



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

18 AUGUST 2024

## FIRST READING

Prov 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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## 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!**



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

## 20th Sunday Ordinary - 18 August 2024 - Year B

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**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9am – 3pm  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

**REFLECTION: 'Free Love'.** Since the 1970's our society has been chasing after this idea of "free love". You can have all the pleasure you want without the burden of commitment. The great Christian author GK Chesterton makes very clear the term "free love" is the ultimate contradiction as he says "Has a lover ever been free, or could a lover ever be free? Because it is the very nature of love to bind itself. Now most Christians would argue against the idea of free love in human relationships. Yet at the same time we often persist

in holding a similar idea in regard to our faith. Somehow, we believe that it is possible to love Jesus and still be free to do whatever we desire. This version of "free love Christianity" says that we can call ourselves followers of Christ and yet be in complete control of where and when and how we follow Him. We want to have the pleasure and benefit of Heaven without the unfortunate consequences of having to surrender our will to Him as well. As Chesterton would say "Let us have the fragrance of sacred purity without the sorrow of self-restraint. Let us have the splendour of offering ourselves without the power of committing ourselves." If we truly want to take up the call to follow Jesus, we need to remember that it is the very nature of love to bind itself. In choosing to receive that love of Christ I need to

surrender my whole being to Him.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meet every Monday, except for public holidays, between 7 and 8 pm in the first meeting room to the left of the Church. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ian (President) on 0428 121 152 for further information.

**VINNIES FOOD DONATION:** Thank you for a good response to our ongoing food drive via our collection box in the foyer of the Church. We are presently in need of dry-food items in line with the poster above the box. Tinned food is still welcome.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Dear Parishioners, please do not leave personal affects unattended during Mass and ensure that you collect all your items before leaving the church building.



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**RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:** 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:** Christine Rhow, Veronica-Marie, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Martin-Joseph, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Damien-Ivan, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Zoe-Anne, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Kiara-Eve, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Don Kettle.

**SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL DECLARATION:** Dear Parish Volunteers, we thank everyone who responded by filling in their Safeguarding Personal Declaration

Form. If, however, you realise that you have not completed your form, please complete and hand in the form to the Parish Office so we can submit it to the Safeguarding Office.

**PARISH UPDATE:** Dear Parishioners, I wish to advise the works in the Presbytery and Parish Office, is now an insurance matter due to water damage (failed plumbing). Work in progress.

**STATE OF THE NATION:** Dear Parishioners, I wish to update you on church expenses and income ...  
 2024 Annual Catholic Church Insurance payable 6 instalments monthly \$2625.47 each.  
 2024 Annual Archdiocesan Assessment payable 3 instalments monthly \$1247 each.  
 2024 Annual Shire Rates \$1135.17.  
 Electricity payable normal term \$1768.  
 Water payable annually \$1355.  
 Security payable monthly \$240.  
 Gardens & Grounds Maintenance payable monthly \$630.  
 Altar Bread \$126.50.  
 Candles \$211.  
 Planned Giving weekly average upto July \$1003.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you

to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Please be aware that Votive Candles are 30 Cents each. Thank you.

**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Monday night's 7-9pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday 17 to Friday 23 August**  
**Saturday 17 August**  
**9am Mass:** Ana Sevelj (RIP)  
**6pm Mass:** Peter Panizza (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
**Sunday 18 August**  
**7.30am Mass:** Pera Jerkovich (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**9am Mass:** Maria Villamagna (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**Tuesday 20 August**  
**NO MASS**  
**10am Funeral Mass**  
**1.15pm Rosary & Funeral Mass**  
**Wednesday 21 August**  
**9am Mass:** Neda Pazin & Family Intentions  
**Thursday 22 August**  
**9am Mass:** Maria Rafala (Intentions), Joao & Zulmira Correia (Anniversary)  
**Friday 23 August**  
**9am Mass:** Mariana Messias (Birthday Intentions)



**GOSPEL**

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

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.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## LIVE FOREVER

What does it mean for us to live forever, to abide in Christ and have Christ abide in us? This is the question that lingers for me. I invite you to ponder too.

The reading from Proverbs brings an invitation from Wisdom to a banquet where a question is raised: Will you leave the way of ignorance and join the way of insight? This is the only way forward to life. This snippet links to the Gospel where the Bread of Heaven discourse continues by reiterating the final sentence from last week's Gospel. We observe that 'Whoever eats of this bread [the living bread from heaven] will live forever' is replicated in the last line, 'But the one who eats this bread will live forever.' These sentences frame the 'Amen, Amen' ('I tell you solemnly') saying given in response to the Judeans dispute about eating Jesus' flesh. Life, eternal life, is only possible for those who partake of Jesus' flesh and blood.

These readings remind us how difficult it must have been for first century followers to understand fully who Jesus is and what he offered. For the Johannine community the reinterpretation of the Mosaic Law to a new understanding of the Christ causes distress. It isn't that easy for us to understand today. What we might understand is our deep need to be in communion in the body and blood of Christ in the community. How much we missed that during the pandemic. Blessed, broken, shared and given: the body of Christ, Amen.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**