



24-25th of August 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Liturgical Year B

READINGS

First

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Resp. Psalm

Ps 34:1-2, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22

Second

Ephesians 4.32-5.2, 21-32

Gospel

John 6:60-69

HYMNS

Entrance

Praise the Holiest In The Height GA 410

Psalm

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Offertory

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful
GA 429

Communion

The Call , R. Vaughan Williams
A New Commandment I Give Unto You
GA 318

Recessional

Hail Redeemer King Divine GA 390

Postlude

Trumpet Tune, Purcell

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THIS MONTH'S

POPE'S PRAYER



For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

Recently Deceased:

Gordon Murray, Graham Boyle, Edna Mary East, Peter John Henry, and Margaret Scholes

Anniversary of Death:

Irene (Tim) Harding

Special Mass Intention:

Barry Kelleher, Matthew & Maurice Moloney.

If you have a prayer intention for the deceased, or a family member or friend is sick, please contact the Parish Office to arrange a priest to pray or visit.

WHAT'S ON

Every Tuesday – Friday

8.00am Mass

8.30am Rosary

Every Saturday

9.00am Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Every Sunday

8.30am Mass

9.30am Reconciliation

10.00am Mass

1st Sunday of the Month

11.00am Curious Grace

1st Friday of the Month

6.00pm Adoration Hour

Contact the Parish Office for any enquiries about parish events.



ROSARY

AFTER WEEKDAY MASS

Join us after the daily Mass at 8.00am in praying the Rosary together.

NEW TO ST CANICE'S? REGISTER WITH US TO STAY IN TOUCH



READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you
all the day long.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 (NRSV)

A reading from the book of Joshu

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, "If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 34.1-2, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **R.**

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. **R.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4.32-5.2, 21-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Beloved, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour; without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind- yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69: (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." When many of his disciples heard this, they said: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, as we mark today's Social Justice Sunday in the Church with it's theme, Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World, we like Joshua and Peter put our trust in God whose message is one of eternal life.

1. We pray for our world fed with lies which breed violence and war, that the cries for peace, coming from so many parts of the world, will pierce the heavens and rain down a flood of justice.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that we will put our trust in the One God as did Joshua and his people, and hunger for the word and Bread of Jesus as did Peter and his companions.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for politicians and leaders of factions and terrorist groups, that the heart-felt desires of citizens for peace and harmony will move their consciences to devote their energy to peacemaking.

.Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God we offer to you our broken world that your Son, Jesus, our Truth, will heal, forgive, restore, and rebuild every human heart to become channels of his grace and peace for the sake of all humanity, he who lives and reigns forever and ever.



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Father David Braithwaite SJ
St Canice's Kitchen



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1 September 2024

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Child abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you—or anyone you know—have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.