

ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

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Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2021

READINGS

EIGHTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Psalm 78

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel John 6:24-35 6:30-34

'Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: C Jordan

COMMENTATOR: R Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: K Karl

COLLECTOR: A Fernandes

DATA PROJECTOR: D Chipman

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2021

READINGS

NINETEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel John 6:41-51

'I am the living bread come down from Heaven.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: K Brydon

COMMENTATOR: R Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: R Brydon

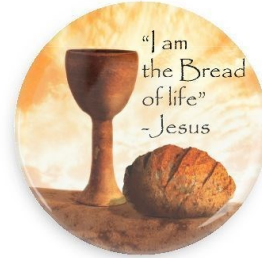
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“I am the bread of life”

Today’s first reading and the Gospel highlight the survival needs of a human person. Jesus speaks about the food that perishes and the food that endures. Jesus wants us to desire the food for the soul, as we desire food for our stomach. He wants us to seek spiritual nourishment that can fulfil our emotional and human hunger rather than mere physical nourishment.

Jesus becomes the bread in the New Testament as the giver of life. But the people fail to perceive the true meaning of the signs and miracles of Jesus and they look for more bread that can fulfil their physical hunger. People consider only the material aspect of the miracle and fail to reflect on its significance. They could not see Jesus as the saviour, liberator, and life-giver because they were hungry for earthly things. The physical hunger of the people made them spiritually blind. In today’s world, apart from mere physical and material hunger, people are starving for love, peace, forgiveness, care, justice, accompaniment, etc. Today, Jesus invites us to trust him and believe in him who is the eternal life-giver who can alleviate all the earthly hunger and can give us the desire for spiritual food. Are we hungry today? What are we hungry for in life? How can we be an instrument to fulfil our fellow brethren’s hunger?

Dear Lord, grant us the wisdom and grace that we may desire and seek the spiritual food that endures and nourishes our souls and spirits. Father Vally



CWL THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who supported us and enjoyed the soup after Mass, in June & July. My very grateful thanks to all our wonderful soup chefs and helpers. It wouldn't have been possible without your amazing support. A rough estimate of money raised for our chosen charity... 'Gianna's Choice' (a home in Pukekohe for single pregnant young women) is approximately \$300, as well as over \$200 from the weekly cake Raffle, which I also thank you for faithfully supporting. I'll advise the total amount raised after our next Meeting on 6th August. God bless you all. Kay Brydon—CWL President

TODAY –SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

ST PASCHAL'S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Please join us for a shared lunch after Mass today to celebrate our Patron Saint.

AUGUST MEETINGS

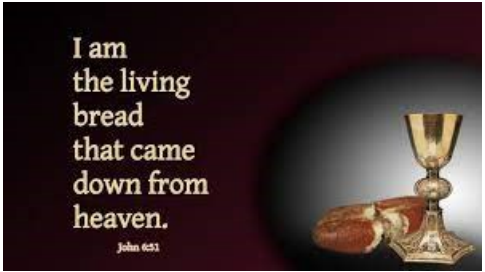
CWL—FRIDAY 6TH AFTER 10AM MASS

PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 10TH AUGUST AT 7.30PM

As is usual in John’s Gospel, the text today contrasts things of the world that cannot last with the things of heaven that last eternally. What feeds our bodies is transitory; what feeds our souls is that which is our real sustenance. Make time each day this week to reflect on the real nourishment you yearn for. What truly sustains your life?

'The Jews' of this gospel are having great difficulty in accepting Jesus' origins. They have seen the abundant feast which is promised when the Messiah comes; they have seen the signs that God worked through Jesus and he has told them he is the bread that came down from heaven. But still they are trapped in their earthly reality and cannot move beyond it into the mystery of God present among them. For 'the Jews' the gift which God gave is the Law. They cannot move into the new reality that Jesus has surpassed this and offers something greater - his flesh for the life of the world. It is through his death and resurrection that salvation will be won. The final line of this text is the lead into the climax of the discourse which will shock the crowd in next week's gospel.



DID YOU KNOW?
 John's Gospel contains several 'I am' sayings. When God revealed his name to Moses at the burning bush he called himself 'I am who I am'. Jesus' use of this term is a pointer to his true identity as Son of God. The 'manna' of the desert experience is indeed a real phenomenon. It is a highly nutritious substance which forms in the early morning possibly from the secretions of beetles which feed on the tamarisk plant.

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
 After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Holy Rosary Series
 A six session series to learn about the history, the prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands-on teaching to make your own Rosary - Sunday 2pm - 4pm (\$15 pp per session includes all rosary making materials and afternoon tea)
 Sun 8 Aug | Sun 12 Sep | Sun 3 Oct | Sun 14 Nov | Sun 12 Dec
 Come to one, some or all. Contact rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com to register or for more info.



There will be **TRAINING** for Readers and Ministers of the Holy Eucharist after Mass on Sunday 22nd August. This is for current and new ministers.

MINISTERS – 15th August 2021

GREETER: E Leonard
COMMENTATOR: D Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Brandon F
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: K Brydon
COLLECTOR: T Finan
DATA PROJECTOR: Bradley Fernandes

MINISTERS – 22nd August 2021

GREETER: M Lynch
COMMENTATOR: D Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: R Hicks
COLLECTOR: S Crooymans
DATA PROJECTOR: R Fernandes

READINGS – 15th August 2021

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Apocalypse 11:19;12:1–6,10
Psalm 45
Corinthians 15:20–26
Gospel Luke 1:39–56



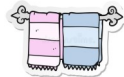
READINGS – 22nd August 2021

TWENTY FIRST WEEK ORDINARY TIME
Joshua 24:1–2,15–18
Psalm 34
Ephesians 5:21–32
Gospel John 6:60–69



CHURCH LINEN

AUG P Hayward
SEPT C Jordan



FLOWERS

WE 7th Aug F Aralar
WE 14th Aug D Chipman
WE 21st Aug J Clark



If you have an app on your mobile phone please scan the QR code here every time you come to Church.



Aug 2 Fay Hayward
3 Jocelyn Patterson
4 Stella Hicks
5 Deb Clark
8 Trish Leonard
9 Una Gasson
Carmel Welch
13 John Gasson

If you would like newsletters emailed please contact Alice Douglas on alice@imada.co.nz

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers, are recovering from surgery or are terminally ill: Caitlin McMurtry, Fay Hayward, Maureen Smedley, Mary Speedy, Rodney Garrett, Gina Ryan, Emma Blake.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of August: Valerie Finan, Mike Speedy, Frank Blackmore, Velma Harris, Marlane Marshall.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.