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NEWSLETTER

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Over these weeks, alongside the Gospel of John's description of Jesus being the bread of life, the Church also proclaims most of the fourth and fifth chapters of Paul's letters to the Ephesians. This is one of his letters that Paul wrote while in prison. Here Paul gives numerous explanations of what it means to believe and live in Christ. This mystery has clear and tangible implications. "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received" and "put away the old self of your former way of life and be renewed in the spirit of your minds". It was expected that baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ would bring radical life changes for the early Christians.

This teaching of St Paul helps to better understand John's explanation of Jesus being bread that satisfies real, deep and lasting hungers. Let's not jump to the quality of our belief in the Eucharist just yet. Instead let's firstly focus on the person and teaching of Jesus who is a fellow human being but claims to be Son of God. He said that people were running to see him for perishable bread because he fed the 5000. But Jesus shows the crowd and ourselves that hunger has much deeper implications for the soul. It is hunger that can cause our minds and hearts to choose many things, say many things and believe many things that may satisfy us in the short term but it does not last and the hunger returns.

Once again, as Paul would say "we look to Jesus with spiritual eyes", as our friend and confidante and we grow in that friendship. We do not look to Jesus with our old eyes, as some historical figure who was obviously a great bloke but whom I don't really know. We will never have an appreciation for Eucharist and Holy Communion or any of the Sacraments for that matter if we do not firstly have an awareness, a life-giving encounter and personal friendship with Jesus. Why else would I bother with Mass and, of course as we know too well, sadly many don't. I think this is the challenge for our corner of the Church today. As well as bringing the life and message of Jesus to those who have never heard of Him, we also have to invite and introduce people to the life and message of Jesus who apparently through the Sacraments are already initiated into a living and active life with Him!

God bless,
Fr Kevin.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially June Porter and Jack Spriggs recently deceased and also for Bill Hanley, Robyn Ilett, Vincent Long, Muriel Jones, Sandra Swales, Margaret Turpin, John Fletcher, Gary Fletcher, Stan Grzegorzolka, Keith White, Patrick, Mary and Patricia O'Connell.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Patricia Desbrow, Therasa Evans, Malakai Tava, Bob King, Harold O'Connell, Imelda Lewis, Nola Fletcher.

Liturgy and Prayers this Week 2 – 8 August 2021

Monday	-	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	7:00pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00am	Mass
Friday	8:00am	Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday) 8:00am 5:30pm	Mass: Saint Mary of the Cross Children's Liturgy during 8am Mass
Readings – 1 Kings 17:8-16 Colossians 3:12-17 Matthew 6:25-34		
Reconciliation	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:15pm	
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass and 5pm	
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.	

DIARY DATE CLAIMERS 2021

Wednesday 4 August

Parish Council meet at 7:30pm

Thursday 5 August

Playgroup meet at 9.30am

Liturgy Committee meet at 5:30pm

Sunday 8 August

Children's Liturgy of the Word at

8am Mass

Baptisms at 9.30am

Tuesday 10 August

Parish Finance Council meet 7pm

Wednesday 11 August

PH – Brisbane Show Day

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

www.bulimbacatholic.com

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2021

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 children)

Celebration of Confirmation –

Tuesday 7 or Thursday 9 September



ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS - the 'Check in QLD app' is now mandatory for Places of Worship. All visitors and volunteers need to be checked in via the app. Simply scan the QR code for the parish as shown on the flyers at the church doors. Once this is completed, please show this to the marshal on the door. *For those who do not have a smart phone, please check in with the Marshal at Mass or ask someone to check you in on their phone as a guest.* THANK YOU

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Giving App** - <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)

The **CATHOLIC LEADER** August issue is now available at the church doors. Please place your money in the poor box.

CAN YOU HELP? Male person, neat, reliable and personable, of refugee-like experience currently working at Regis Aged Care facility in Bulimba is seeking offer of a granny flat or share-house accommodation close to work/public transport/walk/ride bike. Short term only (3-4 months). Can pay modest contribution of \$100 only per week. If you can help, please contact Gerry Crooks at the parish office (3399 2386).



