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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

July 31/Aug 1, 2021

Dear friends

Recently I was reading a reflection of Pope Francis' on John 6: 24-35. Addressing the crowds that gathered for Sunday mass at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican, Pope Francis preached from John 6:24-35, and said they should turn their focus away from material needs to Jesus "the bread of life."

"After the multiplication of the loaves, the people had begun to look for Jesus and they found him in Capernaum," Francis said, according to Catholic Culture. "These people followed him because of the material bread that had satisfied their hunger the day before, when Jesus had multiplied the loaves. ... they had given more value to the bread than to its provider."

It was due to this spiritual blindness that "Jesus points to the need to go beyond the gift and discover the giver," Francis explained to the thousands of pilgrims who braved the Roman summer heat. "With these words, he wants us to understand that beyond physical hunger, man has a different kind of hunger — all of us have this hunger — a hunger that is more important and that cannot be satisfied with normal food."

"Jesus does not eliminate the preoccupation with and search for daily food," the pontiff said. "No. He doesn't eliminate the concern for all of this that can make life more advanced. But Jesus reminds us that in the end, the true meaning of our earthly existence is in eternity, is in the encounter with Him, who is gift and giver. And He reminds us as well that human history, with its suffering and joys, needs to be viewed in a context of eternity, that is, in the context of that definitive encounter with Him."

The pope added: "It is the hunger for life — the hunger for eternity — that only He can satisfy because He is the bread of life."



Readings: Feast of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop)

1 Kings 17:7-16

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 6:25-34

READINGS FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

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

Response: 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.

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.
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

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

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 Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, August 2nd

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, August 4th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

Thursday, August 5th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Friday, August 6th

Mass 9:00am
(Includes Anointing of the Sick)
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 7th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)

Saturday, August 7th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 8th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.



The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH NEWS

COUNTERS

Vince's team.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, August 2nd please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, August 6th will include an Anointing of the Sick.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING in the CITY

St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 4th August, 10.45am - 12.15pm following the regular 10am Mass. Guest Speaker: Doreen Cormack. There is no need to book just register with the (Check in Qld. App) or sign in on the sheet at the door. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

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In remote and non-Christian areas, the faith is often nurtured via faith-based TV and radio programs. For over thirty years ACN has supported the *Catholic Radio and Television Network* which provides programming to networks in developing countries which do not have the means to buy or produce Catholic content. These programs are seen and heard by about 36m people worldwide every day. Can you help ensure that the faith is available in every corner of the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/media



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ALL MASSES - AUGUST 7TH AND 8TH

We will be holding Enrolment Masses next weekend for the children who are undertaking the Sacramental Program to prepare for their Confirmation. Because of the extra people who we are expecting we need the open the masses to 100% capacity.

THIS MEANS YOU MUST BOOK IN FOR ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND. Please use the links below for your booking. You must make note of your seat number and ensure that you sit in this seat.

If you would like the office to make your booking please give us a call.

You will also need to check in with Check In Qld app upon your arrival at the church.

St Joachim's Masses

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St Agnes' Masses

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=786725&bof=1>



ABUNDANCE YOUTH

Another month is upon us! We were so blessed to celebrate the Parish School Mass with an amazing turn out from our Parish Schools and College, it was great to sing and celebrate the Mass together with everyone, we are excited to host a similar event soon!

With a visit from Deacon Peter Pellicaan from Evangelisation Brisbane at the 9:00 Sunday mass on August 8th we will be postponing the August Youth Mass to Sunday, August 29th. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Another exciting update on the horizon is the launch of the Encounter Kids primary youth group, being held at St Agnes School each Friday after School during term time. We are getting our final details sorted, but I couldn't wait to give you all a quick update now. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to email me;

youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

Have a blessed week! Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator

The Catholic Leader August 2021

- Ipswich mayor Teresa Harding finds space to pray in her office
- Queensland nurses speak out against VAD
- Celebrating Catholic Education Week in July
- Queensland's newest priests race lockdown clock to be ordained
- Brisbane doctoral student opens up Catechism in new podcast
- Toowoomba family watch as daughter makes first vows in NY



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