## Corpus Christi (Boże Ciało)

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2022, we were celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which is a time when we recall Christ's own teaching: that He is really here, Flesh and Blood, Body and Soul, Humanity and Divinity, all given for our sake. The Feast of Corpus Christi is commonly used as an opportunity for public Eucharistic processions, which serves as a sign of common faith and adoration.

The Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney exists to make a joyful public proclamation and act of worship towards the person of Jesus Christ (as King), and to invoke His blessing upon the city.



"The presence of Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ...to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney". (Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)



This day Poles living in Australia also walked through the streets of cities and towns taking part in the traditional Corpus Christi processions. Many were wearing colourful folk costumes associated with a particular region of Poland. Men were carrying flags representing Polish organisations. The events were also attended by folk music groups and Polish scouts. Below are some of the most beautiful photos showing the celebrations of Corpus Christi (Boże Ciało ) around the world.

### Sydney- Marayong





# Photos: Our Lady of Częstochowa Marayong

# Melbourne -Essendon



Photos: Elżbieta Dymek



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Valencia - Spain



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#### Spycimierz – Poland

In Spycimierz, residents arranged their floral design along the route of the Corpus Christi procession, meaning that everyone could walk right on top of the flower carpet. In December 2021, UNESCO added the tradition of Spycimierz to its list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



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### Rzeszów



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