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Masses:
Weekend:
Sat. 6.00pm Vigil
Sun. 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm
(Chisholm) 9.30am

Weekday:
Monday - Saturday 9.00am
(Hospital Chapel - Thursday 10.45am )

Reconciliation:
Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am

Exposition and Benediction:
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am

Special Monthly Masses:
First Friday 6.30pm Exposition and Mass
First Saturday 9am Anointing of the Sick
First Saturday 6pm Youth Mass
Third Sunday 9.30am Youth Mass

Baptisms:
1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays monthly 11am

Marriages:
By appointment

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
16th August, 2015

This gospel passage continues the ‘Bread of Life’ discourse that we have been following through the Gospel of John for a few weeks now. It overlaps with the reading from last week with Jesus announcing that his flesh is the ‘bread of life’. Not surprisingly, the Jewish audience is horrified by the idea of eating human flesh. Jesus drives his point home further with his audience by also referring to the drinking of blood. In Jewish tradition, even to touch blood made a person ritually unclean. Any meat that was to be eaten had to be drained of blood, according to kosher rules. The words used by Jesus in this passage are so confronting that they cannot possibly be taken literally. It is a complete overstatement of the image to try to make sure that a literal interpretation is impossible.

When the gospel writer has Jesus speaking about eating his flesh and drinking his blood he is drawing on a very old image of eating and drinking as representing ‘absorbing’; or ‘comprehending’; or ‘understanding’ the message of the speaker. In this ancient understanding, to ‘eat the flesh’ of Jesus is to take into yourself and accept everything that Jesus stands for; everything that Jesus teaches; everything that Jesus believes. It is an act of faith. When we received Christ in the Eucharist, is this the depth of significance and purpose with which we take communion? Unmistakably, this passage points us to the Christian sacrament of Eucharist. The practice of sharing Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus was already well established in the Christian communities by the time this gospel was written and throughout this extended discourse on the ‘Bread of Life’ the author provides a direct link between the practice of Eucharist and the teachings of Jesus.

Rest In The Love Of Your God

Each of us at times can be like the crowd in this Sunday’s Gospel – unhappy with something that Jesus has said, ill at ease with some aspect of our faith, challenged by his standards of loving. Instead of discussing this with others, or arguing it over in your own mind, bring it before Jesus. Allow yourself to fully disclose to him all your misgivings and negative views. Then sit and listen with the heart to what he may have to say.

Sr K Harris OSB www.prayasyoucan.com.au
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6
Come and eat, my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20
Be watchful that you know the will of God.

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

GOSPEL: John 51-58
My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Deceased:
Please pray for the recently deceased Bong Esquerra, Carol Peare, Bob Calio, (Anniversaries of Presentation Perez, Patricia Kearney, Jean Spice) as well as Sam Grech, Joe Grech, Veronica Butler, James Spiteri, Jim Nagle, Joseph Bugija, Maryann Bugija, Renato Camilleri, Josephine Falzon, Joseph Bartolo, Maria Bartolo, Vittoria Bartolo, Saviour Bartolo and Joseph Teuma.

Sick:
Please pray for Sue Moses, Sally Vigors, Rose Carpini, Michael Bailey, Sandra Vaughan, Jeff Maloney, Roy Millar, Dane and Maria Banovic, Diane Moussa, Charlie Sciberras, Cheryl Manahan, Joe Farrugia, Letitia Esquerra, Jean Beech, Richard Hargreaves, Ivor Williams, Cecelia Moussa, Fely Watkins, Corey Gavin, Jacob Ryley, Alana Swanson, Catherine Di Domizio, Bev Hayes, Dragica Banovic, Rocco and Letizia Romeo, Aniella Franz, Judy Dallas, John Cuda, Mary-Anne Packett, Derek Davies, Paul Thompson, Louise Thomas, Ester Maribeo, Rita Taylor and Joseph Zahra.

175 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
DINNER DANCE TICKETS
The Dinner Dance is being held at Windsor RSL Club, on Friday, 25th September starting with champagne at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale at the cost of $70 per person. They can be purchased from either Di Wilson or Judy in the Parish Office during office hours.

RAFFLE TICKETS
First prize is a $1500 Travel Voucher, 2nd Prize is an Oasis Membership and 3rd Prize is a $500 Myer Gift Card. Remember you have to be in it to win it. Tickets are being sold at $5 each or why not buy a book of 10 for $50? The winners will be drawn at the Dinner Dance.

ATTACHED IS A “SAVE THE DATE” SHEET WHICH EXPLAINS ALL THE CELEBRATIONS WE HAVE IN STORE. SO, SAVE THE DATES.

