

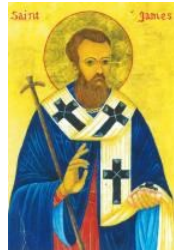
**CORPUS
CHRISTI
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18
JUNE**

The Parish of St James

Coorparoo.

An Augustinian Parish:

**{member of
Brisbane East Deanery}**



Moderator's Musings

TODAY, THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, WE ALSO CELEBRATE OUR MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY.

Our Multicultural Committee, who did much of the work organising this special day, came to me with new ideas and thoughts about this day.

At present in the mass...

1. All readings are read in a "particular culture" and translated into English on the screens. This means whenever something is read or proclaimed in mass, you will understand via the screens.

2. We have a memory or history section that introduces us (in three minutes) to "memories of home", as we were growing up. What was it like? We ask also reflections on the changing scene. This will be at the beginning of our mass.

3. The entrance procession celebrates the flags of many nations, carried by a proud person from that nation.

4. National dress of each nation, displaying the beauty, the richness and variety of each nation, adds a glorious touch that is a sight to behold.

5. But what more could there be? One of the many answers can be the presence and the ideas of people from each nation. These people can take us forward and add a significant level of variety to the next multicultural mass, adding that special contribution from each nation.

Another interesting idea is to continue with (as many as possible) nationalities from our parish, but to highlight and focus on one or two countries each year.

Personally, I believe nothing real can happen unless and until, more representatives from each nation can work together and continue to display the depth and beauty of their homeland. I look forward to many new, exciting and thought-provoking contributions from our many national groups who grace our boundaries.

6. On this past Wednesday, I presided at a funeral in Bendigo Victoria, of the last surviving member of my mother's generation and family (my aunt). While it was a wonderful celebration of her life and her new life with God, it reminded we who are left behind...the buck now rests with my generation.

I think the multicultural idea is similar – you are part of framing the future of Australia with us.

Welcome to the journey!

Peace, Fr Brian.

