

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.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I once saw a young mother discreetly
breastfeeding her baby during Mass,
and thought ... 'What a wonderful
thing!' There could not be a better
illustration, a better acting out of what
Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one
who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they
cannot breastfeed offer the same gift
for nine months as the baby draws its
life from the mother's body in the
womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our
Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my
blood abide in me and I in them.'
Notice the very maternal language.
The risen Lord truly abides in us, we
truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as
intimate as the baby dwelling in the
womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion
which is both a present reality and a
foretaste and promise about our place
in God's future: 'The one who eats this
bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray
with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred
Banquet in which Christ is received
and a pledge of future glory is given to
us.'

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

14 June 2020

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

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 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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or

(R.) 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 has 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

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.

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!*

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

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;

14 June 2020

Dear Parishioners,

As per current guidelines, 20 people are allowed to attend per Mass, plus those required to perform the service.

This week, Masses will be celebrated at the following times:-

Tuesday 16th June – Friday 19th June at 9.15am (**no bookings required, however those wishing to attend the 9.15am Mass on Friday, 19th June (Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus), should contact the Parish Office next week so we have some idea of how many parishioners will be present at that Mass.**)

Saturday 20th June at 6.00pm (**bookings required**)

Sunday 21st June at 8.30am and 10.30am (**bookings required**)

Bookings to attend a weekend Mass can be made as follows:-

Online Bookings: For parishioners **with internet access**

Mass attendance is via TryBooking.com. Go to 'Buy Tickets'(free), 'Search Events'(or 'Find Event') and put in **Mass St Peter's Church Keilor East** and find the correct date and Mass you wish to attend. Add your details and confirm booking. If all 20 spots are filled, you will not be able to book that particular Mass time. Bookings for Masses at 6pm, 8.30am and 10.30am on the weekend of 20th/21st June, will open at 9am on Tuesday, 16th June and close at 5.00pm on Friday 19th June, unless filled earlier.

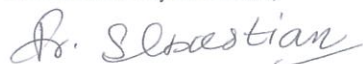
Phone Bookings: For parishioners **without internet access only**

Please call the Parish Office on 9337 4141 from Tuesday 16nd June. We will let you know if there is availability for the weekend Mass you wish to attend, and book you in if requested.

Next Friday 19th June between 5.00pm-9.00pm, we will have Adoration for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please see details in the next column of the Bulletin.

I hope to have some news next week regarding the easing of restrictions, with the possibility of 50 people being allowed to attend Mass from 22nd June onwards. Stay tuned!

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our community and all suffering from COVID-19.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Carmel Trento(1 month), Peter Wolff, John Attard, Eligio Testa, Josip Grbac, Fortunata Mirenda, Maria Corica, John Robinson

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Being the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus next Friday, 19th June, we will have Adoration from 5.00pm-9.00pm in the Church. It is important to Register if you will be attending. There will be a clipboard in the narthex, or you can email your details to the Parish Office and the time you will be attending. Only 20 people will be allowed in the Church at any one time, so we need to know in advance who will be there. All social distancing rules must be followed. Before leaving the church, please use wipes provided to clean where you have been sitting and anything you have touched while in the Church. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be having a Mass for the Poor this weekend, however cash donations are always welcome. Please place any donations in an envelope and clearly mark on it "St Vincent de Paul Donation". Thank you. **Donations of food and other goods is not requested at the present time, due to COVID-19 handling restrictions.**

FEAST DAYS NEXT WEEK

Friday 19 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 20 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen.