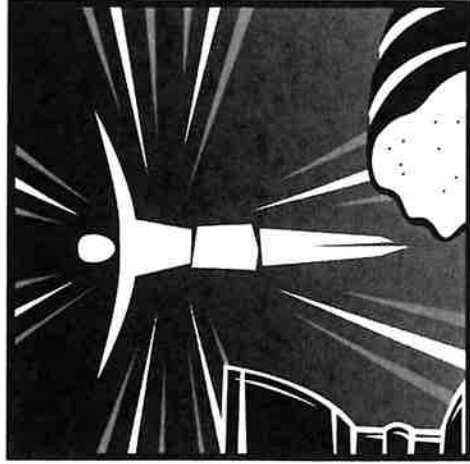


Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the 'Lord', we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?



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.'

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 18 August 2024

First Reading Pv 9:1-6

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. 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

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.

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!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

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.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for all the recently departed.

ANNIVERSARIES

Vinn Beasley, Giuseppina Celata, Antonino & Francesca Pisano, Giovanni Pisano, Gregorio Terlato, Giuseppe & Gesualda Terlato, John & Maria Terlato, Katerina, Aloysius & Rosa Grbac

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 18th August 2024

Layla Kraycer

Mason Payne

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

You can still join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm on Tuesday to make an enquiry about RCIA. Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 20 Aug	St Bernard
Wed 21 Aug	St Pius X, Pope
Thu 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Satu 24 Aug	St Bartholomew

PARISH NEWS



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which can be found in the narthex from this weekend.

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes which can be found on the table in the narthex or in pews. Alternatively, you can also make a gift online:

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR code on the campaign materials.

Please fill in a pledge card during mass and place in the collection basket, or take home and return next weekend. There will also be a collection at Masses this weekend, for those wishing to make a cash donation. Please note: ***This one collection replaces several other special collections held during the year.***

MASS TIMES

The Sunday 5.00pm Mass resumes Sunday, 8th September.

NATIONAL VOCATION DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

Fr Anil is attending this Conference next week in the United States, to be held in Minneapolis, as part of his Vocations Office work.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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. In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.



THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Thursday, 22nd August

Mass at 9.15am

Prayer to Our Lady

Mary, guide us to serve in the ways of your son.

Give us the strength that you so often displayed

and help us to be living examples of his message and to carry it to the world.

In our daily lives, help us to act with the courage that you have modelled for us and to face our challenges and obstacles with the same faith.

In you, we see a shining example that all will be well through your son. **Amen**

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & *5.00pm Sunday Masses

*No 5pm Sunday Mass from 1/11/8/24-1/9/24

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday, 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 3 STUDENTS' - 1st RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday, 31st August – 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st September - 10.30am Mass

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.