

GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

Jesus said to the Jews:

'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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Gospel for today's feast comes from Jesus' long discourse on 'the Bread of Life' in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John. At this final stage of the discourse Jesus explicitly links the gift of the Eucharist with the manna ('bread from heaven') that sustained the Israelites during their time of wandering in the wilderness of Sinai.

For most of the discourse, however, Jesus has been speaking of himself as 'the Bread of Life' in a more general sense. The people want him to emulate Moses, who arranged for 'bread from heaven' (the manna) to be given to their ancestors. But Jesus refuses to be just another figure like Moses, turning on miracles for the people. He identifies the manna with himself. *He is the life-giving 'Bread' that God has sent down from heaven.*

While the original manna simply sustained the Israelites in their journey through the wilderness, the new 'Bread from heaven' sustains life in a far deeper sense. Jesus describes it as 'my flesh for the life of the world' – an allusion to his death, in which he will lay down his earthly life that the world might share the eternal life of God.

As the words of consecration make clear, the Body and Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist are always the body 'given up' for us and the cup 'poured out' for us. In this sacramental mystery believers encounter a divine communication of sacrificial love and life, foreshadowed by but far surpassing what the Israelites experienced at Sinai.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / A

14 JUNE 2020

FIRST READING

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

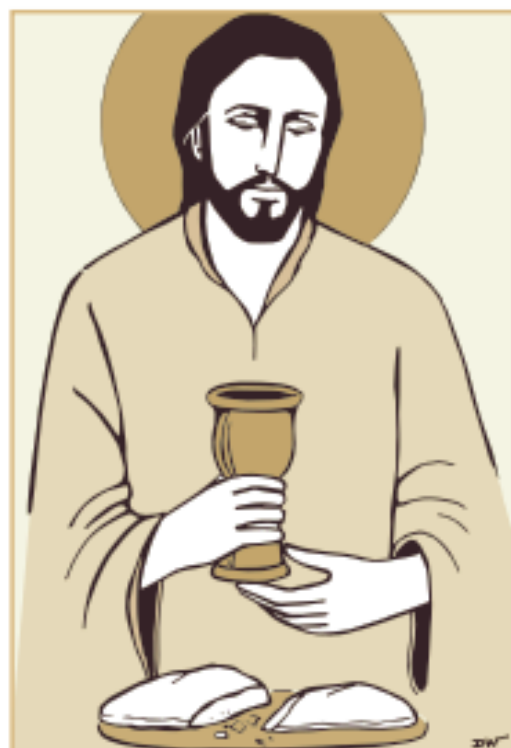
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! / Zion, praise your God! / He has strengthened the bars of your gates, / he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

2. He established peace on your borders, / he feeds you with finest wheat. / He sends out his word to the earth / and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob, / to Israel his laws and decrees. / He has not dealt thus with other nations; / he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

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

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Deacon: Eddie Ho

Weekend Masses: Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm (Holy Family Chapel)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 14th June 2020

Prayer



Requests

Recently Deceased: Amelia Bostock, Patricia Clarke

Death Anniversary: Geoff Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, John Davidson, Roy & Bessie Landon and deceased members of Landon, Pigott, Stewart families, John & Bonnie Bowdern, Leslie & Isobel Johnson, Patrick Lander, and Helena Curic

Our Sick: Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan and Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy & Nur Gouw, and Henry Rheinberger

UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 19th June, The Immaculate Heart of Mary 20th June

PARISH NEWS:

- This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi.** A reminder that we have Eucharistic Adoration in our parish from 4pm-5pm followed by Mass every Friday. Let us show our love for Our Lord by spending time with Him.
- Following the easing of restrictions on public gatherings, first 50 people will be allowed in the Church at a time.** Our Church will be open for weekday and weekend Masses at usual times. Private prayer will continue, Mon-Fri, 8am-9am. Please observe the following when attending:
 - Physical distancing of at least 1.5m at all times.**
 - At-risk parishioners are encouraged not to attend. If unwell, stay home.**
 - Upon entering the church, each attendee should record his/her contact details on a clipboard provided at Church entrance door for contact tracing in case of outbreak.**
 - We ask that you sanitise your hands when entering the Church.**
 - Attendees may sit only in marked places.**
 - There will be no hand-to-hand passing of parish bulletins or collection plates.**
 - The sign of peace should be without any physical contact.**
 - Holy Communion shall be distributed and received on the hand only.**
 - Attendees must observe good hygiene practices when coughing or sneezing.**
- Contactless Donation:** We have installed a new contactless donation device in the foyer. Simply tap your Visa, MasterCard or compatible device and \$5 will be donated to our parish. There is no tax deductibility, receipt or refund available on this donation.
- The parish office is on reduced hours.** Please leave a message at 9874 2533 and we will return your call. Best way to reach us is by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au.
- Are you struggling with depression, anxiety, loneliness, conflict or stress?** Catholic Care can help. Call CCareline, a free and confidential helpline at 13 18 19 Mon-Fri, 8am- 6pm.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“The noblest sacrament, consequently, is that wherein his Body is really present. The Eucharist crowns all other sacraments.” – St Thomas Aquinas

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

RACISM-a Catholic response!

The issue of *racism* is very much in our world news at the moment that has been triggered by the recent tragic death of the American man Mr. George Floyd.

Pope Francis in one of his insightful reflections clarified this issue so well in these words; “We cannot tolerate or ever turn a blind eye to racism of any kind as essentially it abuses the sacredness of human life.” There are 2 great Catholic role models who were truly inspirational in how they challenged the reality of racism in their own particular life journey.

The first was *St Martin de Porres (1579-1639)*, he was born of mixed colour in Lima, Peru. Martin was canonized a saint of the Church in 1961 by Pope John XXIII. The Church as well as the government of that time in their governance were both strongly racist. This was an issue that Martin courageously challenged and in doing so pressured the government and the Church in Peru to publicly change their stance. The second great role model was *St Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)* she was a Religious nun from the USA who courageously & effectively fought for the dignity and the rights of many American Indian people & African American people. Katherine was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

Racism is definitely not a modern reality it has probably been around since the beginning of time, yet it still needs to be named and when necessary challenged!

FAMILY AND FAITH:

On June 26, take part in the #familywintersleepout@home. St Kevin's Primary School are inviting all families in the school and parish community to be advocates for the homeless.

Support people who do not have access to safe, secure, and adequate housing. To donate go to: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/stk-eastwood-family-winter-sleep-out-1>. See posters for details. Enquiries ☎ Alison Khalil 0438 209 500. Upload your photos of the sleepout to: <https://padlet.com/alisonkhalil/STKFamilywintersleepout> or on your social media with the hashtag: #familywintersleepout@home

LITURGICAL ROSTERS:

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 21st June 2020

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – J Chung)

Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Ezembaukwu	S Coorey	V Chapman	G Evans	C Jonas
Readers	R: L Laybutt C: P David	R: R Brayan C: P Porta	R: M Laguzza C: T Nassif	R: D Li C: Br J Curry	R: J Khalil C: G Lamerton

Counters will be advised as needed. Thank you.