

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

9th August 2009

### GOSPEL: John 6: 41-51

We are all in danger of taking for granted the extraordinary gift of the Eucharist. We ask God to quiet our minds and help us prepare to receive the food that nourishes the soul.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 10th August	Lawrence, deacon, martyr
Tuesday 11th August	Clare, virgin
Friday 14th August	Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr
Saturday 15th August	ASSUMPTION of the VIRGIN MARY

“What is the bread, actually?”

The Body of Christ.

“What do communicants become?”

The Body of Christ.

Jesus referenced the gift of manna in the desert in order to affirm the superiority of the bread that he was offering for the life of the world. This Gospel emphasises the life-giving character of the living bread of Jesus. Not only does this bread sustain life here and now, but it also does so for eternal life. Those who ate the bread in the desert died. They were nourished only during the time they spent in the desert. However, Jesus, “who is the bread from heaven, gives the life of the age to come, the life that has about it the promise of eternity”. Jesus’ gift of bread also finds its roots in Israel’s experience of manna in the desert. In Exodus 16: 35, the authors attest that “the Israelites ate this manna for 40 years until they came to settled land; they ate manna until they reached the borders of Canaan.” It was, indeed God-given food for their journey - a moveable feast that satisfied their hungers all along the way.

In the same way that manna fed Moses and the people, so does the bread of life that Jesus gives; this bread travels with believers all through their individual and communal journeys through life. **With the bread of his word**, Jesus offered life lessons that his followers carry with them from place to place and from person to person.

**With the bread of his very self shared as real food and real drink**, Jesus invited his followers to enter into a communion with him whereby he was truly present with and within them. Through his gift of living bread, Jesus became their constant and caring companion, in the truest sense of the word. He became one who shared bread with his followers; this he did by being bread, which was taken, blessed, broken and given for the life of the world.

### 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, 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, 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:

Kathleen Robinson, Ronald Sisley, Jerome West (Melbourne), Basil Morrisroe, Tom Leddin, Maria Stadnyckyj and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Bobby Garratt, John Miller, Joan Hoare, Margaret Phillips and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

May Kirley and all our dear ones who have died.

## **LORD HEAR US**

### **BAPTISMS**

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

**CAITLYN MCMILLAN**

**THOMAS MCMILLAN**

### **FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - 15TH AUGUST**

Mass for the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption will be held at 6.00pm on Friday 14th August. Saturday morning Masses will be held at 9.30am and 11.30am.

Confessions will be from 11.00-11.30am.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Hanna will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special Mass at 11.45am at St Patrick's Church on Sunday 16th August. Please keep these children in your prayers.

#### **INVITATION TO A WORKING BEE**

Front garden of the presbytery this Wednesday 12th August from 9.30am onwards. All welcome. Morning tea guaranteed.

#### **REMINDER TO CATECHISTS IN THE (ALBURY) MURRAY DEANERY**

Catechists (SRE teachers) are invited to attend a training day in the Parish Centre at Holy Spirit, Lavington on Friday 14th August from 10.00am-2.00pm. Please bring lunch, your textbook, any resources to be returned and bible. Bishop Hanna will address the group and possibly join us for lunch.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council will be held this Thursday 13th August 2009 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

#### **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.

## **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](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952

## **SNIPPET**

What matter all these little things if we can but keep to the sweet holy Will of our good God and turn these crosses to His glory and our own good. (Blessed Mary MacKillop)