

GOSPEL

Lk 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / C

22 JUNE 2025

**'GIVE THEM YOURSELVES
TO EAT!'**

For today's Feast we return to the Gospel of Luke. It is about food. The evangelist frequently presents Jesus eating and feasting. In fact, one scholar (Robert Karris) has said that Jesus got himself killed by the way he ate! This is not about the quantity of food or the menu, but the kind of people with whom Jesus ate. The scurrilous and social pariahs were his meal guests, frowned upon by the religious officials.

Today's Gospel is about food, so appropriate for our Feast. While space prevents a full exposé of the story, the disciples see a pastoral problem: they have a hungry crowd before them and want Jesus to deal with it. Jesus responds, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' This could also be translated 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!'

The disciples lament that they are incapable and have only five loaves and two fish—the average daily size of a meal for a family—for such a large crowd. And how many? 5000 males. Each male representing the head of a household in the Greco-Roman world which would (according to some scholars) have around 50 members. Luke is imagining 250,000 people present, the size of an ancient city!

Jesus gets the disciples to form the crowd into household groups and then, after a eucharistic act of blessing, has the food distributed. It satisfies. This symbolically loaded story affirms the power of the Eucharist for a household-gathering of those seeking nourishment, including ourselves.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Gen 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: / 'Sit on my right: / I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

2. The Lord will send from Zion / your sceptre of power: / rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

3. A prince from the day of your birth / on the holy mountains; / from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. / 'You are a priest for ever, / a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the



Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine

In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!



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Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 22 June 2025
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 22nd June 2025

| DAY | ST JOSEPH'S | ST THOMAS AQUINAS' |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | TIME | TIME |
| Saturday 21 st June | 6.00pm Vigil Mass | |
| Sunday 22 nd June The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy | 9.00am Mass |
| Monday 23 rd June St Paulinos of Nola | | |
| Tuesday 24 th June Nativity of St John the Baptist | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Wednesday 25 th June 12 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Thursday 26 th June 12 th Week in Ordinary Time | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Friday 27 th June Sacred Heart of Jesus | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Saturday 28 th June St Irenaeus | 9.00am Mass | |



DEDICATION OF THE LEONINE HALL

Next Sunday 29th June we will commemorate the election of the Augustinian Pope Leo XIV with the blessing of a plaque in the parish centre after the 10.30am Mass. Special commemorative teaspoons for sale at \$25 for set of two (contact office – 98269677)

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Children's Liturgy: Sun 22 June 10.30am Mass
- ▶ Dedication of Leonine Hall: Sun 29 June
- ▶ Book Launch Sat 5 July 3.30pm Parish Centre
- ▶ No weekday masses: 1 – 4 July
- ▶ Next Healing Mass: 8 July 10am

AUGUSTINE – ON THE EUCHARIST



St. Augustine on a day First Communion was celebrated at his cathedral in Hippo:

"My brothers and sisters, we come to the moment you

have been longing for. With joy we share with you our greatest mystery, the body and blood of Christ. **Be what you receive. Receive what you are.**"

St Augustine, Sermon 27



SJOS ANNUAL APPEAL AND WINTER MORNING TEA

This weekend the SJOS Annual Appeal will be held at all masses to raise funds for the continued

work of St Joseph's Outreach Services in our parish. Volunteers and friends of SJOS are invited to SJOS Winter Morning Tea in the coffee room.

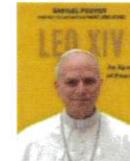


COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

Join us for coffee at The Botanical Hotel after mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 22 June. All welcome!

BOOK LAUNCH – POPE LEO XIV

On Saturday 5th July in the parish centre at 3.30pm Fr Tony Banks OSA will be the speaker at a book launch for a biography "Pope Leo XIV – Apostle of Peace". All welcome to attend talk and refreshments.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All families with young children are invited to join in the Children's Liturgy this Sunday 10.30am at St Joseph's.



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MUSICIAN WANTED

We would welcome an organist to help with music at St Thomas Aquinas 9am Mass. Please contact the parish office or speak with a priest.

MASS COLLECTIONS 15/06/2025

| Clergy (Augustinian Community) | |
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| 1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits..... | \$ 666.55 |
| Church (Parish Ministries) | |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 452.15 |
| Envelopes..... | \$ 70.00 |
| Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards.... | \$ 655.00 |
| Tap Point Terminals..... | \$ 170.00 |
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased



Anniversaries

- ✦ Terry Monagle ✦ Antonio Polizotto
- ✦ Eric Banks ✦ Stanley Wroblewski
- ✦ Sr Eileen Monagle SGS ✦ Sergio Fassio
- ✦ Celestina Iaconese ✦ Dolores Aznal
- ✦ Alfredo & Carmelina Parisi
- ✦ Tony Snowsill ✦ John J Balcombe
- ✦ Marie Rita Malepa

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gludemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Tom O'Neill, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan.