



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 August 2018

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE CHOICE OF FAITH.

(Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58)

The deep theology inspired in today's opening prayer of the holy mass is equally matched in depth and insight by the grandeur of the Scripture readings that are proclaimed. What we read in the proverb of the first reading, we understand with the insight of the second reading; and live in faith in the practical terms of the today's Gospel.

Today's Gospel begins by repeating the same emphasis raised in the final part of last Sunday's Gospel message. Everything of Israel's prophetic tradition and the best of Israel's Rabbinic teaching, comes to play in today's episode. At the end, Jesus' solemn saving ordinance doubles down on its eucharistic basis. From the emphatic 'I am the bread of life', Jesus delivers even more definite effect to his words by **use of the absolute conditions**, 'unless' you eat, or 'if you do not eat... then, you will not...'

Such a new element deliberately planted by Jesus within the flow of his invitation to 'eat my flesh and drink my blood', becomes quite significant to the discussion at this point. At the same time, Jesus' pious summon: 'I tell you most solemnly', now assumes the role of the *shema* (i.e. *listen now!* or '*hear now!*'), which is well known in equivalent narratives of Jewish instruction and law. Its demand in this context becomes even clearer: the hearing is not enough; active obedience and fellowship is essential.

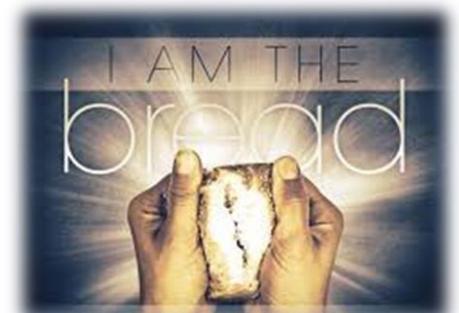
Moreover, the usual use of the expression - *soma* (i.e. *body*), is here replaced with Jesus' use of *sarx* (i.e. the blunt sense of *flesh*). This expands his teaching beyond the level of figure. And, just as his audience struggled to contain and manage his "offensive" choice of words, Jesus lands a final 'salvo' by way of what follows. For, not only that Jesus repeatedly uses the blunt sense of flesh – as in meat; now he applies the verb, *eat* and *eats* in the manner that underlines *chewing, gnawing, munch* (Jn 6:54, 56).

Before his initial audience, Jesus was unmistakable in what he says and demands. If, earlier in the discussion, the **eucharistic realism** seemed secondary or implied before them, at this point, such reality is exclusive and conclusive in its direct appeal. It did, precisely because Jesus insisted on it that way when he added: "For my flesh is *real* food and my blood is *real* drink" (Jn 6:55). Thus, the objection of some modern theologians for a metaphoric understanding notwithstanding, the Church stays on the real, eucharistic interpretation and builds her faith around such believe-application.

The language of *eating* Jesus' flesh and *drinking* Jesus' blood underpin the Passover background. But to simply interject a metaphorical meaning to Jesus' intention here, has no use for Catholic theology. Rather, the eating of the body and drinking of the blood of Jesus really and truly given in the holy Eucharist under the appearance of the edible forms of bread and wine is Catholic faith and has been from apostolic times. The faithful constantly renew this faith-choice in the manner of the 'Amen' (i.e. '*It is so!*') which they say to the body and blood of Christ given and received at the holy communion.

Faith in the real and substantial presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist therefore, makes it necessary that we further appreciate the additional demands of preparation: the examination of one's conscience, reconciliation, worthy reception of the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Details of this spiritual life is included in what St Paul advocates both in today's second reading (Eph 5:15-20) and elsewhere (1Cor 11:23- 27).

Fr Modestus



WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: 9.15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7.00am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues after Mass until 11pm.

Friday: 7.00am

Regis Aged Care:

Tuesday: 10.30am 21 Aug
(Lucinda)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am
Brighton Church: 5pm

Sunday:

Brighton: 7am
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

Name Tag Sunday:

4th weekend of the month

Parish Council Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month

SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

Saturday 25 August 5pm
Parish/School Mass
Principal: Ben Gray
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Sunday 19 August 9am
Parish/School Mass
Principal: Julian Cotter
Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm
Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)
1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



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WELCOME! If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, we are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. New Parishioner cards which can be put in the collection plate are at the rear of the Church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: This weekend, the children in the Sacramental program will complete their 2nd workshop. Practice (for all candidates) will be held in Sacred Heart Church 3.30pm on **Friday 24 August**. Parents are required to attend practice.

