

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

2nd August 2009

GOSPEL: John 6: 24-35

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. In the journey of life, to the promised land, we are nourished with heavenly food, our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th August	John Vianney, priest
Wednesday 5th August	Dominic, priest
Thursday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday 7th August	First Friday, Sacred Heart
Saturday 8th August	Mary MacKillop, religious

BELIEVING IS SEEING

Reflected in today's Gospel is the early Christian community's evolving faith in **Jesus as God**. Just as God gave manna to their ancestors in the desert, so could Jesus perform the same gracious acts as God. Jesus' power to do so derived from the fact that he was and is indeed God. There is no quibbling over this assertion in the fourth Gospel. From the prologue ("In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh," John 1: 1, 14) and throughout the Gospel ("I Am" sayings) to the confession of Thomas ("My Lord and my God," 20: 28), there is no doubt as to Jesus' identity and divinity. However, his person and his power could be perceived only by those willing to look beyond the signs.

Like Jesus' contemporaries, we too are invited to listen behind the words and look beyond the bread so as to perceive the mystery of the sign that is the very bread of life, God's life, Jesus' life, your life and mine.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Russell Baude, Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Mat Talbot, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Ronald Sisley, Basil Morrisroe, Tom Leddin, Maria Stadnyckj and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Lionel Kirley, Patrick Roche, George & Mary Davern, Pilar Despalo and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Mary Kirley, Michael Kirley, Dorrie Ries, Brian Twomey, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones who have died.

LORD HEAR US

BAPTISMS

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

AUDREY BILES

LILY SAYER

FOR YOUR DIARY

PLANNED GIVING REPORT AND APPEAL OF 19TH JULY 2009

Thank you to all who have generously responded **so far** to the appeal.

23 will continue supporting at their current level of giving.

4 have given a one-off donation totalling \$190.00.

23 have increased their contributions by a total of \$155.00 per week.

6 new have promised to contribute an amount of \$43.00 per week. Total increase so far is \$198.00 per week (\$10,296.00 per year).

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK

At St Patrick's Church this Thursday 6th August at 10.30am. Confessions 10.00-10.30am.

HOLY HOUR, EXPOSITION WITH ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

Wednesday 5th August from 5.30-6.30pm in St Patrick's Church - prayer in reparation of sins against and a greater respect for all human life.

MARY'S JUNIOR LEAGUE

Mary's Junior League will meet this Wednesday 5th August from 3.30-5.30pm.

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE - MARIAN HILLS

If anyone wishes to be a member of the Friends of the Shrine (Divine Mercy Shrine Marian Hills) please contact Fr Luke Joseph on (02) 6922 1608 or Fax (02) 6922 1604.

VIANNEY COLLEGE OPEN DAY

All parishioners are invited to the Vianney College (Our Diocesan Seminary) Open Day on Sunday 9th August. The Open Day will commence at 9.00am with Mass in St Mary's Chapel at Vianney College and will include morning tea, displays of memorabilia, tours of the seminary complex, a talk on St John Vianney and Benediction (12.15pm). A BBQ lunch available. A full timetable is available on the church noticeboard.

"LEADERS NOW"

"Leaders Now" is a leadership course for girls from years 7-12. It starts on Friday 7th August at Holy Spirit parish in Lavington. Phone Kathleen Horsfall on 6026 2264 for details.

CURSILLO

For three days of renewal in your faith come to the Women's Cursillo on 27th-30th August being held at Wagga Wagga. This is a chance to meet with other women in the diocese and join in prayer, discussions and meditation. For further details please contact Kath Koschel Ph. 0428 578 788.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

SNIPPET

We need never run out of conversation material with God. Our whole life is a gift, and we can, therefore, continually discover more things to be thankful for. (William A Barry, S.J.)