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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023

READINGS

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Deuteronomy 8:2–3,14–16

Psalm 147B

1Corinthians 10:16–17

Gospel John 6:51–58

*'My flesh is real food and my blood is
real drink.'*



GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: L Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023

READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1Exodus 19:2–6

Psalm 100

2Romans 5:6–11

Gospel Matthew 9:36–10:8

*'The harvest is plentiful but the workers
are few.'*



GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

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MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Croymans & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

This passage today comes after Jesus has fed the multitudes with five barley loaves and two fish but in his explanation of this sign, Jesus refers to himself as 'living bread', 'bread from heaven', which gives eternal life. The ancestors who followed Moses out of Egypt had been sent manna from heaven to nourish them in the desert, but they had died. The food that Jesus offers – himself – will lead to life! As is typical in John's Gospel, this text can be read on two levels. The words spoken by Jesus would have been shocking to those who heard them. For the Jewish people, to eat flesh and drink blood was unthinkable; it was abhorrent. Jewish dietary laws forbade the eating of flesh with blood in it. Blood was the symbol of the life of the creature. At the end of the Flood story in Genesis, God gives to humans all the plants and animals of the Earth as food for them 'with the exception: you must not eat flesh with life, that is to say blood, in it'. Now here is Jesus saying that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have life. In the continuation of this Gospel passage, many turned away from Jesus at hearing him say this. Jesus then asks the disciples if they too will leave him. Peter answers on their behalf with a wonderful acclamation of faith, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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What a wonderful Thanksgiving Mass and lunch we had on 28th May—lovely to have some of Robert's family join us. To see some more of the photo's taken, go to the link above, which is available until 30th June.

First Friday of the Month Mass Devotion
 The devotion of the nine First Fridays of the month continues on Friday 7th July. Please see the handouts in the foyer for more details.

Bread is the 'staff of life': that which sustains us. Along with water, it is the most basic of staples: simple, nourishing, satisfying. But Jesus is offering more than ordinary bread. He is offering that which will sustain, not only in this life, but will lead to eternal life. Each time you gather for a meal this week with family or friends, make a special blessing of the food that you will share.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

God uses this analogy to highlight the fact that there are a lot of persons who need to be cared for and brought to God.

And in His observation, Jesus reveals something unusual about the ways of God. One might have expected Jesus to respond to the shepherd-less sheep by presenting Himself, the Good Shepherd. "Hey, today's your lucky day. I just happen to be a really Good Shepherd. No more aimless wandering for you." Instead, he asks the disciples to pray for shepherds, otherwise known as laborers when the sheep are referred to as the harvest. Jesus reveals that we are not just recipients of God's goodness, but are invited actively to participate in His goodness. Christ engages us in a personal relationship, and makes of us ministers.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

20TH JUNE 2023

This is a day to work on Building a Future for All. This year the focus is on the Rohingya Crisis in Myanmar, reminding us of the terrible reality that thousands of people are faced with every day, and challenging us to think about what we can do to ensure their inclusion in the construction of the future.

2023 CHURCH LIFE SURVEY NZ

Our Parish, St Paschal's, is part of this nationwide survey of church attenders. This is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders. It only takes 10-15 minutes and we will have paper copies available to fill out at Mass on Sunday 25th June. There are two other ways to complete the questionnaire online by either going to the following link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H27MPS3DEERDPSBP64KNXYYZ/en-rc>

Or try this QR code by using the camera app on your smart phone and tapping on the link provided.



MINISTERS – 25th June 2023

GREETER: Eileen Leonard
 COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman
 COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Eileen Leonard & Alice Douglas
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 2nd July 2023

GREETER: Colleen Jordan
 COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: J Reynolds
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Laurel Blakey & Kay Brydon
 DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

READINGS – 25th June 2023**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:10-13
 Psalm 69
 2Romans 5:12-15
 Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

READINGS – 2nd July 2023**Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

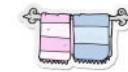
2Kings 4:8-11,14-46
 Psalm 89
 2Romans 6:3-4,8-11
 Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

FLOWERS

W/E 17/6 Laurel Blakey
 W/E 24/6 F Croymans
 W/E 1/7 F Chaplow

**CHURCH LINEN**

JUNE L Hayward
 JULY F Croymans



**Parish Council Meeting—Thursday
 15th June @ 7pm**



CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH
 MONTH—next on 2nd July



June 12 Frances Chaplow
 15 Yvonne Schouten
 19 Phoebe Main

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of June: Mary Leonard,
 Rodney Garrett, Fred Laurich, Arthur Blake, Michael Hopkins, Dot Kiely, Algar Bath.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.