CHERISH LIFE: For the second time in two years, the Queensland Parliament will debate whether to make abortion legal. The draft bill will allow abortion until the day that a baby is born – late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it “in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed”. This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. The Archdiocese wants to ensure that Queenslanders understand this new bill and have time to consider it. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. Petitions will be available at the Church door for the next two weeks or an e-petition is available via the Cherish Life website cherishlife.org.au

SACRED HEART SODALITY: There will be a ‘Core Group’ meeting in the Parish Office at 10am on **Friday 24 August**.

SHARE THE DIGNITY: The parish is participating in the August appeal for *Share the Dignity*. At the end of August, all donations (sanitary products) are distributed, via partner charities, making a real difference for women in need in our community. Collection boxes are now available in each Church.

CAR WASH: Out of a spirit of service and hospitality, the young people of the parish Youth Ministry (who will be confirmed at the end of August) will be holding a Community Car Wash on **Sunday 2 September** in the Church carpark following the 9am Sunday Mass. Car wash and sausage sizzle by donation raising funds for parish ministries.

2018 YEAR OF YOUTH: In acknowledgement of the Church’s Year of the Youth, Branch 1 of the Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting a talk by Teresa McGrath, Youth Project Consultant with the Archdiocese of Brisbane, on the subject of YOUTH in the church on Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm in St. Michael’s Church Hall, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington. Please advise Stuart Beavis (0408 321 582 or bsb_himself@optusnet.com.au) on numbers attending.

BUS TRIP: The next trip to Marian Valley will be held on **Saturday 8 September** celebrating Our Lady’s Birthday. \$20 per seat. For more information, please contact Margaret Thompson 0400 403 999.

PARISH SPRING DAY: Calling all crafters, car-booters and cake bakers for the Parish Spring Day **Saturday 15 September**. Part market, part ministry, part fete. This is a fun community event where we get to buy and sell and maybe even clean up a little with a little clean out. Share friendship, fun and faith as we build our

relationships. Contact Frankie Pepper 0414 001 906 or Ken Spinaze 0412 457 230 for more information.

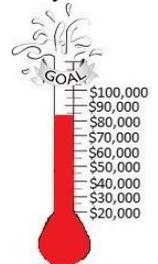
BUSINESS PROMOTION: At the Spring Day, there will be an opportunity to display marketing material for businesses run by parishioners. This is a wonderful way to support those in our community. If you would like to take part, please contact Spring Day Co-ordinators Frankie Pepper 0414 001 906 or Ken Spinaze 0412 457 230.

VOCATION VIEW: John’s Gospel reveals God’s promise of the Word made flesh. This is revealed through the sacrifice made by Christ: “I am the living bread, come down from heaven ... the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world ...”. Do this in memory of Him.

RCIA: Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith? Our next RCIA program begins in September. All enquiries are welcome at the Parish Office.

CARE FOR CREATION: On World Humanitarian Day (19 August) we remember the sacrifices made by those who have lost their lives during humanitarian operations; we pay homage to those who continue to put their lives at risk to offer assistance and aid and we give a voice to all the people who need help. Every year catastrophes and conflicts cause immense suffering for millions of people, often the world’s poorest, most marginalised and vulnerable individuals. Together with poverty, these disasters are among the principal causes of food insecurity.

ORGAN DONATIONS: Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Organ fund to date. Donation envelopes are available at the back of both churches. To date, we have received \$84160. All contributions are gratefully received.



PID (Parish Integrated Development) PROJECT: As mentioned over the past couple of weeks, we are currently working on plans to secure the financial future of our parish. Part of this project will be the erection of the Parish Office complex and an Aged Care facility. This project is a long term project and more information will be provided when available.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

CENACLE: gathers **Tuesdays** following the 7am Mass at **Sandgate**.

