



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST 2021

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The question of the crowds "Rabbi, when did you come here?" has to do with time and place. They address Jesus as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. His response to their question introduces a discussion about bread. This opens up for readers through the ages a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. We have become so familiar with many of the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements or the constructed environment in the text and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life. We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities. Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. In these troubled times of pandemic, those hungering for life sustaining bread can rightly expect to find their hunger satisfied.

We welcome Rev. Alex Chow to the Cathedral Parish this week. Alex joins us as he returns to Melbourne after completing his studies at the Beda, Pontifical College in Rome, where he has been studying for the priesthood.

Alex was born and raised in Brunei from a Chinese/Malay background. He came to Australia for tertiary studies and stayed to work using his scientific skills and background.

Alex was Ordained a Deacon in the midst of the Covid lockdown last year here at St Patrick's Cathedral with only 5 people present including himself. Alex will be Ordained to the Priesthood on 11/09/21, Covid restrictions permitting. Alex will continue at the Cathedral after Ordination.

I am sure you will make Alex most welcome and keep him in your prayers as he journeys towards Priesthood.

Fr Werner Utri

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate The Most Reverend Bishop Martin Ashe and the Most Reverend Anthony Ireland on the occasion of their Episcopal Ordination, yesterday here at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Bishop Martin Ashe, was born in Kinsale County Cork in Ireland and grew up in Killarney County Kerry. He came to Melbourne after Ordination and has served in a number of Parishes, including Hadfield, Clayton, Blackburn, Sunbury and Mernda, he held specialist appointments as a staff member at Corpus Christi Seminary, Director of Ministry to Priests, Vocations Director and for a time the Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region.

Bishop Anthony Ireland grew up in Caulfield here in Melbourne and worked for 6 years before entering Corpus Christi Seminary in 1981. After Ordination he served in a number of parishes including, Grovedale and Torquay, Mentone, Sandringham, Langwarrin, Frankston and more recently Doncaster. Over the years he has undertaken further studies in Rome in Moral and Spiritual Theology and held a number of specialist appointments in the Diocese, as staff member and then Rector of Corpus Christi Seminary, Episcopal Vicar for Health and Aged Care and Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region.

As Auxiliary Bishops here in Melbourne, Bishop Ashe has been appointed to the Western Region and Bishop Ireland to the Southern Regions of the Archdiocese.

Please keep them both in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their lives of ministry in the Church of Melbourne.

TODAY'S LITURGY—YEAR B

Entrance Hymn CWBII 651

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat,
come give to us O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when You call your family Lord,
we follow and rejoice. Refrain
With joyful lips we sing to you,
our praise and gratitude,
that you should count us worthy Lord,
to share this heavenly food. Refrain
Is not the cup we bless and share
the blood of Christ out poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
our oneness in the Lord? Refrain
The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell;
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. Refrain
You give yourself to us O Lord,
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name
in truth and charity. Refrain

Text: Omer Westendorf 1916-1997

Entrance Antiphon Ps 67:6-7,36

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

1st Reading Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4,23-25,54
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

2nd Reading Ephesians 4:17,20-24
Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.

Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt. 4:4

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

Gospel John 6:24-35
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(All bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. **(Continue)**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Communion Hymn

CWBII 596

Shepherd of souls, in love come feed us.
Life-giving bread for hungry hearts.
To those refreshing waters lead us where dwells that grace Your
peace imparts. May we, the wayward in Your fold, by Your
forgiveness rest consoled.
Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,
strengthen each branch with life divine.
Ever in You O may we flourish, fruitful the branches of the vine.
Lord, may our souls be purified so that in Christ we may abide.
Sinful are we who stand before You worthy of You is Christ alone.
So in Christ's name do we implore You;
rich are mercies You have shown,
then are our hearts made pure like Thine.
Following You, O Lord, Who led them,
multitudes thronged the mountainside; filled with compassion,
Lord, You fed them, fed them with loaves You multiplied.
Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray: life-giving bread give us
this day.
Help us, dear Lord, prepare a dwelling worthy of You
Who made us all; cleanse Thou our hearts, our guilt dispelling,
purify us who heed Your call.
'Take this and eat' were words You said, so we have gathered for
this bread.

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Organist: Dion Henman

Cantors: James Emerson

Entrance Hymn	CWBII 651 You satisfy the hungry heart
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54 The Lord gave them bread from heaven. CWB 127
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia! CWBII 43
The Lord's Prayer	CWB 14a & 15
Kyrie	CWB 5 Mass XVI
Gloria	CWB 5 Mass XVI
Preparation of the Offerings	Organ music

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL MASSES.

Monday to Friday 7.00am and 1.00pm Mass

Saturday 8.00am
6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am
9:30am
11.00am- Televised Mass on C31
6:30pm.

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11am Masses are live streamed on CAM

Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH
TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Creator Spirit,
We see in St Joseph a
tenderness and reverence
for all your creation.

We learn from him to
approach others justly and
tenderly, and to see our
world as endowed with the
glory of God.

Teach us to love one another
and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.



Image: Saint Joseph and the Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)

READER'S ROSTER

Weekend Masses 31 July and 1 August

Saturday 6.00pm

Martina Chin & Vanessa Sammy

Sunday 8:00am

Robert Muldeary & Joanna Peter

9:30am

Florence Luk & Maurine Phelan

11:00am

Wendy Carlos

6:30pm

Arnold Jordan & Ingrid V Dijken

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 2 August - St Peter Faber

(Memorial)

Tuesday 3 August - St Dominic

(Memorial)

Wednesday 4 August -

St John Mary Vianney (Memorial)

Friday 6 August -

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

Saturday 7 August - St Sixtus II

St Cajetan

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

Assistant Priest

Rev Trevor Tibbertsma

Cathedral Master of Ceremonies

Priest in Residence

Rev Zaher Mhanna

Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital

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Nadhun Buthpiyiya

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<https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal
Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

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Your presbytery and church contribution supports the priests of the Cathedral with the running of the Cathedral parish, maintenance and operation of the day to day costs associated with the presbytery and Cathedral.

Thank you for your generosity.

www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Anne Poole, Paul Bartkowicz and Alex Anderson and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Theresa D'Lazarus, Jean Audrey Matthews and Giuseppina Iaconis.

May they be welcomed into the heavenly banquet.

HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM