



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

25TH AUGUST 2024

For our Gospel 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.



Fractio Panis, Second century fresco, Catacombs of Priscilla, © Wikimedia / Christian Art

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.

Source: Loyolapress

"These words surely make it quite obvious to us, the necessity for sitting at the feet of Christ, taking Him as our one and only teacher and giving Him our constant and undivided attention."

~ St Cyril of Alexandria (376-444), Father and Doctor of the Church

This Week:

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Readings for Next Week - Twenty-second Sunday in Ord Time

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 *You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

MASSES & MEETINGS

Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:
Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5pm-5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

Prayer Intentions Prayer Group: Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Welcoming Mass: 1st Sunday of the month, 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church to welcome children receiving Baptism into the Parish community.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

Hospitality: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass at the Parish Hall.

COMING UP...

24 AUG - SAT: Alpha Holy Spirit Day at Iona College.

24 & 25 AUG: Guest Speaker - Tommy Nyawir from Mirror of Hope, all Masses; 2024 Annual Catholic Campaign.

25 AUG - SUN: Second Communion Prep Session, 8.15am; School Sponsored Mass, 9.30am; Baptisms; Social Justice Sunday; Multicultural Mass.

28 AUG - WED: First Holy Communion Rehearsal (parents, children, sponsors & helpers), 6pm - 7pm.

29 AUG - THU: The Passion of St John the Baptist.

31 AUG - SAT: Holy Communion Celebration, 9am. All welcome!

SEPT: Fr Vasanthan on annual leave for all of September.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conf.
Fortnightly at 6:15pm
Next meeting: **Monday, 2nd September**
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: Parish Leadership Team
Fortnightly at 6:00pm
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 27th August**

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting
Monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Wednesday, 28th August**

THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting
Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Thursday, 26th September**

GOSPEL READING 25TH AUGUST - JOHN 6: 60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32:

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69:

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

Moments of crisis demand perseverance, silence; staying where we are, steadfast. It is not the moment to make changes. It is the moment of fidelity, of faithfulness to God, of faithfulness to the things [decisions] we had made before. It is also the moment of conversion, because this faithfulness will inspire some kind of change for the better, not to distance us from good.

Pope Francis

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 25th August 2024 - 9 am

27/08 Tuesday: Camberwell
28/08 Wednesday: St Alfred's, Shatin
29/08 Thursday: Australian OMIs abroad
30/08 Friday: Former OMIs and Students

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

Every Wednesday

Cannon Hill - After 9am mass

First Sunday of the Month

Tingalpa - After 8am Mass

Cannon Hill - After 9.30am Mass

All Welcome!!!



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

We pray for those in the community who are sick. May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.

Jeanette Hill, Sharon McKenzie, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Judy Baker, Marion White, Carmel Pender, Michael Simpson, Mary Stevenson, John la Spina, Lani Clow, Beryl McNally, Rob Connolly, Von Leeman, Lorretta Stephenson, Imelda Khoo, Brian Crimmins, Veronica Roberts, Angela White, Robbin Firth, Jo Lohrisch, Ken Drego, Robin McComb, Melisa Duffy.

RECENTLY DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES

Judith Buckley

Luigi Giaccio, Ron Moulden

Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. Please submit any items for the newsletter via email, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning at the latest. Thank you.

Congratulations Fr. Vasanthan

Last Sunday was a truly special occasion, marked by the Installation Mass for Fr. Vasanthan, presided over by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. The service was a beautiful celebration of this significant milestone. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support and to the photographers for capturing the moments so wonderfully. See more photos on our Facebook page.



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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We are immensely grateful for your generosity, which significantly impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our vital ministries here at Cannon Hill Catholic Parish. To make a donation, you can contribute via the Tap & Go in the foyer (split between 1st and 2nd collections), our online payment system or Bequests. For more information on donations and Bequests, please contact the Parish Office.



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Our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

Thank you and God bless. Use the envelopes provided or give here: <https://tinyurl.com/8ae94h38>

CATHOLIC QUIZ

Which of the following Catholic religious community is the largest in the world, in terms of membership?

- a. The Franciscans.
- b. The Jesuits.
- c. The Dominicans,
- d. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Answer: a. The Franciscans



LEGION OF MARY INVITATION

Tina Beevors- Hall, Legion of Mary
Invitation to the International Legion of Mary Mass,
celebrating our 103rd foundation day on
Saturday, 7th September at 11.30am
at the **Cathedral of St Stephens**, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane.
All legionaries, past, present and auxiliary members are welcome.
Please wear National Dress if desired.
(No banners please for safety reasons)
Legion of Mary, Brisbane.



Catholic Mental Wellbeing Morning

The Archdiocese of Brisbane will be holding a **Catholic Mental Wellbeing Morning** every Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Steet, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au Judy is the Director of Pastoral Ministries.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Influencers Podcasts



Catholic Influencers is an Australian podcast presenting two weekly broadcasts through which Catholics can delve deeper into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings and relevant life issues from a Catholic perspective. The podcasts include an extended explanation of the upcoming Sunday Mass readings hosted by Fr Rob Galea, Alyssa Agius, Justine Hughes and Augie Angrisano; the other is Sunday Homilies preached by Fr Rob Galea.
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