

Today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples. Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention. Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Dear Lady of Fatima, We come on bended knee, To beg Your intercession, For peace and unity.



Our Lady of Fatima statue will make its way to Damascus, Syria, during the month of September. The announcement of the its visit was made last Wednesday by the rector of the Shrine of Fatima. The purpose of the pilgrimage is "to implore the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the peace and well-being of the Christian communities of the country who are suffering the destruction of war...The message of Fatima is a message of peace. The rector of the Shrine called on the faithful to accompany the pilgrimage with their prayers "so that the Lord may grant peace to Syria and strengthen the Christians who live there."



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Where we shall go?

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 to 4:30pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

23rd Aug 2015 (B)
 21st Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 6:60-69

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
 Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
 "Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au
 GODGOSSIP

MASS INTENTIONS (22/08/15 to 28/08/15)

Sat 9:15am: Ivan Milic

Sat Vigil: †Cleatilde & Norelei

Sun 8am: Pro Populo

Sun 9:30am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sun 5pm: Melissa Yong (farewell)

Mon: †Adam Sutherland

Tue: †John Sutherland

Wed: †John Cantrell

Thur: Special Intention

Fri: †Teresa & Wilhelm

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joseph Haggard and Southern Cross residents...

Happy birthdays to: Augusta Obiano (22nd) and Fay Hogan (26th)

Happy 61st birthday to Fr. Jerzy (27th). (please see opposite page for celebrations details)

THE NEXT ANOINTING MASSES WILL BE HELD ON THE WEEKEND OF 5TH / 6TH SEPT.

WYD2016 Raffle: 3 tickets for \$10 on sale in the church foyer.

PARISH / WYD2016 FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT: Please offer your kind assistance in the following manner:

- 1) **Financial sponsors** for stalls to buy supplies, prizes etc.
- 2) **White elephant stall:** Any donation of 2nd hand items will be gratefully accepted. No clothes or books please. You may bring them to the presbytery or at weekend Masses.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 28th Aug: KH; Fri 11th Sept: Yr 5. 2) Family Mass: Sun 23rd Aug: Yr 1; Sun 30th Aug: KH. 3) We wish Mrs Allana Vedder a safe and relaxing 4-wks long service leave. We welcome Mrs. Evelyn Graves as our Acting Principal during her absence.

Sat. 5th Sept: Come celebrate Our Lady's Birthday and venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon from **11am** in our Parish. All are welcome!

Columban Calendars 2016 now available in piety stall: \$7 each (no change since 2013).

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs one-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggard (A) P Low, R Williams (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) G Guerrero, Volunteer (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, DELwin T (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggard (A) J Spora, P Tjugito (R) F Doherty, C Lan Kam (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) G Gates, M Wong (C) P Low (M)
9.30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteer, K Wong (R) M Tjokrowidjaja, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)
5.00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G Hage, V Hage

TRIPLE CELEBRATIONS: ✨ Fr Jerzy's 61st birthday;

✨ Fr Anthony Simari's 51st Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

✨ Fr Martin Wilson's 60th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood

This event will be held on: Thursday 3rd Sept from 6:3pm at Souths Juniors, Kingsford, Sundeck Brasserie (glassed area).

It will also be a night of fun and games to raise funds for WYD2016. Bring lots of gold coins. Thank you for your support and attendance.

Pope Francis will visit the US and Cuba from September 19 to 27. He is scheduled to visit New York for two days, making several stops at landmarks including the September 11 Memorial, on September 24 to 26. He is also scheduled to address the annual gathering of the United Nations General Assembly during his time in the city. Let's pray for his apostolic visit.



Pope Francis to the newly ordained "...When you celebrate the Mass, acknowledge what you do. Do not do it in a hurry! Imitate that which you celebrate - not an artificial rite, an artificial ritual artificial - in order that, participating in the mystery of death and resurrection of the Lord, you bring the death of Christ in your members and so that you walk with Him in the newness of life. In Baptism, join new faithful to the People of God. Do not ever refuse Baptism to anyone who asks! With the Sacrament of Penance, forgive sins in the name of Christ and the Church. And I, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, and his Bride, the Holy Church, I ask you not to grow weary of being merciful. In the confessional, you are to going to forgive, not to condemn! Imitate the Father who never gets tired of forgiving. With holy oil, you will give relief to sick. Celebrating the sacred rites and raising at various times of day prayers of praise and supplication, you will make the voice of the People of God and of all humanity. Aware of being chosen from among men and being favoured among them to attend to the things of God, exercise in joy and sincere charity the priestly work of Christ, intent only on pleasing God and not yourselves..."

International Mission for Skilled Volunteers: Communities in East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere are asking for volunteers to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. They believe this approach promotes self-reliant, sustainable development and have asked Palms Australia to recruit, prepare and support those volunteers. Want to know more? Information session will be held on Saturday at 11:00am at 141 Harington Street, The Rocks. Contact on leanne@palms.org.au or 02 9518 9551.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED
at 10.45am on Sundays. Video sessions:
23rd Aug: Journey of Faith and Divine Revelation. Duration 63mins.
30th Aug: The Bible and Story of Salvation
Duration 67 mins.

THE APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER
on Saturday and Sunday
from
4.00 – 4.25pm in the Church.

1st September
Day of Prayer
for the planet
Earth
Mother of all
beings.