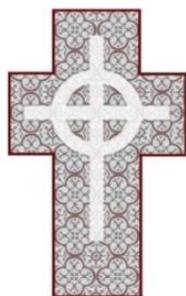


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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year A

14 June 2020

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses said to the people:

'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you, He made you feel hunger, He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

RESPONORIAL PSALM

Psalm 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a Communion with the Blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a Communion with the Body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Living Bread from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews:

'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.'

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

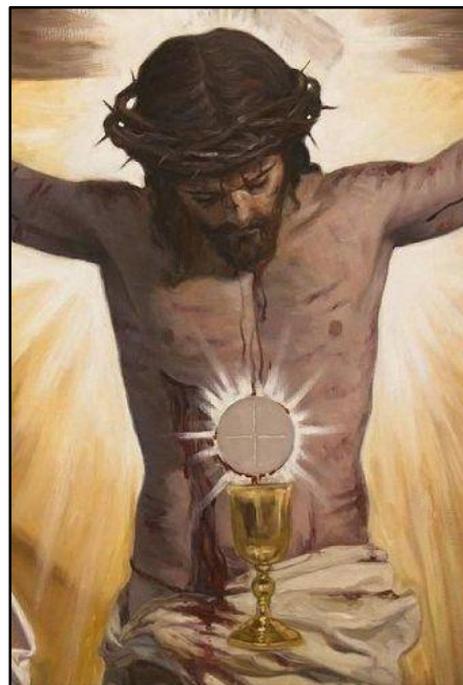
The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what

Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb. This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel. *'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.'* Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. Moreover, it is a Holy Communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: *'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'*

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: *'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'*



NOTICES

Return to Masses - An Update from Monsignor Peter Meneely

As I mentioned last week, planning for the return to Masses is currently underway. I have decided, after consultation, that I will not recommence Masses at St Luke's until 8am, Sunday 12 July. There will be no Friday Masses for the time being.

The Premier has advised she will reconsider Stage Three COVID restrictions at the end of June, but at the time of writing this message, Stage Three commences on 10 July allowing 100 people to gather in one place, however the social distancing of 1.5m will still apply. For St Luke's this means that approximately 35 people (including myself) can gather in the church building. I will also be live-streaming our Sunday Masses. I will let you know how to access this service in the coming weeks. We are currently in discussions with St Luke's Green about the live streaming and how these may be best accessed by the residents.

Strict guidelines will be in place once we do open i.e.: everyone gathering in person will need to provide their contact details, adhere to hygienic regulations, and be seated in designated markers on our pews.

This continuously unfolding corona virus brings with it a certain amount of uncertainty and anxiety. I can't tell you what the rest of the year holds, but please be assured and encouraged that we are all on this journey along with all the other Parishes and Church communities. If you require support or prayer of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Monsignor Peter Meneely

CATHOLIC LEADER NEWS

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to all parishioners **for free** during this time. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au

This week's edition includes:

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge pens letter to help with post-pandemic.
- Pope advances sainthood causes of two women and eleven men, including a miracle by Blessed Charles de Foucauld.
- Livestream Mass celebrates 100 years of Stuartholme in St Madeleine Sophie's care.
- Major award for Deacon Gary Stone, other prominent Catholics featured in Queen's Birthday Honours.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: Sacred Heart of Jesus



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a tradition that has developed over the centuries. Particular groups such as the Society of Jesus – Jesuits – have made devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus an important part of their community life. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus reminds us of the love Jesus has for all of us. The love of Jesus is not just an abstract concept but a real love which led to his suffering and death on the cross.

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You can watch Mass at home on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sundays. Alternatively, join online for the live Mass broadcast via the Cathedral of St Stephen website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-times.html> at 8:00am and 12:30pm weekdays and at 8:00am and 10:00am on Sundays. You can also watch earlier Masses recorded on the same website.

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