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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

3RD & 4TH AUGUST, 2024

REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Who can satisfy human appetites?

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.



Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

We, the people of Corpus Christi,
seek to grow in living
a Christ-centred mission,
sharing our gifts to foster welcome,
justice and community in today's world.



A very warm welcome to anyone who
is new to the parish.

So that we can get to know who you are,
please introduce yourself to the priest or acolyte after Mass
and fill out a Census Card, which is available in the foyer.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6PM

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9.30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.15pm -
5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ADORATION AND DEVOTION

First Friday of each month after
9.10am Mass.

This is also an anointing Mass.

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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

WEEKDAY MASSES UPDATE

COMMUNION SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI WHILE FR JESSIE IS ON LEAVE.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY @ 6PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY @ 9.10AM

Should you wish to attend Mass please see the following:

Weekday Mass Times at
St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Monday: 9:30am
Tuesday: 6:45am & 9:30am
Wednesday: 9:30am & 7pm
Thursday: 9:30am
Friday: 6:45am & 12:10pm

Weekday Mass Times at
St Joseph's Parish Kingswood
Monday to Friday at 8.00am

Today we welcome Fr Philip Alesin, who will be celebrating Masses with us while Fr Jessie is on leave.

PARISH GIVING

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

BSB: 067 950
Acct No: 100000698
Acct Name: Cranebrook Parish

Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you

- ◇ are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH MASS DATES

Parish Youth Masses will take place on the following Sundays at 5.00pm:

18th August; 15th September; 20th October;
17th November; 15th December

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact Fr Jessie or Kieran Faccin.

Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Ads run for 12 months for a cost of \$420 commencing in April.

There is also the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis.

For details, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER:

Anniversaries:

Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15), Francis Muscat (27/07/23)

For those who are sick:

Max Ducasse, Barbara Kemp, Werner Rauker,
Rose Zahra, Eleanor Albertyn, Rosa Pronesti



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Sacrament of First Eucharist

A parent only meeting for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on

Wednesday 28th August at 6.30pm
in the Church.

This meeting is only for the parents of children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March 2024.



Sacrament of Baptism

Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of Baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

All people on volunteer rosters or who have a role in Parish Ministry are Mandatory Reporters and as such, they are all required to do the Mandatory Safeguarding Training Modules online or in person.

The modules are available to complete online at

<https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>

Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

Should you prefer to complete the modules in face-to-face meetings, the following dates are available:

Cycle 1 (Initial)

Monday 26th August (Mods 1 & 3) 6.30pm-9pm at Rouse Hill Parish

Monday 2nd September (Mod 2) 6.30pm-8pm at Rouse Hill Parish

Cycle 2 (Renewal)

Saturday 24th August (Mods 4 & 5) 10am-1.30pm at Richmond Parish

For more information, please email: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Parish News

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

New Ministry Roster

A huge thank you to all who support our parish by way of the various Liturgical Ministries.

We are about to get our information together to prepare a new Roster to cover the period from **31st August/1st September – 21st/22nd December**.

Would all those who are involved in rostered Ministries, please check your diaries and contact the Parish Office by either phone or email **prior to Tuesday 20th August** of any non-availability during that period.

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Office for Worship is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses, which commence in September, for those who are interested.

There is no cost for these courses.

**Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
Mondays at 7pm**

- ⌘ 9th September: Compulsory Introduction Session.
- ⌘ 16th & 23rd September: Ministers of the Word.
- ⌘ 14th & 21st October: Ministers of Communion.
- ⌘ 28th October: Communion to the Sick & Dying.*
- ⌘ 4th & 11th November: Ministers at the Altar.**

* If you wish to complete Communion to the Sick & Dying, you must attend the Ministers of Communion Session first.

** If you wish to become a Minister at the Altar, you must attend all sessions.

Deadline for enrolments: 2nd September.

Please contact the Parish Office for an enrolment form.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ADD ANYONE TO THE PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER UNTIL THE ABOVE RELEVANT COURSES AND THE REQUIRED SAFEGUARDING MODULES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

Catechist News... *Are you able to help?*

If you can spare about an hour each week during school terms and would like to find out more about becoming a teacher or a helper, you can call the Parish Office or our Catechist Co Ordinator, Lorrene Gorman on 0414 471 329.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy is on during the school terms at 6pm and 9.30am Masses. We try to keep your rostered times to a maximum of 3 each term. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adopt a Garden

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to adopt a section of the parish gardens. If you are experiencing any problems with the work you are doing in your section, if you have any queries or would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office, who will put you in touch with Greg Hall, the coordinator.