2021 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

SAVE THE DATE- the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN** will be held across the weekend of 21 and 22 August. By

supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign, our combined gifts can be a blessing to so many. Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests, and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.

A fellow was late for an important meeting but couldn't find a place to park. In desperation, he begins to pray. "Please Lord, if you help me find a parking spot right now, I promise to go to Church every Sunday and never drink again!" A moment later, he sees an empty spot right next to the entrance. "Never mind. Found one!"

Sts Peter and Paul's School runs a **SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM** for students in the early years. The Program is designed to develop reading skills and enhance literacy acquisition and relies on volunteers from the Parish and School communities. Reading is conducted on the Good Samaritan Hall Veranda and is held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:50pm to 2:55pm. This program relies on volunteers to be able to continue, so why not come and support our students by being a part of this valuable program. Volunteers will need to complete mandatory training and those who aren't parents of the school will also need a Volunteer Blue Card. If you can help on any of the days, please contact Mary Clarris by email mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office.



CATHOLICS FOR REFUGEES – *"Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women and men who leave or who are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate*

desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more." **(Pope Francis)**. Catholics for Refugees is a new movement of people made up of parishes, schools, community groups, Religious Orders and individuals who are committed to the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and who know it is time to change the way we treat refugees and people seeking asylum. Almost everything about Australia's treatment of refugees and asylum seeker families runs contrary to the Gospel, Catholic social teachings and our own hearts. That's why so many Catholics have decided it is time we got together and took action to change the way we treat the world's most vulnerable people. We know it's time to listen to the whisperings of our heart, the leadership of Pope Francis and the call of our God to get informed, get connected and get organised to use our voices for those who have no voice. For more information, contact Sts Peter & Paul's Social Justice group and check out the official website <https://catholicsforrefugees.org.au/>

ABORIGINAL CHILDREN'S DAY – 4 August - National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was officially instigated in 1988 and was set against the backdrop of protests by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their supporters during the bicentennial year. The theme for 2021 is *Proud in Culture, Strong in Spirit*. The date – 4th August – was chosen as it was the date historically used to celebrate communally the birthdays of children taken from their families at a young age (the Stolen Generations), without knowing their actual birthday. Children's Day focuses on themes such as poverty and education access, and celebrates a child's strengths, pride and culture. "We want [Aboriginal kids] to flourish, achieve their greatest potential and enjoy the same quality of life as all other Australian children," said Murial Blamblett, chair of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOCATION VIEW: "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst". Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life – Your very Self in the Eucharist'. Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Pray for Vocations. To speak to someone about your vocation please telephone the Vocations Office on 1300 133 544.



TWO MINUTE HOMILY by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

PLENARY COUNCIL *Fan the Flame* Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." (Matthew 28:16-20). The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want". www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

GOING DEEPER This is an online ten-session series exploring the heart of our Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. To find out more and how to enrol, contact formation@bne.catholic.net.au

MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

GATHERING SONG

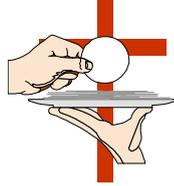
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

REFRAIN

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.



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PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people
of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim
your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

OUR BLESSING CUP

REFRAIN

*Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of Christ;
And the bread we break,
it is a sharing in the body of the Lord*

How can we make a return for all the goodness
God has shown?
We will take the cup of life, and call upon God's name.

Precious indeed in your sight the life and death of
those you love.
We are your servants, for you have set us free.

Gracious and merciful God,
we give you thanks and bless your name:
with all your people, praise and glory to your name.

For you have heard my voice,
for you have heard my pleading.
Though death surrounded me,
you heard and answered me.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

CHORUS

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up
on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is my flesh
for the life of the world,
And you who eat of this bread,
You shall live for ever,
You shall live for ever.



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