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We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment 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.

The question, "Rabbi, *when* did you come *here*?", has to do with time and place Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. 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. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **August 5th 2018**

***Entrance Antiphon***

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

***Gospel Acclamation***

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

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th August   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Claire Cole  |  Trish Matthews  |
| Commentator |  Liz Boxall  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |  New Servers |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 4: The Dobbie Family |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th August  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Patricia Wilks |  Kirsty Beavan |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay | Jude Moreno & Hunter Styles |
| Church Care | ----------------------------------------  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our**

 R O S T E R S

 **FEASTS DAYS 6th Aug: Transfiguration of the Lord 8th Aug: Saint Mary of the Cross 10th Aug: Saint Lawrence 11th Aug: Saint Clare COLLECTION AMOUNTS FOR July 2018 1st: $1067.85 2nd: $5583.30 D/D: $1560.00**

 **~PARISHNEWS~ PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES** Please collect your package from the church foyer. If any family or individual would like to join our plan giving please contact Anna at the Presbytery. We sincerely thank all our generous givers for their continued support. **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION** Deacon Matt Ransom Caterchist Co-ordinater of our Archdiocese will be proceeding this service on Thursday 9th August at 3.30pm in the chapel. Parishioners are most welcome. **EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PREPARATION** meeting Saturday 11th August at 5pm in the church followed by the Vigil Mass. **INVITATION FROM PAMBULA PARISH** to join them and Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads a pilgrimage from the Eden Whalers Football Ground to ‘Our Lady Star of the Sea’ Church on Saturday 11th August 2018. Mass will commence at 12 noon followed by a provided lunch. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia’s first saint, saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the site she visited on two separate occassions. For more information plese read letter on notice board in church foyer. **CATHOLIC VOICE** August edition is now available**. SPECIAL THANKS** to our very devoted Children’s Liturgy volunteer Pat Spannagle

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Jim Lynch, Paul Kelly, Maria Tran, Andrew Leyden, Sr. Martin Nolan R.S.M. Mick Bristow, Maureen Court, Andrew Sturt., Chris Ballard, Brian Rosetta, Sr. Valerian, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Max Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddad, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Bert & Teresa Butler, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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