

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

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 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



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

18 AUGUST 2024

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

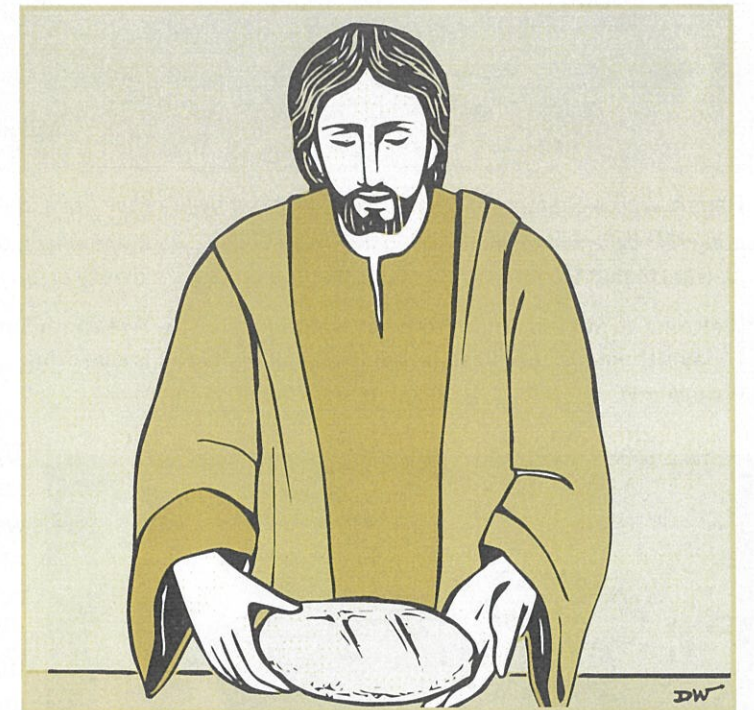
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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.

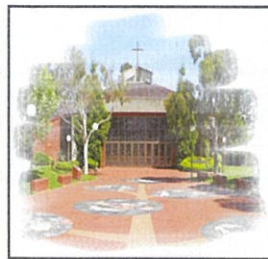
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

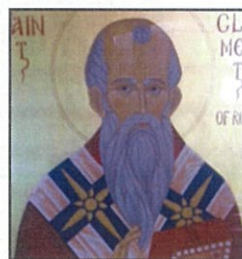
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!



St Clement of Rome Church

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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's theme is : My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



The Archbishop's Campaign—One major collection

The first Archbishop's Campaign will take place this weekend. Through this new annual campaign, the Archdiocese simplifies its approach, for the first time combining several special collections into one unified effort. Rather than being asked to give multiple times throughout the year, the faithful can now make a single, impactful pledge for the purposes of the Archdiocese through a recurring monthly gift online. Gifts will support vital ministries within the Archdiocese, including seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives, including World Youth Day, as well as retired priests.

Donors can choose to make either a tax-deductible or non-deductible gift. Non-deductible gifts go towards the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, funding seminarian education and evangelisation efforts. Tax-deductible gifts will go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which benefits the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission and the University of Divinity Building Fund, among other important charitable causes.

The campaign envelopes and the information brochures are available in the foyer. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR code.

Attention Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans

Please note that there will be a change in the way we prepare and distribute the roster. Starting from next month, the roster will be prepared and sent out on a quarterly basis.

To ensure accurate rostering, we kindly ask that you let the parish office know if you are unavailable within the period September to end of November. This information is important for us to prepare the roster effectively.

Once the roster has been sent out, any changes will be your responsibility. If you need to make a change, please arrange for another member on the roster to cover your duty.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). **Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration :** Sat 8.40am

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

PARISH DIARY

Wed 28th Aug @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Fri 30th Aug @ 9.15am—Whole School Eucharist/ Father's Day (Gr 4)
Sun 1st Sept @ 10am—Morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **William Belleville, Marie Hooper, Sebastiana & Giovanni Carmusciano, Anton Meacco** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



Our new website is live!

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website. Please visit us at <https://www.melbcatholic.org/bulleen> to explore our new features and stay connected with all the latest news and updates. Don't forget to subscribe to our newsletter via the link provided on the website. We hope that you enjoy the fresh design and enhanced user experience. Check it out and let us know what you think!

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

CO.AS.IT. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking female individuals in the East who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Tania Barbaro on 0481603702 Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19.

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
17/18 Aug	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Jacinta De La Cruz	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers	John Bruce	Agnes Lu
		Zina Scalzo	Gloria Ng
		Enza Wilcocks	Maria Papalia
24/25 Aug	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		John Bruce	Grace Cannatelli
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Being Hope

Sharing in indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing...

Venue: Masudo Room Box Hill Town Hall 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128, Australia

When: Saturday 21st September. 9.00 a.m. registration for 9.30am start and 3.00pm finish.

The Forum is free, but people are asked to provide their own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits

Booking essential:

Website: <https://events.humanitix.com/being-hope>

Flyer on the notice board

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.