BIBLE STUDY: 7pm **Wednesday** nights at Sandgate Parish Hall. Current Topic: Revelation. For more information, please contact Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP: meets 10am **Thursdays** during school terms. Venue: 18 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe. Contact: Christine 0402 228 837.

ADORATION: 12noon – 11pm **Thursdays** at Sacred Heart Church.

- * Rosies searching for Brisbane northside site to set up outreach
- * St Agatha's 'a sign of hope' at war's end
- * Entrusting the Archdiocese of Brisbane to St Mary of the Cross
- * Catholics praying for Deputy Premier Jackie Trad's change of heart on abortion
- * Powerful drought photos show farmers' strength in tough times
- * Transgender worldview 'erasing women from the public space'
- * Catholic world has eyes on Australia's Plenary Council
- * Brisbane author forever changed by God's grace and mercy

PARISH ROSTER

We are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the Parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	18-19 Aug 2018	25-26 Aug 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Hickey H Boon J Rosenberg	K Lynch J Moore P Ryan
7am Sunday Brighton	M Heap R Heap TBA	P Pehrson F Edwards B Gray
9am Sunday Sandgate	R Corias C Murdoch L Butler	D Purtill W Johnson K Coffey
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA TBA Youth	T Gunn Youth TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	18-19 Aug 2018	25-26 Aug 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg-O'Brien K Stronias K Lynch	E Harte C Hickey P Madden
7am Sunday Brighton	B Gaffney F Edwards P Madden	V O'Brien D Price P Cross
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch TBA W Johnson	N Eyles J Murdoch TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA L Hazelman TBA	B Fallis TBA TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	18-19 Aug 2018	25-26 Aug 2018
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias C Armitage	A Grealy
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	I Treanor S Treanor	S Bastian M Armitage
5pm Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn	M Tate
CHURCH CLEANING	18 Aug 2018	25 Aug 2018
Brighton	M Bernard	TBA
Sandgate	M Neilson	TBA
HOSPITALITY	19 Aug 2018	26 Aug 2018
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	Sacred Heart Families	Couples for Christ
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	19 Aug 2018	26 Aug 2018
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	A Hennessy M Carter
COUNTERS	20 Aug 2018	27 Aug 2018
Parish Office	M Neilson A Finch	D Madden R Mahon
BAPTISM PREPARATION	3 & 10 September –L Kelly L Hazelman	
DINNER IN THE PARK	Saturday 18 August – H Grant P Cross B Fallis	

READINGS: (YEAR B)

	20th Sun in Ordinary Time	21st Sun in Ordinary Time
1st Reading	Prv 9:1-6	Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalm:	Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v. 9	Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9
2nd Reading	Eph 5:15-20	Eph 5:21-32
Gospel	Jn 6:51-58	Jn 6:60-69

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Audrey YEO, Angelo MORETTI, Bernard MARSH, Loyola MUNRO, Trish MORRISON, Jo FLYNN, Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS Genevieve CANNON, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Darryl GLEESON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Win JOHNSON, Josiane LYNCH, Michael LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

(If you know of someone no longer required to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thankyou)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: Marie ROE, Gwendoline COOK, Graham FITZPATRICK, Faith EYRE who died recently and for Colin YEO, Inez BERRY, Anne McHARDY, Mary HOUSTON, Alice POLOCK, Stefan SPISAK, Gerard PIPER, and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v. 9) Taste and see the goodness 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! Alleluia!**

MYSTERY OF FAITH: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Ps 129:7) With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

ENTRANCE HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way,
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and Live. ®

REFRAIN: Be not afraid
I go before you always,
Come follow Me
And I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side;
know that I am with you through it all. ®

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OFFERTORY HYMN: LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

REFRAIN: Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared,
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. ®

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. ®

The bread you give is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world. ®

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life. ®

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REFLECTION HYMN: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life:
he who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

REFRAIN: And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live forever, he shall live forever. ®

Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of man
and drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you. ®

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: GOD SENDS US FORTH

God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace till
all have seen the Saviour's face.

Nourished by Christ with word and bread,
burning with love and Spirit led,
sent to embrace a world in need, to
make God known in word and deed.

Called to the ones the world ignores –
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor –
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain and
comforts those with guilt or shame.

So, with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known the
saving love of God alone.

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