



# GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

18th August, 2024

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**The Body Too Is Precious**

*John Herd PP*



During the week we celebrated the solemnity of the Assumption of blessed Mary into heaven. After the horrific brutalities of World War II when so many were mercilessly killed and so many bodies were strewn over battlefields, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined the teaching of the church “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory” (MD, 44). What is significant is the teaching that Mary’s body was taken to heaven; no one of the Christian faith would question that Mary’s soul went to heaven, what is novel about this teaching is the body, Mary’s human body was taken to heaven.

An estimated 70-85 million people perished in the Second World War. How many bodies were left on battlefields or in battle-ravaged cities and towns without burial? The scale of the human tragedy was enormous. Historians estimate that 1.1 million people were killed in the Auschwitz concentration camp alone. These people were told to disrobe before being gassed and their bodies burnt. Five years after the end of the war the church declares that Mary’s body has been taken to heaven. This is a proclamation that all human persons are dear to God and that the final destiny of each body and soul is the heavenly home.

On 14 August we celebrate the feast of St Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Franciscan priest who was martyred at Auschwitz. Kolbe had a remarkable devotion to the Immaculate Mary. He obtained a doctorate in philosophy and a doctorate in theology and he recognised the unique call to holiness which Immaculate Mary makes. He promoted devotion and consecration to the Immaculate One and was arrested in 1941 and sent to Auschwitz where he ministered as a priest. After an attempted breakout, nine prisoners were sentenced to death by starvation and, knowing that one was a married family man, Kolbe swapped places. He willingly gave his life, dying on the 14 August and his body was cremated on the 15 August. Pope John Paul II called him a martyr of charity and canonised him on 10 October 1982.

The solemn teaching that Immaculate Mary has been taken body and soul to heaven helps us appreciate that while St Maximilian’s soul has entered heaven, his body will follow in the fullness of time. Pope Pius XII explains that the general rule is that the bodies of even the saints will be corrupted after death, but a privilege is given to Mary Immaculate because of who she is. It follows that the bodies of all those who perished in WW2 will be brought to heaven at the end of this world to be reunited with their souls. The body of each of us is unique and is part of myself and also destined to be raised to share in the glorious Resurrection on the last day. The body too is precious.

*Please remember in your prayers*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Gunadasa Perera, Starleen Perera, Sonia Espiritu, Robert Redden, Christian Collantes, Sr. Augusta Bresba RSJ, Rita Bourke, Ron Hine, Henry Victor, Simon Mangion, Richard Bishop, Brian Selth, Eileen Therese Ayliffe, Jan Wheatley, Lynette Fly, Martha McDonald.

**MEMORIALS:** Des Sandercock, James Victor, Michael & Mavis Cunningham, Joseph Schembri, May Monro, Margaret Monro, Les Monro, Alberta Scott, Thomas Scott, Don Selth, James Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Brewin.

*(Names listed for 1 month)*

**SICK:** Gwen Branson, Margaret Arthur, Sue Ewing, Lorna Bautista, Jacky Buenaventura, David G, Marie Emery, Lynne Braithwaite-Noble, Val Baldwin, Murphy Novak, Nola Moore, Stefan Fischer, Lucy Quix, Virginia Esteban, Nicky Brockman, Diane Higgins, John Bijok, Mary Ryan, Angela Tsaliki, Anne Harkin, Francois Miller, Peter Gillard, Anton Sylvester, Michael McCalkin. *(Please advise if names of sick should be taken off the list)*

**WH&S**

**In the event of an emergency please leave the church in an orderly fashion via any of the exits and move to the Assembly area. If able please assist those with special needs. Thank you, Fr. John**



**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults group will meet this Tuesday 20 August at 7pm in the parish house. Adults who want to join the Catholic Church are welcome to attend.

**Sunday Picnic Drives**



**18.08.24**

McLaren Vale and Aldinga

**08.09.24**

Virginia Nursery. Irish Parishioners.

**22.09.24**

Strathalbyn

**29.09.24**

Normanville

**06.10.24**

Mt Lofty Botanic Gardens

\*All drives depart St Dom's 11.30am and arrive back at 4.30pm.

\*A picnic lunch with Hor d'oeuvres, wine, coffee, cake is provided.

\*Full cost \$20 includes Fuel and picnic.

Please contact Ron or Gary on 0404152077 to confirm a place.



