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Eucharist: The Food for the Journey

In the first reading we heard about Elijah who spent his life defending the faith of Israelites against the inroads of the dominant surrounding cultures. Israelites believed in a God who hears the cry of the poor, a God who liberates those caught in slavery, whereas the gods of the surrounding nations were manufactured to support the ruling powers in their position, their power and their wealth. For all his energy and commitment, Elijah longed to experience an intimate encounter with the God to whom he had dedicated his life. His name, Elijah, means 'my God is Yahweh'. To see God he decided to journey to the mountain of Moses.

Like Elijah we are also invited to recognise ourselves and to be faithful on this life journey in this beautiful world. We have to be sustained with living bread otherwise we can easily become dispirited either at our own shortcomings or at the failings of others. But we are often reminded in the scriptures, we must learn to rely not only on our own resources but on the guiding presence of God that directs our life. It is almost a necessity in our journey of faith that we come to a low point. In biblical tradition and in the church, all the heroes and heroines come to a stage where they had to acknowledge their own weakness and utter dependence on God. This does not come easily to us because it seems like a failure. In this situation Paul is telling us: 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' (2 Cor 12:9)

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of himself as life-giving bread. He is offering himself as nourishment for our souls and it is through communion with him that we experience real life. He tells us that the bread that he is giving us is his own 'flesh'. By this he means his weakness, his vulnerability, his acceptance of the human condition with its pains and disappointments, but also with its utter dependence on the Spirit of God. It is the 'flesh' that connects us. It is the 'flesh' that draws us together in our common dependence upon God. We give our 'flesh' to someone when we give ourselves in all that it means to be part of the human condition. We give our 'flesh' when we give our time, our activity, our energy, our work. We give our 'flesh' when we give our real self in all its weakness. We give our 'flesh' when we keep loving even when it causes us pain and misunderstanding, failures, and difficulties.

So here we are at various stages of our journey in this beautiful world looking towards the Promised Land. Jesus invites us to come as we are and he will give himself to us in communion. On the strength of this food we will be able to take the next step of love that will take us to our goal. The Father has drawn us here to be with his Son, coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Let us look upon him and be radiant. We think of the glory of God radiating from the face of Moses as he came down from the mountain where he had been in intimate communion with God. We think of the radiance on the face of Jesus at the transfiguration. Paul tells us that if we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus we will be transformed into his image as we reflect him, like a mirror (see 2Corinthians 3:17-18). Teresa of Avila tells us: 'Keep gazing upon him, he never takes his eyes off you.' Jesus again says "Fear not, I am with you" again today's gospel is strengthening us "This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. 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." (John 6:50-51)



Fr Thomas Away

Fr Thomas is currently away returning on 12 August. In his absence Fr George Kallumkal is helping the parish with liturgies and other pastoral needs.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal

We are grateful to our parishioners for generously supporting last weekend's appeal. Your donations make it possible for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to contribute in positive ways to many lives every year. Donations can still be made using the envelopes in the church. Thank you and may God bless you and your loved ones.



Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to reach out and support the life-saving work of Catholic Mission in Madagascar—to help provide clean water and sanitation facilities, as well as formation and spiritual support to children in desperate need. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.

Other Notices

Capuchin Franciscan Friars - Vocation Discernment Weekend. In this Year of Consecrated Life, the Capuchin Friars invite young men (18-35) who have been thinking about a vocation to priesthood or religious life to come for a live-in weekend retreat to reflect on God's call in their lives and our response to that call. Starts 7.30pm Fri, 21 August at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt and concludes with 6pm Mass on Sun, 23 August. Cost is free/optional donation. Must register at vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au, 0432 362 052. Website: <http://capuchinfriars.org.au>.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Friday 11 September at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 82 candles will be brought forward to represent the 82 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre, 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

World Youth Day Deanery Information Nights: Interested in being a part of World Youth Day in Poland? The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering four different pilgrimage options for young adults aged 18-35. Our Deanery information night is on 26 August at 7.00pm at St Felix Parish Centre (in front of La Salle College) Please RSVP at wyd@catholicyouthservices.org and for more information go to www.catholicyouthservices.org/wyd. All are welcome

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Young adults aged 18-25 are invited to travel to Adelaide in December for the 2nd Australian Catholic Youth Festival. It is estimated that over 4000 young people will be present and Catholic Youth Services have created 2 package options for Sydneysiders to travel there. Earlybird prices available until 25 August. For info email events@catholicyouthservices.org or visit www.catholicyouthservices.org

Mass for Pregnant Mothers: Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23 of August at 10:30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or ph: 9307 8404.

