

The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

18 August 2024

First Reading Prv 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared
her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the
Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
(R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes

of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

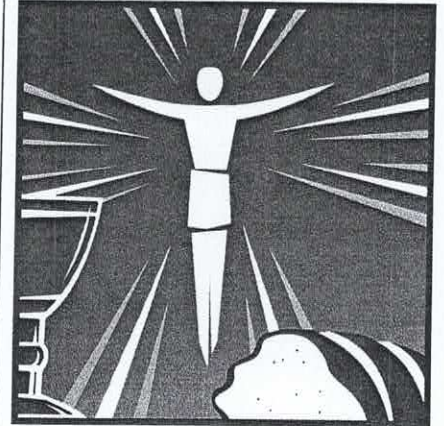
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the *body* was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, *blood* was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 83:10-11
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 129:7
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday ---- 5pm SPP Goulburn
5pm Taralga
Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)

Binda -10.30am (1st Sunday)
Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)
Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)
Tuena - Nil until further notice
Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 4.15pm
OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am
Taralga: 4.30pm (1st Sat)
Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

SPP 11am Fridays

Holy Hour: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 5.30pm OLOF

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),
Wed, Thurs, Fri - 12md (SPP)
Sat - 9am (OLOF)



FATHER JOSHY WILL BE ON LEAVE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, RETURING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AUG 21: Taralga Convent Prayers 10am
AUG 24: St Bartholomew's Collector Mass 10am
AUG 28: RCIA information evening SPP Pres, 6.30pm
AUG 28: Ex Students St Joseph's morning tea K&GZ 10.15
SEP 7: Women's morning Tea Station room {Workers}10 am
SEP 11: Crookwell Morning Tea 10.30 am
SEP 28: St Michaels Bungonia Mass 10am
OCT 19: Reunion of orphanages Sat 19th Oct 11am-3pm
OCT 27: Marian Procession Goulburn 10-3

Final Reunion of St John's and St Joseph's

RSVP- phil.merrigan@outlook.com
October 19th 11am-3pm
Kenmore (St Joseph's) Taralga RD

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Gospel Reflection Group
Join us to pray the Sunday Gospel every Tuesday from 10-11a.m. SPP presbytery. All welcome.

Women's Morning Tea

The monthly Women's morning tea returns to the station room at the Workers club, on September the 7th, at 10.am. A guest Speaker will entertain.

27th October 10am - 3pm Marian Procession

RCIA Information Evening 6.30pm

Wednesday 28th August St SPP Presbytery

This is an open invitation to all who wish to participate, those beginning your Catholic Journey, or to reaffirm your faith, please come together and deepen your knowledge.

Christ The King TARALGA: Saturday August 17th
A cuppa will be served following Mass. Please bring along a plate to share to celebrate the Assumption.

WORKING BEE Taralga. Working bee to be held on Sunday 8th September commencing at 10am. Come along and assist in the cleaning of the church and surrounds, in preparation for the 90th anniversary.

COLLECTOR: Come and celebrate the Feast of St Bartholomew in Collector. 10am Saturday 24th August. Bring a plate and have a cuppa after Mass.

BUNGONIA: St Michael's Church Mass September 28th

Recently Deceased: Petrina Elliott, Kay Tapper, Jennifer Stewart, Rex Bryant, Pauline Grech, Ronald Jeffrey, Gloria Downey, Michael Carlon, Ron Sykes, Betty Woods, Eddie Hennessey, Peter Whittle, Annamma Jacob, Fr Peter Gannon, Kevin Rudd,

Anniversaries: Reg Bower, John McQuaid, Paul Collins, Sr Marie Jeanne, Keith G Mackay, Maxine Probert, Gregory McIntosh, Christine Mary McCormack, Winifred G Conroy, Des Thistleton, Donna Hogan, Peter Freebody, June Maloney, Bert Steenbergen, Theresia & Alec Orchard, Anna & Antonia Peplowska, Agnes & Ernest Woodward, John and Kim Woodward, Austin Corby, Barbara Howlett, Helen Bishop, Dawn Cummins, Howard Bye, Lorna Watts,

Prayers: Leslie King, Dulcie Elliott, Dorothy Brewer, Elizabeth, Orchard family, C Steenbergen, Fr Tierney (60th Ordination), Peter Seidel,