

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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Sunday Reflection by the late Fr John Thornhill sm



What Jesus has to give is immeasurably greater than the earthly nourishment of the old story. It is only through faith that the hearers of Jesus can possess what he is offering them. In today's passage, therefore, Jesus is encouraging his hearers to find the faith they will need if they are to recognise 'the bread from heaven' that his Father is offering them. We too should take his teaching to heart, as his disciples,

Jesus urges his hearers – impressed by his feeding of the crowd – to look beyond earthly things: 'You had all the bread you wanted ... do not work for food that can not last'. They have failed, he tells them, to recognise that the feeding of the crowd was a 'sign', pointing to another nourishment that 'the Son of Man is offering'. The tragedy of the old people's history was that they did not find the deep faith and trust God's caring for them should have brought; those listening to Jesus are in the same situation – Jesus urges them to recognise that his 'Father' is now giving (note the present tense) them 'bread from heaven ... the true bread' that 'gives life to the world'. His listeners echo the desires and yearnings of humanity down through the ages, for the fullness of life: 'Give us that bread always'. 'I AM the bread of life', Jesus declares. If they 'believe', he tells them – if they have the faith that is able to recognise what God is offering them – he will be their nourishment for eternal life.

There is still no direct reference to the Eucharist. When it is made in next week's reading, the Eucharist will be seen as the ultimate expression of all that the Saviour has become for us in his Paschal Mystery.

Disciples of the Lord, if they have genuine faith, must learn from the example of Jesus. The reading from Ephesians tells us that our faith needs a healthy focus. The teaching of St Paul contrasts the emptiness of the 'aimless kind of life' that is 'corrupted by illusory desires' with 'the way learnt from Christ ... the new self created in God's way'.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' self-giving in the foot washing is the climax of the Last Supper narrative. This gospel presents the Eucharist in the long passage we continue to read in today's liturgy. This instruction may well have existed as an independent meditation upon the Eucharist before it was incorporated into the fourth gospel. It will help us to appreciate this meditation if we understand the literary form in which it is written (midrash) - a form common at the time among Jewish scholars. This approach takes an incident or a text in the Scriptures, and uses it to interpret a later event or situation. This meditation on the Eucharist is developed in the form of a dialogue between Jesus and those he is leading to Eucharistic faith. The framework adopted is the story recalled in the first reading – God's people being led by Moses through the desert. They are rebellious, even though God is providing them with food and drink. Like the old people, those who are interrogating Jesus in this meditation are given to doubting and complaining – they too find it difficult to accept what God is offering them.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

Sacrament of Baptism

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First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Ian Sydney-Smith
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Ron Fris	Antonia Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		M & E Lazarus	D & B Molony

PARISH CALENDAR		
Jul Sat 31	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time B) Church
Aug Sun 01	7.30am	Sunday Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (18th Sunday in Ordinary time B) Church
Mon 02	8.00am	Communion Service (18th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Tue 03	8.00am	Mass (St Dominic) Church
Wed 04	8.00am	Mass (St John Vianney) Church
Thu 05	8.00am	Mass (18th Week in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 06	8.00am	Mass (Transfiguration of our Lord) Church
Sat 07	8.00am	Mass (18th Week in Ordinary time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church

5 first Saturdays Devotion
 At Fatima, Our Lady pleaded with us to offer this Devotion as an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
 See Notice Board in the foyer.

 For additional information contact Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594 or Tony Pitchford on 0407 387 493

2021 Sacraments
 Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office for an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments

First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 12 September 2021

First Reconciliation
Saturday, 30 October 2021
 Commitment Mass 6pm 11 Sept 2021

Line Dancing Classes
 Mondays 10am - 12noon
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 \$5 per session
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 St Pius X School are currently interviewing for positions in Kindy 2023.
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 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
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MORNING TEA
 Morning tea will be held this Sunday 1 August after the 9.00am Mass.
 Hosted by Pat & Colleen Lowry
 All are welcome



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Believe in him whom God has sent.

Draw some of the followers whom Jesus taught.



First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

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

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they

said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart



The people ask Jesus for a sign, like the manna bread that Moses and their ancestors received in the desert. Jesus tells the crowd that he himself is the 'bread of life'.

How strong is your faith? Do you feel connected to Jesus and believe he is present to you? Or do you wish you could have more miraculous signs – perhaps like bread falling to you from the sky?

Jesus recognises that the people are more concerned with perishable food to fill their stomachs. He urges them to be concerned with the food that will not perish, with food that is eternal and that feeds the soul, not just the body.

No one will deny that food for the body is necessary. But most of us never think about eternal food for the soul. What feeds our souls? What feeds yours? What helps your faith? What or who gives life to your relationship with Jesus? What or who helps you believe? How are you a person who brings 'food for the soul' to others?

Teenagers seem to be preoccupied with the latest fashion statement, the kinds of pants and shirts that are in style, the music that is currently topping the charts, and even the words and phrases that are popular in teen language. These are all fads that come and go, certainly like the 'perishable food' Jesus talks about. What would Jesus say about teenagers and their love for these things? What do you think about them?

Next Sunday Readings

St Mary of the Cross - Year B
8th August 2021

First Reading: 1 Kg 17:8-16

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34



Manning Parish Youth

Quest Youth Ministry

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