**Blessing of Significant wedding anniversaries**

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

If you have a significant wedding anniversary this year and you wish to have it recognised and receive a blessing and a certificate please contact the parish office on 8294 1888.

**Season of Creation**

We begin the annual season of recognising the wonderful gift of creation and helping to protect and care for the earth. There will be an ecumenical service at St Andrew's Church, Jetty Rd, on Sunday 15th September at 7pm.

Please come and celebrate with our Christian brothers and sisters and bring a plate. This year's theme:

**To hope and act with Creation**

## Baptism Congratulations

We welcome into our community **Beatrice Iva Mante Maglasang** daughter of Prince and Risty who will be receiving the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at OLOV church.



## Christian Meditation Group

When:- Every Wednesday  
Time:- 2.00 pm  
Venue:- St Dom's Hall on the last 3 Wednesdays of the month , St Mary's Hall on the 1st Wednesday of the month. All Welcome!

## Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PASTORAL PLANNING AND HOW TO DO IT

Suitable for Parish Priests,  
PPC Chairs and PPC Members

WHEN:

Wednesday, 18 September 7 pm - 9pm

WHERE:

ONLINE ONLY via Zoom meeting

[trybooking.com/CUHUT](https://trybooking.com/CUHUT)

ANY ENQUIRIES CONTACT:

Orla Wright [owright@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:owright@adelaide.catholic.org.au)  
8210 8166

## FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation for First Eucharist begins this week. Children have been on a journey of faith for some time and have celebrated Reconciliation and Confirmation.



We will have a meeting for interested parents at OLOG school Thursday 22 August at 9am at OLOG.

Together with Debbie, I am happy to explain the process and take questions. The children will have classes on Thursdays at 6pm. First Eucharist will be on weekend 7th/8th September. We can pray for them. Thanks Fr John

## Liturgy Roster 25th August 2024

	6.00pm Mass	10.30am OLOV	5.00pm OLOV	9am OLOG
<b>Sacristan</b>	J. Coonan	T. Felici	J. Lee	Janemarie & Brian Sherman
<b>Special Minister</b>	P. Totani	A. Wilson	M. Caston	P. Kay
<b>Commentator</b>	M. Noonan	K. Thorneycroft	C. Peterson	M. Lynch
<b>Readers</b>	G. Garton M. Macfarlane	S. Moss L. Thorneycroft	J. Byrne V. Bengero	M. Good J. Sherman
<b>Power Point</b>	M. Speechley	S. Moss	L. Peterson	-
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	-	Melissa & Rose	Lily & Susan	Val & Marie

OLOV Linen: C. Youil

Counters: J. Holland

Altar Servers: Jack & Tom C.

OLOV Altar Society:

Lawn: B. Newberry

OLOG Flowers: Janemarie Sherman & Arlene Rebello

If unable to fill your place on the roster for Masses please organise a replacement from the contact sheet.

✠ LITURGY—YEAR B ✠

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As a community of faith, we gather to celebrate the great gift of Christ himself in the Eucharist. To those who eat his body and drink his blood, Jesus promises the fullness of eternal life.

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 9: 1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

**Psalm:**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5: 15–20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6: 51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Feast Days**

Mon 19 Aug - St John Eudes

Tues 20 Aug - St Bernard

Wed 21 Aug - St Pius X, Pope

Thur 22 Aug - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 23 Aug - St Rose of Lima

Sat 24 Aug - St Bartholomew, Apostle

**Parish Calendar**

Sun 08 Sept - First Eucharist

Sun 15 Sept - Ecumenical Service  
Season of Creation

**PARISH CHURCHES**

**Our Lady of Victories**

13/15 High Street, Glenelg

**Our Lady of Grace**

36 Beadnall Terrace, Glengowrie

**Sunday Masses, Glenelg**

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm. Sunday: 10.30am,  
5pm

**Sunday Mass, Glengowrie**

9am

**Weekday Services, Glenelg**

**Mass:** Tues. 9.30 am.

Wed, Thurs. & Fri. 12noon  
(Adoration on Thurs. at 11.30am)

**Saturday Reconciliation:** 11am

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Herd

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Russell Hoggins

**Finance Committee Chair:** Kevin O'Brien

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**ST MARYS HALL**

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**COLUMBARIUM ENQUIRIES**

Anne Kay. Ph. 0438 479 845

*“Whoever eats my  
flesh and drinks my  
blood remains in me  
and I in him.”*



**John 6:56**

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.