

The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

18 August 2024

First Reading Prv 9:1-6

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

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared
her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
(R.)

4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

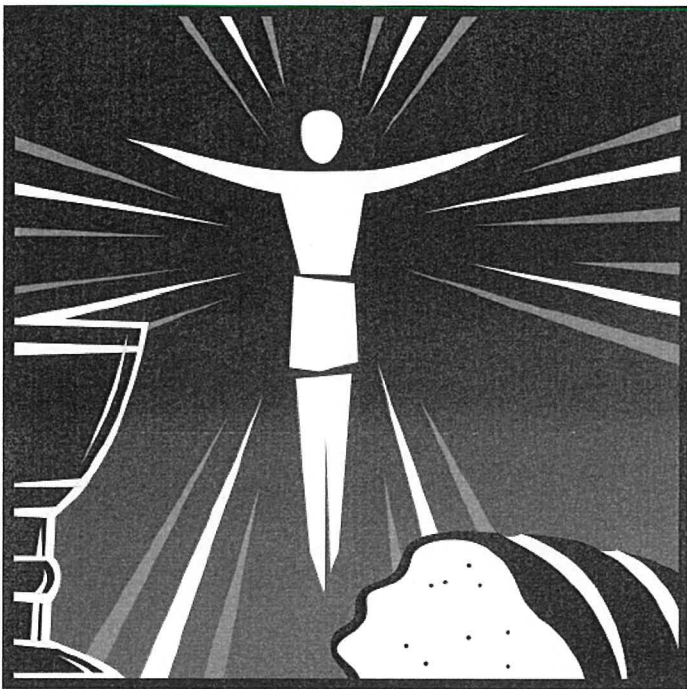
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

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

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from
me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This gospel passage continues the 'Bread of Life' discourse that we have been following through the Gospel of John for a few weeks now. It overlaps with the reading from last week with Jesus announcing that his flesh is the 'bread of life'. Not surprisingly, the Jewish audience is horrified by the idea of eating human flesh. Jesus drives his point home further with his audience by also referring to the drinking of blood. In Jewish tradition, even to touch blood made a person ritually unclean. Any meat that was to be eaten had to be drained of blood, according to kosher rules. The words used by Jesus in this passage are so confronting that they cannot possibly be taken literally. It is a complete overstatement of the image to try to make sure that a literal interpretation is impossible.

When the gospel writer has Jesus speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he is drawing on a very old image of eating and drinking as representing 'absorbing'; or 'comprehending'; or 'understanding' the message of the speaker. In this ancient understanding, to 'eat the flesh' of Jesus is to take into yourself and accept everything that Jesus stands for; everything that Jesus teaches; everything that Jesus believes. It is an act of faith. When we received Christ in the Eucharist, is this the depth of significance and purpose with which we take communion? Unmistakably, this passage points us to the Christian sacrament of Eucharist. The practice of sharing Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus was already well established in the Christian communities by the time this gospel was written and throughout this extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' the author provides a direct link between the practice of Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office
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Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Recently Deceased: Elio Massari and Geoffrey Armstrong.

Anniversaries 18th August to 24th August: Andrew Fraser, Christina McCormack, Minnie George, Brendan Galvin, Marea Parkinson, Fred van Oosten, Eileen Roberts, Joan Goss, Anthony Buhagiar, Margaret Beckwith, Josie Podbury and May Carpenter.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Margaret Borg, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, John Drury, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Pam Sullivan, Salvatore & Santa Sutura, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 25th August at 9:00am:

(C) Luci Quinn (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Sr Nola Morrissy, Marg Lucas (W) Catherine Hayes, Bev O'Meara.

QUEENSCLIFF: 25th August at 11:00am:

(C) Roger Furphy (L) Ann Marie Furphy (SM) Ann Marie Furphy (W) Trish Frizza.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20th August at 10:00am:

Emanuel Baglieri and Ken Caffyn.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Together we pray for the children receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Cuppa at Ocean Grove: parishioners are welcome for a cuppa and biscuit following 9:00am Mass on Sundays throughout Winter at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove.

A new Ministry Roster for Ocean Grove is scheduled to issue soon. It would be helpful if Ministry Volunteers would inform Monica on email: meaghermonica@gmail.com as to any Sundays you will not be available during roster cycle September - November inclusive. Thank you.

Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal. These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering: people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 31st August 2024 at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or santacasa@ismapng.org.au for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

*Together we pray for the children receiving
the Sacrament of First Eucharist in the coming weeks.
Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.*

+ ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN +

All parishes of the Melbourne Archdiocese have now been introduced to THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN; a programme of fundraising designed to continue and develop various vital ministries conducted by and within the Archdiocese.

The programme is described in the literature available as "streamlining" current methods of financing Archdiocesan ministries. Until now, and over many years, parishes have had third collections to help finance these vital ministries. THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN intends to combine up to 8 of these "special collections" in favour of having ONE MAJOR COLLECTION per year.

For this campaign to succeed, it needs to be supported more securely by parishioners MONTHLY or SINGLE GIFTS.

Please review the campaign material available and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. You can also make a gift online at www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously.

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www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer or email Anton Pan-Cassin apancassin@melbcdf.org.au or Bernard Docherty bdocherty@melbcdf.org.au. *Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 19th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20

Tuesday 20th August – St Bernard (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 21st August – St Pius X (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 22nd August – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 23rd August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 20

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

6:00pm Star of the Sea School Sacrament of First Eucharist Mass at
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (Group 1)

Saturday 24th August – St Bartholomew (Feast)

Sunday 25th August – 21ST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Social Justice Sunday

1:00pm Star of the Sea School Sacrament of First Eucharist Mass at
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove (Group 2)

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Thought for the Week:

You can go slow.

Allow your dreams and goals to change,
but live an intentional life.

– Kumail Nanjiani.

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