



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 August 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32
Gospel: John 6:60-69

RESPONSE

*Taste and see
the goodness of
the Lord.*

ACCLAMATION

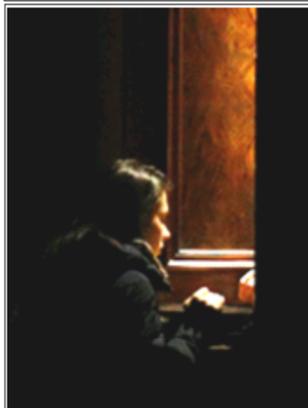
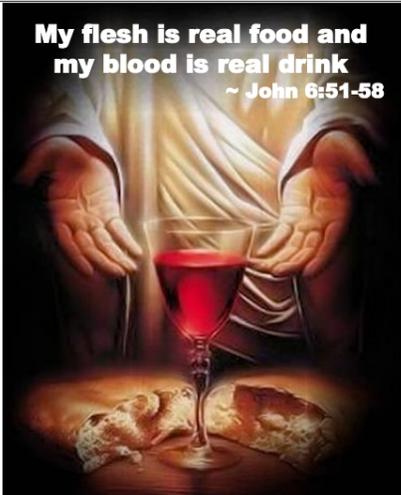
*Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord
Alleluia!*

"THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS THE FOOD THAT GIVES US LIFE FOREVER"

Today's readings stress the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfillment of the symbol of the manna in the Old Testament, is the Food that gives us life forever. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declared that the bread he gives is his Flesh. In today's Gospel, Jesus asserts that eating the living bread, himself, allows us to participate in his life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God.

Jesus emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating his body and drinking his blood – that those who have Faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. When we share in the body and blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from www.letciodivina.blogspot.com



COALITION PLAN TO FORCE CATHOLIC PRIESTS TO BREAK CONFESSIONAL SEAL

Priests would be forced to report child sexual abuse revealed in confession if the Coalition wins Victoria's state election, the Opposition's most senior Catholic MP has announced.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Response to

Child Sexual Abuse last year recommended that states introduce laws to make it a criminal offence to fail to disclose abuse revealed in the confessional.

The Andrews Government has not ruled it out, but said it wanted to first examine a uniform national approach.

Nationals Leader Peter Walsh told the ABC a Coalition Victorian government would change the law to allow information given in the confessional to be used as evidence and make it an offence to conceal abuse that was revealed in the confessional.

"Most of the people in the street, people that would be standing around talking about these issues, they

believe the rights of children, the protection of children, should be sacrosanct," Mr Walsh said.

"It is simple from a legislative point of view, it obviously changes hundreds of years of precedent, but if you go back to first principles that it is about the safety of children it's a no brainer, it just needs to be done."

Mr Walsh said legislators had a responsibility to act on the evidence from the royal commission and the preceding Victorian parliamentary inquiry into the handling of child abuse.

"We do make the laws, and I think people expect us to follow through on those recommendations out of the royal commission."

When the Andrews Government announced it was examining a national approach, many survivor groups were angry Victoria was not taking a leading stance on the issue.

The ABC understands there is strong support for change within the Labor Government, but a decision has yet to be made.

Source: www.cathnews.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Majorie Francis, Felimon Burayag, Sabina Joyce, Harry Cripps, William Kerr, Patrick Gustafson, Anne Maree De Haan, Syd Baker, Kenneth Pike, Albert Piegrosse, Dot Murfitt, Peter O'Neil, Joseph Dos Santos, Peter Klevercamp, Mary Hogan, Luke Quilligan.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin, Wendy Markby.



SUICIDE BILL DEFEATED 36-34

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP welcomed the defeat of legislation in the Senate, which would have given Australia's territories the power to legalise euthanasia. 'That the defeat came on a major Marian feast – the Feast of the Assumption – meant he felt certain that Mary had also been praying in heaven for the result, he said. The push failed on Wednesday evening by the slimmest of majorities, 36-34 votes.

'Thanks be to God 'Archbishop Fisher said shortly after being informed of the result. 'That the vote was so close shows the importance of each and every voice in building a civilisation of life, love and true dignity for the dying, and the need for us to continue to pray for our political leaders.'

After the vote, the Australian Christian Lobby thanked all senators who voted to preserve the dignity of life in the vote. They are also more optimistic the decision will positively influence outcomes in other states on the issue.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

CHURCH GROUPS RALLY TO HELP DROUGHT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Australian Catholic social services, individual parishes and dioceses have swung into action to assist regional and rural communities suffering hardship due to prolonged drought.

In light of the current crippling eastern seaboard drought affecting rural and regional communities from northern Victoria to Queensland, the Catholic Social Services Australia network has again called for a reinstatement of Federal-government support for its rural assistance and counselling programs.

Centacare CQ director Robert Sims said the situation in central west Queensland, particularly west of Alpha, is dire. Farming families are facing their fifth and sixth year of drought without an income.

'It's a very significant issue for the local communities in the central western Queensland region and while local parishes are working to assist where they can, significant government support is needed to provide longer-term assistance to farming families during the drought and once recovery commences,' Mr Sims said. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



EUCCHARIST

We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his Word and with his life.

General Audience Pope Francis 12 Feb 2014

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL 26-27 AUGUST

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.



WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

6 SEPTEMBER, 6:30PM—9PM
ST LUKE'S PARISH WANTIRNA

All New and existing Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are invited to refresh and deepen your understanding of this vital and sacred service of hospitality to be presented by Mary Ryan from the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation.

This workshop offers biblical, spiritual, and liturgical guidance for Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. SIGN-OFF SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

ARCHBISHOP WILSON TO SERVE TIME IN HOME DETENTION

Former Adelaide Archbishop Philip Wilson has avoided jail following his conviction for covering up child sexual abuse by a paedophile priest in the New South Wales Hunter region.

Newcastle Local Court magistrate Robert Stone yesterday decided Archbishop Wilson, 67, should serve his 12-month custodial sentence in home detention, not jail. Mr Stone said a report by the Gosford community corrections office found Archbishop Wilson was suitable for home detention.

He was ordered to be detained at his sister's home near Newcastle for at least six months, when he'll be eligible for parole. Mr Stone said Archbishop Wilson's detention would be under strict supervision and he would have to wear a tracking device as required.

Full report at www.cathnews.com

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 20 August—St Bernard
- 21 August—St Pius X
- 22 August—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 August—St Bartholomew

WAGES OR GIFT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - ROMANS 6:23 NIV