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**Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :**

**1st Reading (JB) Joshua 24:1-2.15-18**

**2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 5:21-32**

**Gospel (JB) John 6:60-69**

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**Sunday Masses**

Vigil Mass - Saturday Evening 6.00pm  
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am  
 Monday - 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month

**Liturgy of Word and Communion Service**

Monday - 9.15am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays of month

**Anointing Mass**

9.15am First Thursday of month

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration**

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am  
 Friday after 9.15am Mass

**Rosary**

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass  
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

**Children's Liturgy**

Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass  
 during School terms.

**Legion of Mary**

Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room

**Charismatic Prayer Group**

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

**Divine Mercy**

Friday: 3pm in Chapel ( private prayer)

**Charismatic Prayer for Healing**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,  
 then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm  
 Mass:

**Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month

**Cell Groups**

Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room

Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

**Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit**

**prayer group :**

Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

**Confessions**

Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,

Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during the Masses.

(Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Proverbs 9:1-6** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 5:15-20**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15 R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel (JB) John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Homily-Twentieth Sunday Of Ordinary Time, Year B :Christ - The Living Bread



Today, the twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Jesus openly speaks of the great miracle of the Holy Eucharist, the bread of life. For a couple of weeks now, our readings, especially the Gospels have continued to tell us that Jesus is the bread of life. Everyone wants more in life. Jesus shows us where to find it – in himself, the Living Bread. Only in him can we find fullness of living since those who eat his flesh and drink his blood, with faith, already have everlasting life.

The Eucharist teaches us that without Jesus we die spiritually. The Eucharist leads us to the source of life and love – the Father. The Eucharist, the food of eternal life, Jesus Himself the source and summit of our faith.

The readings of today simply reminds us of the importance of the Holy Eucharist in our Christian life. The Church teaches us that: *“The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and, that unity of the people of God by which the Church is kept in being”*(CCC 1325).Eucharist means thanksgiving. So, filled with the Holy Spirit, we give thanks to God for inviting us to share in his wisdom, and in the Body and Blood of Christ. Away from that source we definitely dry up spiritually and physically and fall into selfishness and materialism that leads to doom.

In our first reading today, God himself who is Wisdom, invites us to his banquet. However, only those who are humble take advantage of this invitation. Those who claim to be already wise cannot understand the mystery and efficacy of the banquet that God has prepared for us. Only those who humble themselves will be given the understanding of this banquet where Christ is both the giver and the gift; the priest and the lamb for the sacrifice. Real wisdom consists in taking the step of faith, for if we live with God here and now death can only lead to an even more abundant life.

In today’s Gospel when Christ said: *“I am the living bread come down from heaven, anyone who eats this bread will live forever...”* For this reason, the Jews became angry. The reason is that they were full of pride and worldly wisdom. They have eyes but could not actually see. They refused to be fools in order to be made wise in the ways of God. By this, they shut themselves out of the banquet of the Body and Blood of Christ.

At times some of us behave like the Jews. This is by assuming that we can analyze and understand the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ with our limited human insight and, the wisdom of this world. Thus saying like the Jews, *“How could he give us his body and blood to eat and to drink?”*

When Jesus says that he gives his flesh to eat and his blood to drink, he is saying three things. The first is that he gives himself totally to others; every part of his being is at their service. Secondly, he is inviting people to a deep personal union with himself, to *“have his spirit coursing through their souls so that they can know the passion of his love for everyone”*. Thirdly, he wants them to unite their weaknesses and their sufferings with his so that they can experience his strength and his courage.

Hence, Paul warns us today: *“Be careful about the sort of lives you live, like intelligent and not senseless people... do not be thoughtless, but recognize the will of the Lord...So that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God...”* Only intelligent and thoughtful people see Christ in the Holy Eucharist. They are the ones who do not doubt that Christ is the living bread of life. They are the ones who though being ignorant and foolish respond to God’s invitation in order to have life and real wisdom. It is the will of God that we have life in its fullness. This fullness of life is in Christ, the living bread of life when consumed unites us more closely to him and helps us to grow in grace by living a more Christian life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Dear friends, let us heed this clarion call of God. Let us realize our folly and ignorance. Let us humble ourselves rather than remain stubborn like the Jews and come to the banquet of the Body and Blood of Christ. Let us stop doubting the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Instead, let us make efforts to be reconciled to Christ the living bread of life.

