Joseph's School

9am Sun: R: S Brown J Woodbridge

Gifts: G & U McKay

5.00pm Sun: R: A O'Halloran Volunteer

Gifts: Volunteers

Counting: M Vella A Bowden

Altar Linen: J Hutt

Fri Cleaning J Hutt J Moran