PARISH GROUPS

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass, in the Parish Office. Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are welcome.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Launch of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church

The Diocese of Parramatta is excited to announce that the launch and release of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for a Synodal Church is only 1 week away, on Saturday 10th August. The pastoral plan represents the culmination of our Synod journey, where we have come together to listen, discern, and envision a path forward for our diocese over the past 15 months. For more information, visit parracatholic.org/synodality <<http://parracatholic.org/synodality>>.

Vale Bishop Kevin Manning



On Friday 2nd August, the Diocese of Parramatta bid a fond farewell to Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta, during a moving service at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

Visit catholicoutlook.org <<http://catholicoutlook.org>> for stories, images and video from Bishop Manning's funeral. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

#Active4Vocations at the City2Surf

Are you up for fun, fitness, and fellowship? Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf on Sunday 11th August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community. Visit [tinyurl.com/<https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations>](https://tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations) to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests. Thank you for getting #Active4Vocations.

Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day



The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24th August from 9.30am - 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.

For more information please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

The Living Word

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th August 2024

First Reading

Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. *(R)*

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread;

for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why do you think the crowd sought out Jesus after he miraculously fed 5,000 of them?
- * In what ways does Jesus try to 'redirect' the people?
- * Why would Jesus as the Bread of Life have been a powerful and significant image at the time?
- * How are you / can you be 'bread' for others?

Questions for Adults

- * When Jesus answers the crowd's question of what they must do, why do they then ask for a sign?
- * Why would the production of manna from heaven have been prophesied as a sign of the Messiah?
- * How does this image assist your understanding of and engagement with Eucharist?

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REFLECTION by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.



REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by *Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart*

The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the 'bread of life'.

How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs – perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognises that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings 'food for the soul' to others?

Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the 'perishable food' Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

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Reflections by *Greg Sunter*

Scriptural Context –

Bread that endures

Jesus says, 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The reference to food that cannot last relates to today's first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was 'food that endures' so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.

Living the Gospel –

The Body of Christ

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

Historical Context –

Bread

For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospel of John. For the Jews, like other Ancient Near Eastern cultures, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word 'bread' often simply means all food – it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. Bread also played a crucial role in religious practices, especially the Passover meal.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

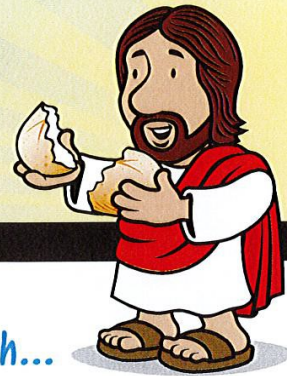
For political leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Children's Worksheet

Work for food that gives eternal life



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God wants us to have faith in Jesus, the Son he sent to save us.

Write or draw answers to these questions. *When you have faith...*



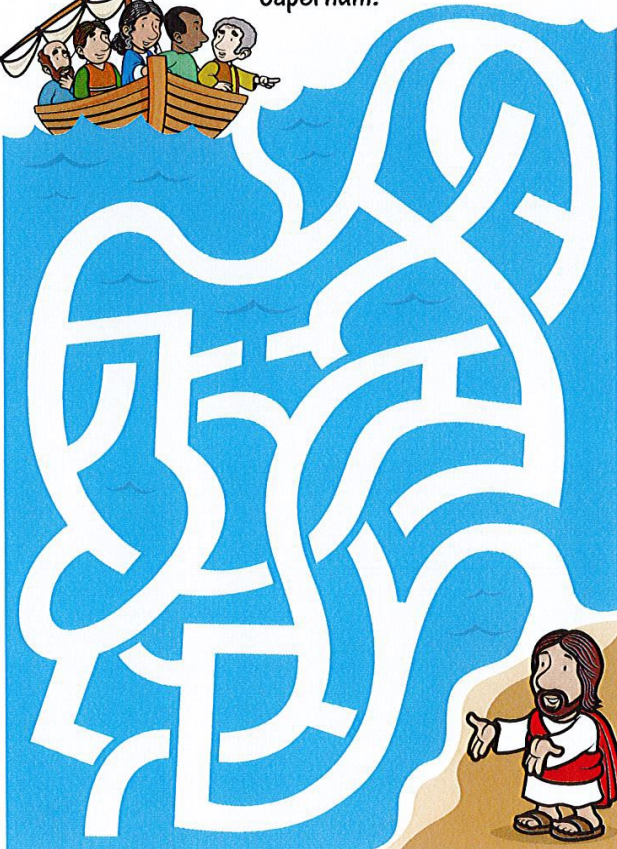
...how do you treat others?

...what do you do at mass?

...what do you do at home?



Help the people in the boat find their way to Jesus at the lake at Capernum.



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Solutions

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