GOSPEL: John 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

World Rosary

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. To sign up for the email feed to http://holyleagueofnations.com

Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. We have been doing regular novena prayers to St Joseph, Eileen O Conner etc via Facebook a new one is posted every couple of weeks. The link is https://www.facebook.com/ OZROSARY53/



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil), Sunday: 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

Nursing Home Masses

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona.

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:54

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

This weeks readings - Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel - John 6:51-58

Next Weekend: 21st Sun Ord Time - Year B. Readings Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; Gospel - John 6:60-69.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 19 August 2018

WYD Fundraiser

Students from Lasalle Bankstown will be selling chocolates and raffle tickets after masses this weekend & next weekend, to assist their journey to World Youth Day in Panama 2019. Chocolates are \$1 to \$2.50 in price and Raffle tickets are \$2. The first prize in the raffle draw is a Toyota Yaris. We would very much like to thank you for your support as we prepare for our pilgrimage to Panama.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29th of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org.

Working With Children Checks Update

Working With Children Checks are a legal requirement for anyone who works or volunteers with children other than their own. WWCC's expire after five years. For any volunteers who hold a Working With Children Check if your details have changed since you applied for your WWC number please update your contact details so a reminder can be sent to you when it's time to renew.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Steven James McMaugh; Nguyen Thuy Phuong; Giuse Do Van Vien **Anniversary:** Maria Cynthia Joanne Ha; Cornelius Roy Afrian; Yolande & Pierre Crouche; France Esther; Linda Clark; Mac Nguyen Quang; Pasqale Suriano; Natale Rosaria; Suriano Michele; Ruffa Immacolata.

Deceased: Giuse To Tham Oanh; Maria Ngo Thi Hoa; Giuse Binh; Giuse Chien. **Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole: Andrew Nguyen.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 26/8/18 Group 4: Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Denice Severi, Bach Lam *(Florist)*

St Vincent de Paul: 26/8/18 J Obeid 2/9/18 Andrew Nguyen

Church Cleaners: 24/8/18: Mai Hai Children's Liturgy: 26th August - Donna

Weekend Choirs: 26/8 Saturday 6pm - Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - Vietnamese Choir. 6pm - St Mary Mackillop Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm 19 AUG	GUST 8am	10am	6pm
С	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef
М	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo
26 AUGUST				
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Jennifer Nguyen	Kenneth Gan
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
М	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
М	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf

The Eucharist.

Our faith teaches us that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus himself is present to us. Through the actions of the Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. This is what we mean by the word transubstantiation. Jesus makes himself present to all who receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

If there are children in your family who have already celebrated their First Communion, invite them to share their memories of this special day. If you have family photos from this occasion, bring them out and share them. Adults in the family may also share memories or photos of their First Communion. Then read together today's Gospel, John 6:51-58. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he calls himself the "living bread." Recall that every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus keeps the promise he made in today's Gospel. Perhaps family members can share what it means for them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Together, thank God for this gift of Holy Communion. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's psalm.

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Feasts of the Week

20 August – St Bernard, abbot, doctor. Memorial.

Born near Dijon (France) in 1090. Died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spiritu-ality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings. Remembered as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

21 August - St Pius X, pope. Memorial.

Born Giuseppe Sarto at Riese (Italy) in 1835. Died at Rome on 20 August 1914. Elected pope in 1903, after being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice. In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrat-ed. Remembered for his poverty and for his promo-tion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22 August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial.

This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became gueen of heaven and earth.

24 August - St Bartholomew, apostle. Feast.

Named in the list of apostles and generally identified with Nathaniel of Cana, the "Israelite without guile" (John 1:47) who was led to Jesus by the apostle Philip (3 May). Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

Conference for all Catholic men!

Holiness is for everyone, not just priests and religious! All men (married, single, divorced) are called to be spiritual leaders in their families, workplaces, parishes and communities. Don't make this journey alone! Come to the inaugural Australian Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday 1 September this year! Includes great speakers, lunch, Mass with Auxillary Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the chance to connect with other Catholic men. Only \$48 per person (early bird) or \$60 (standard). For full details and to book visit www.trybooking.com/vdgl Numbers limited to 100 – be quick!

Plenary Council

Did you know that the 2020 Plenary Council is different to Parish 2020? Parish 2020 is an Archdiocese of Sydney project looking at how parishes can continue to operate and collaborate together. The 2020 Plenary Council is a national project providing a platform for a broad scale discussion among parishes and Catholics across the country concerning the future of the Church in Australia and what you think God is asking of us at this time. If you are interested in getting actively involved, speak with your parish priest or contact us directly at plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org