

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

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**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm

Sunday..... 8.00am, 9.30am &  
..... 6.00pm

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

**Weekday Mass Times:**

(See bulletin for changes)

**Office Manager &  
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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday.... 9.30am -3:00pm  
*Bulletin notices to be in by Thurs. 12pm  
(Please print your message clearly).*

**Baptisms:** By Appointment

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month -11am

**Marriages:** By Appointment

**Parish Council Chairman:**

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School Principal Mr David Parawa

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**For your reference:**

SFX Parish Calendar:

<https://goo.gl/lJ9Wyy>

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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B - 18th & 19th August 2018

### Reflection on the Gospel

by Dianne Bergant

Wisdom invites us to her banquet.

Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God.

This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle.

Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting.

Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the LORD, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever.

This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying.

We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation.

How will we hear it? How will we respond?

### Weekday Mass Times

**Monday** - No Mass

**Tuesday** - 9:00am - Mass

**Wednesday** - 9:00am - Mass

**Thursday** - 9:00am - Year 2 Liturgy at SCOS School hall,  
Prestons.

- 9:00am - Communion Service

**Friday** - 9:00am - Mass

### Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea, raised approx. \$4400.00 to go towards the Parish quota of \$10,400.00

### Raffle tickets for Panama WYD

sfxYouth will be selling \$2 raffle tickets at each Mass till the end of school term for Jade and Cassandra to attend WYD19 Panama in January.

Cost: \$9500 per student

Each book sold is \$50.00 to their WYD costs.

Please support the youth of our parish.

### Drought Relief

The Staff and families of SCOS will be selling cakes after the 9.30am Mass this Sunday with all proceeds going towards the drought relief.

### Catechist Urgently Needed

We are in urgent need for a Catechist to cover for a Year 4 scripture class in Dalmeny Public School on Mondays (2:25-3:00pm).

For more information, please contact Bibian on 0403 171 528 or sfx.catechist@gmail.com

### Care Group News

Our next meeting is Tuesday 4th September after 9am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. New members welcome and wanted.

Our next Friday morning get-together will be a Games Morning on Friday 7th September from 10am - Noon in the Church Meeting Room. Come along and meet other parishioners for a fun, friendly morning with the chance of winning prizes, so bring your luck with you and \$5."

### Plenary Council

Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important.

You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with your Parish Priest, contact 9390 5100 or email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)

### Celebrant of Faith Formation Retreat

On the Sat the 15th September 2018 from 9am-5pm at the St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Registration fee \$30. BYO Lunch. Coffee & tea provided.

And Healing Mass on the Sunday The 16th /9/18 from 1.30pm-5.00pm at St Joseph Parish Church Walz St, Rockdale NSW.

Diocese Inquiries : Helen Aldana mob 0488 037 631  
Ida Krisnadi mob 0424 637 500



### Sacrament of Confirmation

We ask you to keep the candidates preparing for their last Sacrament of Initiation in your prayers.

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.*

*Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

*Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.*

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

### Memory Lane Update

If you are interested in being a part of our Memory Lane, please add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the Church.

There will be 2 sizes of plaques.

1 full brick - \$600.00 - Half a brick - \$300.00

### Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia.

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims.

Enquiries: [reservations@domusaustralia.org](mailto:reservations@domusaustralia.org)

[www.domusaustralia.org](http://www.domusaustralia.org)

### VOCATION WEEKEND FOR MEN (18-35yrs)

24-26th AUGUST 2018

Live the Gospel! Build the Kingdom! Share the Joy!  
Change the world with us!

The Capuchin Friars are inviting single Catholic men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood/religious life to come for a discernment retreat weekend. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is free/optional donation but you must register by 20th August.

Contact Father Thomas:

[vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052.

<http://www.capuchin.org.au>

**New Altar Servers, Readers & Counters Rosters are available for Collection from the Sacristy.**



**Recently Deceased**

David Sharp  
William Gutteres

**Anniversaries**

Myriam Jumeau

**Deceased**

Peter - Maria - Anna

*May the souls of the faithful departed  
rest in peace.*

**Memorial Mass for the Unborn**

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29th of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org

**We pray for those who are sick, especially**

Lauren Channon	Kerrie Rookes
Saulius David Balsys	Pat Trevillian
John Bell	Phyllis D'Souza
Kelvin Huitt	Andrew J. Gauci
Elizabeth Mullan	Madden (3yrs)
Fe Querubin	Mansour Jessa
Pat Sharp	George Harmer
Bill Stewart	Fred Pjanic
Catherine Howlett Khalaf	Christian Valeri
Margaret Bell	Aidan Taylor
Kata Ozanjak	Ruth Gillamac
Lucia Longo	Dorothy Page

*Names will be removed after 2 months,  
unless office is notified*

**Catholic Weekly 19 August 2018**

- New labourer for the vineyard - Matt Meagher ordination
- Peakhurst parish: Mighty drought fundraiser
- Legal tragedy: Academics speak out on euthanasia
- A light in darkness
- Movie review: *The Darkest Minds*
- Universities and Colleges Open Days liftout

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 18th & 19th August 2018***

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Christina Acitelli Domenic Acitelli	Estelle Standley	Bernard Roncevic Ivana Roncevic	Frank Agostino Collette Davies
Extraordinary Ministers	Olga Sipek Donald Lobo	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem	Alfia Busa Angie Clarkson	Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson
Altar Servers	Kiara Liu Jordan Varghese Joel Varghese	Rachel Bown Anthony Bui	Olivia Anderson Ava Alvaro	Daniel Quimby Kirsten Bilog Trish Vo
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Graeme Freeburn	Martin Manche	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman, Evelyn Ticsay			

***Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 25th & 26th August 2018***

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Arnel Isidoro	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Albert Young Janice Tran
Extraordinary Ministers	Agnelo Andrade Rose Andrade	Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister	Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse	Kristina Williams Deborah Absalom
Altar Servers	Dylan Francisco Rohan Francisco Lucas Tran	Rachel Bown Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Liam Flanagan Melissa Pacini
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Jodie & Ethan Alvaro, Nancy Krkach			

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs (Prv 9:1-6)

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.  
She has despatched her maidservants  
and proclaimed from the city's heights:  
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'  
To the fool she says,  
'Come and eat my bread,  
drink the wine I have prepared!  
Leave your folly and you will live,  
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

### REPONSORIAL PSALM

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

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing. **(R.)**
3. Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**
4. Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 5:15-20)

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead,  
like intelligent and not like senseless people.  
This may be a wicked age, but your lives should  
redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but  
recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not  
drug yourselves with wine, this is simply  
dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the  
words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when  
you are together, and go on singing and chanting  
to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and  
everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is  
our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
(Jn 6:51-58)

Jesus said to the crowd:  
'I am the living bread which has come down  
from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another:  
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they  
said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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