

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## Sunday, 19 Aug 2018

### FIRST READING

*Prv 9:1-6*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

*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 33:2-3. 10-15. 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*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*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!