I know that some of us have many reasons which seem genuine for staying away from the Holy Eucharist, however, the truth is that, no reason is good enough not to respond to God’s invitation to share from his banquet of life and true wisdom. No reason is good enough not to accept the life that Jesus offers us through his Body and Blood. All we need is to make efforts, by clearing all the obstacles that block our spiritual eyes, mind, and ways. That is, those obstacles preventing us from receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

If you still doubt, doubt no more. If you have distanced yourself from God through sin, seek reconciliation with Christ through the Sacrament of Confession/Penance, the Sacrament of physical and spiritual healing. Once again today, the psalmist tells us: *“Taste and see that the Lord is good for life without God is completely finished.”*

God bless you as you approach Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the mystery of the divine love that opens heaven for us.

Fr. Jude CSSp.

**Plenary Council You are invited to come and listen to a talk by Fr Noel Connolly on the Plenary Council. Date: Wednesday 29th August at 2.30pm and 7.30pm at St Francis Xavier Church.**

## Message from Vicki Abbatangelo



Thank you from my heart to yours.

The most beautiful things in life are not things.

They’re people, and places, and memories, and pictures.

They’re feelings, and moments, and smiles, and laughter.

Thank you for sharing these things with me.

Thanks be to God.

The position of Parish Secretary has now been advertised on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website: [cam.org.au](http://cam.org.au) employment section. Visit the CAM website for details.

## Pilgrim Statue of OUR LADY OF FATIMA

will be coming to the parishes of St Francis Xavier & St John’s from the 25th - 31st August.

The statue will remain in St John’s church from Saturday 25th August to Monday 27th August.

It will be transferred to our Parish from the 28th of August. For more details about the Programme - [See Wall Flyers + handouts](#)

## Catholic Care Appeal will take place THIS Sunday.

Catholic Care has been providing support to families facing times of conflict and struggle, and the marginalised in our communities for over 80 years.

This year’s appeal focuses on supporting the youth in our communities, and by doing so we strengthen the next generation.

## Sunday Collection 12.08.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 1137 Presbytery \$ 605

### Regular collections per Mass.

**1st Collection** - Church/Stewardship

Will be taken up after Prayer of Faithful

**2nd Collection** - Presbytery/Priests

Will be taken up after reflection following Communion

## 8.30am & 10.30am Church Services on Sunday

**26th August will have no Electricity Supply** as

Untied Energy will be conducting maintenance works in the area.

**SICK: We pray for** Gloria Resubal, Harry ‘Neville’ Prowse, Domenico Incani, Margaret Humphries, Len Crowe, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill, Tim Fitzgibbon and Ross Monterosso.

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Jessie Freeman, Francesco & Concetta Monterosso, Cynthia Read and Eduardo Manalo .



## Saint Francis Xavier Primary School

warmly invites you to celebrate our 90th Birthday!

Friday the 24th of August, 2018

School Showcase: 9.30am  
Cake cutting followed by Morning Tea: 10am

RSVP: 9783 3424

Saint Francis Xavier Primary School



Community in Faith

## For Your Interest and Diaries

- Please join the **Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR)** Group Next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
- Pregnancy Assistance Frankston (PAF) are holding a Bush Dance on 6th October between 5.30-11pm at Seaford Community Centre 6 Broughton St, Seaford. Contact: Liz 0430 533 377 or Sue 0408 547 791
- Lost Property items in parish office including a fitbit
- More Offertory Volunteers are needed for our Sunday Masses especially the 5.30pm Sunday mass. It is a privilege to be able to bring up the bread and wine which becomes transformed into The Lord’s body and blood. Can contact Jacqui Dolan on 5971 3514 for more details.
- Legion of Mary Lady of All Nations Prasesidium The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit your home for a week to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Please register your interest at the Piety Shop after Sunday Masses or contact Frances-5971 1924

## Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - [tash.dewhirst@gmail.com](mailto:tash.dewhirst@gmail.com)  
Next meeting: Friday 7th Sept-7pm in Xavier Centre  
(Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: Sunday 19 August- 6.30pm after Mass. Guest speaker: Vocations Director

## Syro Malabar

Regular services Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

## New comers / notification

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Francis Xavier. If you are new to the parish or have changed your home address or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or give to the priest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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