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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

In this week’s gospel passage, we continue our reflection on John 6. John’s gospel was written towards the end of the first century. The Bread of Life discourse probably reflects the interpretation of the gospel writer rather than the actual words of Jesus. This is important for making sense of statements in the discourse that would seem to be out of place from the lips of Jesus during his lifetime. The hearers of these words have lived and worshipped as followers of Jesus for some decades. They have gathered each week for the breaking of the bread and reflected deeply on the mystery of life in Christ, on the Word made flesh.

If the eucharistic overtones were subtly present in last week’s gospel passage (John 6:41-51), they become quite overt as the Johan-nine Jesus responds to yet another objection from his opponents in this week’s gospel. Like the Israelites of old in the desert wanderings, they are more than ready to grumble: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (6:52). Jesus does not really respond to the question “How….?” Rather, he goes on to tell his hearers that “life” for them de-pends on their eating his flesh and drinking his blood. The Johannine Jesus uses the present as well as the future tense. The life they experience in eating his flesh and drinking his blood is a present reality for them as well as a promise of on-going life. Life for the Israelites was in the blood: blood poured out meant life poured out. Clearly “life” is being used in John 6 for the quality of life the believers have come to experience through their incorporation into the community of the baptised, the sort of life that is not destroyed by death. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*

 ***PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER***

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Saint Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



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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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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **August 19th 2018**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Alleluia, alleluia! all who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

 ***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.**

 ***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 18th & 19th August   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Trish Matthews |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Anne Huebner  |  Mary Kelly  |
| Commentator |  Lana Turner  |  Cathy Purcell  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn  |
| Altar Servers |  |  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose | Group 5: Sandra, Maria, Margaret Dean & Jess Smith |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th August  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Anita Mason |
| Reader |  School Mass |  Mark Hogan |
| Commentator |  School Mass |  Pat Spannagle |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |   |  |
| Church Care | -----------------------------------------  |

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 **FeastDays 20th Aug: Saint Bernard 21st Aug: Saint Pius X 22nd Aug: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 24th Aug: Saint Bartholomew Lord, we thank you for our family. Bless each one of us in our uniqueness and let us use our gifts and talents to ensure unity and love within our family now and always.** *WMF2018*

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**FR. SIJO** has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Temora. He will celebrate his last Mass in our parish on Sunday 2nd September. A collection for Fr. Sijo’s farewell will be taken up at next weekends Masses followed by a morning tea after the 10am Mass on Sunday 2nd September. **FR. GEORGE** will be on leave during September We wish Fr. George a happy and safe holiday. **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God’s people are invited to reflect on the question: ***“What do you think God is asking of us in Austrtalia at this time?”*** Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at www. plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au **SONGS OF PRAISE** preparation will commence this Tuesday 21st August in the chapel at 5.20pm.  **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018** will run from 21st to 26th August, Dublin, Ireland has been chosen by Pope Francis to host this special meeting. **MANY THANKS** this weekend to our faithful volunteer ~Trish Matthews~

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

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Jim Lynch, Paul Kelly, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Louis Shallow, John Callister, Maude Kelly, Leo Aarts, Denise Smith, Maria Tran, Andrew Leyden, Sr. 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, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Natalie Baker, Bert & Teresa Butler, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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