

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.’

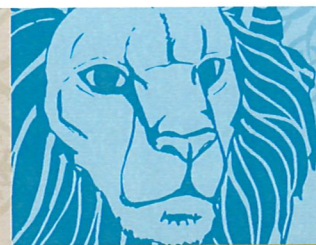
■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

18 AUGUST 2024

LIVE FOREVER

What does it mean for us to live forever, to abide in Christ and have Christ abide in us? This is the question that lingers for me. I invite you to ponder too.

The reading from Proverbs brings an invitation from Wisdom to a banquet where a question is raised: Will you leave the way of ignorance and join the way of insight? This is the only way forward to life. This snippet links to the Gospel where the Bread of Heaven discourse continues by reiterating the final sentence from last week's Gospel. We observe that 'Whoever eats of this bread [the living bread from heaven] will live forever' is replicated in the last line, 'But the one who eats this bread will live forever.' These sentences frame the 'Amen, Amen' ('I tell you solemnly') saying given in response to the Judeans dispute about eating Jesus' flesh. Life, eternal life, is only possible for those who partake of Jesus' flesh and blood.

These readings remind us how difficult it must have been for first century followers to understand fully who Jesus is and what he offered. For the Johannine community the reinterpretation of the Mosaic Law to a new understanding of the Christ causes distress. It isn't that easy for us to understand today. What we might understand is our deep need to be in communion in the body and blood of Christ in the community. How much we missed that during the pandemic. Blessed, broken, shared and given: the body of Christ, Amen.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Prov 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

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.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v. 9

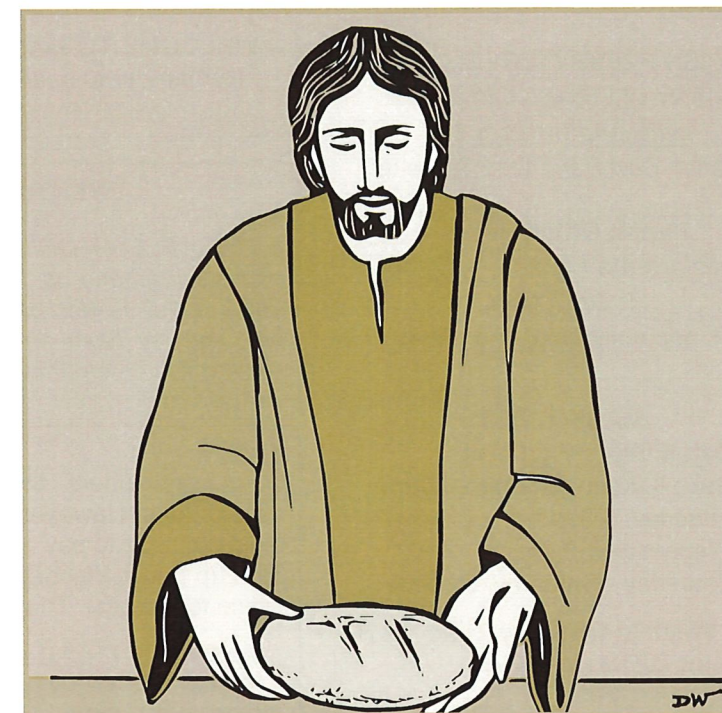
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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!



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

20th Week in Ordinary Time YR B
18 Sun: 20th Sunday O/T
19 Mon: No Mass
20 Tues: St Bernard
21 Wed: St Pius X Pope
22 Thu: Queenship of the BVM
23 Fri: 20th week in O/T
24 Sat: St Bartholomew/ Vigil 21st Sunday O/T

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm
- ***For Baptisms & Weddings***
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

Notre Dame Catholic Primary
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au

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64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

EAT MY FLESH, DRINK MY BLOOD. In the Incarnation 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' The Word continues to take flesh in the Eucharistic species and in all of us who partake of the flesh and blood of Christ in Communion; 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them.' Through the Eucharistic community, Christ continues to be enfleshed and to dwell in our world.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery	A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish
	BSB: 086 006	BSB: 086 006
	Account #: 140 608 771	Account #: 667 172 433
	Reference: Name	Reference: Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 24 th Aug 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae		T Hanson T Khoo	C Lopera	F & B Kareng D Patrick
Sunday 25 th Aug 8.00am	George Sekulla	S Robinson	D Rodrigues M Smith	L Millington	N King
Sunday 25 th Aug 10.00am	Andy Minh Nguyen	A Semaan	B Parasuraman T Gomes	T Seputro J Branchi	A Benjamin
Sunday 25 th Aug 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		S Fernandez J Fernandez	T Doan B Ryan	M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **August 18th 2024:**
M & M Soares 9 Philomel Close Redcliffe & O Sigayno 17 Ironbark Place Maddington.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025 Financial Year

Still some sets of Envelopes to be collected from the schoolside entrance of the church. If you wish to arrange for Direct Debit, Forms are available in a 'Black Folder' near this years envelopes. Or see Fr Quynh or the parish office for forms. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish and the Parish Priest.

Mary MacKillop's Story & Colouring Books

Are available to purchase. The books are written in English & Vietnamese. Pink – colouring book \$5.00 each and the green, blue & yellow Story books - \$10.00 each. All proceeds to the PBF.

48hr Rosary Bouquet for 'Our Lady's Birthday'

The Legion of Mary invite you to join in our gift for 'Our Lady's Birthday' by placing your name in a time slot for you to pray the rosary. Sheets are available at both sides of the Church. The scrolls will be presented at a special Mass at **St Joachim's Catholic Church Vic Park on Saturday 7th September @ 11am.** See notice board for all information.

RCIA Commencement for 2024/2025

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Catholic Faith Community, our RCIA will be holding an Information Night on **Tuesday 10th September @ 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator.

Legion of Mary Auxilliary Mass - 24th August 2024

Will be celebrated on Saturday 24th August @ 8.30am followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Centre. All members are invited to attend.

Parish Youth Group Gathering – Friday 30th August

In the Parish Centre 7pm – 9pm. All youth are invited to attend for a fun night in. Please place your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet.

Working With Children Card

Again, just a reminder to check the expiry date on your card. You can renew 3 months in advance, either online or forms are available from the parish office.

St Vincent de Paul – Winter Appeal Thankyou

SVDP Conference would like to thank everyone for their support for the recent Winter Appeal. \$1561.00 was received in donations. Your support of the ongoing works of St Vinnie's is greatly appreciated.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. Email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>. This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

Employment Opportunities Archdiocese of Perth

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitable qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For full details on jobs available go to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 22

126pts: Fr Ian Johnson **125pts** K McLean (3)
124pts M Iannantuoni, R Bennett & R Harrison
1 bad round and the leader board has changed. Only 4 points separate 1st and 5th position again this week. See notice board for Top Tipsters list

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Augusta Clark Kessler, Peter Butcher, Claire Richards, Glenn Scully, deceased members of the Richards' Family, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Edward & Judith Saldanha, John & Anastella Saldanha, Luigi Canci, Kath Critch, Tony Semaan, Joel Aranguin, Aida P Sedigo, Stamford Bodestyne, Clarence de Rozario, Ebe Dorson, Michael Edakulathur, George Mendez, Denzil DeVisser, recently deceased Anna Thi Giang Le and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Allan Jones, Honey Heldt, Hanh Hoang & Helen Bertola (Coverley).

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community; *Amelie Bolivar Maugy, Noah Otavio & Kyle Peter Vasconcelos Lloyd & Isla Mary Carr.*