Volunteers Needed: St Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary are re-opening their coffee shop within the hospital. Volunteers are needed to staff the shop. For all enquiries, please call the Secretary, Margaret on 9649 1905

Parish Diary This Week!

	St Peter Chanel	St Joseph the Worker
Monday	6.45 AM Mass	
Tuesday	6.45 AM Mass	9.00 AM Mass 7.45 PM Legion of Mary (SJW Hall)
Wednesday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	
Thursday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass	9.00 -10.00 AM Playgroup in Mark Spora Room
Friday	6.45 AM Mass 9.15 AM Mass St Peter Chanel School Mass 12.30 PM Mass Trinity Catholic College Mass	12.00 PM Mass St Joseph the Worker School Mass
Saturday	8.00 AM Mass Feast - The Assumption 9.00 - 10.00 AM Adoration, Novena, Reconciliation 5.00 PM Mass	
Sunday	10.00 AM Mass	8.00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions

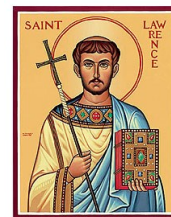
Anniversary: Joso Zivkovic

Recently Deceased: Ivan Medved

Deceased members and friends of : Ross & Mitchell Family, Erwin & O'Dwyer Family

Feasts of the Week.

10 August - St Lawrence Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.



11 August - St Clare Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.

14 August - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe: Born near Łódź (Poland) in 1894. Died at Auschwitz /Oswiecim on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.



15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

Planned Giving Program Request Form

Your contribution to the Planned Giving Program of the Parish is your appreciation for the Parish. At the end of the Financial Year you will receive a Receipt for your contributions which will enable you to claim Tax deduction. To join the Planned Giving Program fill this form, tear this part off and place it in the Sunday Collection plate

Your Name:.....

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Yes, please organise a set of envelopes.

YES/NO Tax deduction

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Yes, please organise automatic credit card deductions.

(A credit card authority form will be sent to you for completion)

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

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.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

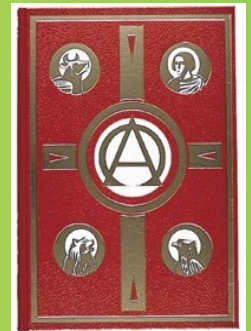
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Today's Readings

1 Kg 19:4-8
Eph 4:30-5:2
Jn 6:41-51

Next Sunday's Readings

Prov 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph the Worker Rosters - Next Week

16 AUGUST 2015		20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
MASS	VIGIL (SPC)	8AM (SJW)	10AM (SPC)
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Joseph MARMAN	Robert JAKSIC
ORGANIST	Renee SALAR	SJW YOUTH	SAMOAN
CANTOR	YOUTH CHOIR	CHOIR	CHOIR
LECTOR/S	Pam SNELL	Ken HARTMAN	Anna FACER
	Joy SKERRITT	Jenny MICHAEL	Mai VU
COMMENTATOR	Jann ROCKLIFF	Joe MOSES	Margarette NGUYEN
GIFTS	Carol MABON Family		Micheline BOTHAM Family
PIETY STALL	Margaret HEYS		John SHANLEY
SP. MINISTER	Warren RYAN		Micheline BOTHAM
SP. MINISTER	Janet RYAN		Hoa NGUYEN
HOSPITAL: Bob & Christine Kensey		ALTAR: Group 3 Helen Le Mottee; Jann Rockliff	
SPC CLEANERS: Aimee & Jun Tumapon		COUNTERS: Group 1 John Le Mottee; John Shanley	
SJW CLEANERS: Maronite Group		CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Pam Snell & Maria Jurcic	
HOSPITALITY SPC: Micheline Botham		FLOWERS: Pam Snell	



"Family that pray together stay together"

PILGRIM STATUE from St Peter Chanel at the Torkamani home,

14 Pine Rd, Auburn. Please join any evening at 7.00pm for the Rosary

To host the Pilgrim Statue from St Peter Chanel contact Mona on 9709 8701 or 0417 282 603.

ROSARY STATUE from St Joseph the Worker To host the Rosary Statue from

St Joseph the Worker contact the Legion of Mary.

Holy Mass at Berala: Monday to Friday 6.45AM & Wednesday to Friday 9.15 AM

Saturday :8.00AM, 9.00AM Adoration & Novena. **Lord's Day Mass:** Saturday 5.00PM (Vigil), Sunday 10.00AM.

Holy Mass at Auburn South: Tues 9.00AM (During school term only) **Lord's Day Mass:** Sunday 8.00 AM

Reconciliation at Berala: Saturday 9.00AM - 10.00AM.