THE FINANCE MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST AT 9.45AM IN THE PARISH HOUSE.

CHISHOLM MASS
30 Collith Avenue Bligh Park
Mass is held every Sunday at 9.30am and they have morning tea after every Mass. All are most welcome. Bring a friend.

Date to remember: 20th September
The next Genesis Youth Mass.

SACRAMENTAL CORNER:
Reconciliation
If you have a child in Year 3 or older that has been baptised, they are eligible to receive their First Reconciliation. To enrol your child in the Sacramental Programme, there will be two parent meetings at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 18th August in Chisholm Primary School and at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 19th August in St Matthew’s Church.
Parents need only attend one of the meetings.

CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY
Wedding Anniversary Mass
Couples who are married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and any year over, are especially invited to celebrate their journey with other couples and family members at 11am Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 20th September, 2015. Very Reverend Peter Williams is hoping that those celebrating will be his special guests at this event. He will be the Principal Celebrant and will host lunch following Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 4577 3073 to register your names by 11th September, 2015; or call CatholicCare Social Services on 9933 0222 or email marriage@ccss.org.au.
This weekend we are invited to consider the service we can provide in this parish. What are your gifts that you would like to cultivate and share with others in Parramatta?

Might it be as:
- Acolyte, Senior server, Altar server, Reader, Communion minister,
- Minister to the sick, Catechist (SRE), Children’s Sunday Liturgy, Music ministry, Youth group, Hospitality, Social justice e.g. St Vincent de Paul, RCIA program, Church cleaning, Monday Club, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation preparation and Community outreach e.g. bereavement, single parents.

Or perhaps you have skills and would be able to assist the parish with:
- Maintenance, Plumbing, Electrical, Building/Construction, Finance, Fundraising, Lawn mowing, Communication e.g. social media, Catering, Cleaning, Office admin/Secretarial, Gardening or Other

We would love to hear from you. Sign up to a ministry after Mass or drop into the Parish Office or write us an email (smcco@tpg.com.au). Did you receive a parish brochure this week? It showcases our parish..... If not contact the parish office 4577 3073.

Parishioners are reminded that the PARISH INFORMATION NIGHT is this Monday 17th August from 7.30 - 8.30pm in the parish hall. Supper and child minding will be provided. We will come together as a community to learn about our parish and to look at a vision for our parish. Spread the word - bring a neighbour, friend or another family member! We look forward to seeing you there. Enquiries 4577 3073.

WEEKLY ADORATION
Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Rouse Hill would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners to come and take part in their weekly adoration. They will be collating a weekly schedule to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is accompanied throughout the whole duration of the Adoration which will be exposed from 9.30am (after morning Mass) until 7.30pm on Monday through to Friday. You are welcome to commit to a particular half hour each week or just one off. This is to be done via an online form at http://goo.gl/forms/yl5mLVQ4eT

For any questions, contact Our Lady of the Angels Parish Office or directly to faithestera14@gmail.com

OTHER DIOCESAN NEWS

⇒ **Housing Affordability 'Table Talks' Session: 19 August**
Join the diocesan Family & Life Office and Social Justice Office for an evening of ‘Table Talks’ on the topic of Affordable Housing. This event will highlight the moral and social justice dimensions of housing affordability. Wednesday 19 August from 7pm-8.30pm followed by supper. Institute for Mission (downstairs), 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP to bsmith@parra.catholic.org.au or lmckeogh@parra.catholic.org.au

⇒ **Bereavement Support Programme: 2nd September**
CCSS Solo Parent Services is commencing a fortnightly Bereavement Support Program for men or women who have suffered the death of their spouse or long term partner. The first session is an Introduction and Overview of the Program, so please come along and see if this is for you. Commencing: Wednesday 2nd September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Venue: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Cost: $5.00 per session. Registration: Eileen Ph. 99330205 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

⇒ **Morning Tea: 15th September**
Catholic Social Services Western Sydney are having a morning tea. Please see the noticeboard for details of how to register.

⇒ **Marriage Is Under Attack**
Join the Rosary Crusade in support of natural marriage. Go to RosaryCrusade.org.au to make your rosary pledge and join the crusade or call 0403 788 218.

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Whoever East This Bread Will Live Forever

Can you complete this crossword puzzle? It uses pictures as clues instead of words!

1. [Picture of bread]

2. [Picture of Jesus and disciples]

3. [Picture of Jesus with a cross]

4. [Picture of wine and cup]

5. [Picture of candles and table]

6. [Picture of a person]

Clues:
1. Item at top left
2. Jesus and his disciples
3. Cross of Jesus
4. Wine and cup
5. Candles and table
6. Person at bottom left