

The way of the wise

in the gospel when Jesus describes himself as “the living bread” and promises that “whoever eats this bread will live forever.” He continues, “my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” Jesus himself is the wisdom of God, here in person among us, and he invites us to eat and drink of the wisdom *that is himself*. The promise for those who do so is life to the full,

and a sharing for all eternity in the divine life of love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today and every day in the Eucharist, in the sacramental bread and wine, Jesus offers us the wisdom that is himself, which nourishes us and leads us in the way of wisdom. Let us come to the table, taste and see, and be healed and nourished.

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Want to learn more?

The book *Trinity 101*, is available from Majellan Publications for \$21.95 (postage included).

We Respond ...

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

ANTIPHON: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: Reverse 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

There's something very appealing and admirable about a wise person.

Think of some of the people you've encountered in your life whom you would describe as wise. We sense in them a depth of understanding of the human condition, a deep sense of what is true and good and right, and a sure and insightful reading of people and situations.

Being wise is not a question of having lots of knowledge or information. Indeed, some very knowledgeable people can sometimes strike us as remarkably lacking in wisdom. It is more than being clever and highly intelligent. There's usually a certain quietness and tranquility, a steadiness and simplicity in wise people, a demeanour that is not noisy or attention-seeking.

Moreover, wisdom is firmly grounded in reality and deeply practical. With the sureness of a compass, it senses what course of action is called for, and what direction to take. Indeed, it is this that we seek in the wise person when we feel the

need for advice or counsel.

Today's readings speak to us of this precious quality. The reading from the Old Testament's Book of Proverbs speaks of wisdom inviting us to come to her: "To the one who lacks understanding, she [wisdom] says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine ... Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

The Responsorial Psalm then picks up on an aspect of wisdom that the saints knew so well from their own experience: it is the capacity to taste and see the goodness of God. The saints would encourage us to enter ever more deeply into our relationship with God so that we too actually taste God's goodness and love.

The Letter to the Ephesians then points to wisdom's practicalities in our lives: "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise ... try to understand what is the will of the Lord."

Today's readings then culminate

TODAY'S READINGS Proverbs 9:1-6;

Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58

NEXT WEEK (21st Sunday of Year B)

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6: 60-69

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

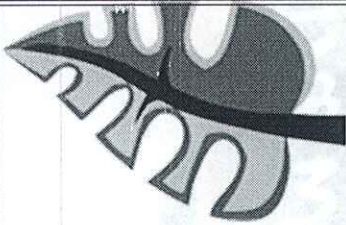
With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Or

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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We are co-responsible in faith and development!

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Kuku Yalanji and Yirganydji peoples, and pay our respect to the elders, both past, present and future.

Mass times:

Monday	Mossman	No Mass
Tuesday	Mass + Rosary	No Mass
Wednesday	Ozcare,	No Mass
Thursday	Pt Douglas	No Mass
Friday	Mossman	No Mass
Saturday	Mossman	6.30pm
Sunday	Mossman	7.00am
	Port Douglas	9.00am
		Vigil Mass

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries; August 23, Nemesio Bayron, Sr M Agatha Moher, Sr M Tarcisus Murray. 25, William Joseph Allen. Sr M de Pazzi Manning.

Parish Diary: Pastoral Care Team are asking for volunteers to assist. If you would like further information please contact Liz Trewick 0407 631 984 or Sylvia Bellerio 0438 984 918.

Write to senators to oppose euthanasia. The Senate last night rejected a bid to allow territories to pass euthanasia laws in what is seen as a showdown on the possibility of federal right-to-die laws. Source: *News.com.au*.

Cherish Life.org.au
 The Queensland Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Bill 2018 seeks to legalise late-term abortion and sex-selective abortion, amongst its many ills. It does not recognize the rights or personhood of the unborn at any stage of gestation, nor does it contain safeguards such as an independent counselling provision for women considering an abortion. It is as brutal to the unborn as much as it is anti-woman.

Please contact Cherish Life on 3871 2445 or at info@cherishlife.org.au if you would like more comprehensive letter writing material. Bill scheduled for sitting beginning 16th October.

Please join us for a special High Tea at St Monica's
 Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Date: Friday 24th August 2018 Venue: Dungarvan Library. RSVP Monday 20th August.

Care Ministry: If you know of people who are homebound and would like communion or a visit please contact Liz Trewick on 0407 631 171 or Sylvia Bellerio on 4098 4918

Vinnies; Local Calls for assistance from St Vincent de Paul on 4033 8333

Parish Bulletin... If you have any item to go into the Bulletin Please contact Parish Office call 4098 2001 or email mossman.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au

The Diocesan Council of Priests and Centacare Cairns are hosting a 2-day Mental Health and Wellbeing Inservice on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 November, 2018 at Seville Mercy Conference Centre, 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earlville. Please consider attending this FREE Inservice, and place it in your diary.

Please contact Carmel Doolan at cdoolan@cairns.catholic.org.au, or phone 4046 5622 or 4041 0233
 Timetable, and an article titled *Is religion good for your mental health* is available.

Retreat Sunday 9th September - "Song Of Solomon"

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S - - 9.30 a.m—4.00 p.m.
 Cost: \$50 (Includes light lunch)

Father John Rea has seen many healings, some of them miraculous. He always makes the point that he's not the one responsible for these healings. "I just pray with people for healing" he says. "The rest is up to the Lord; as long as He gets the glory." www.grieftogether.org

August

6	Des Landy & TBA
13	Jill Bellerio & Mary Fapani
20	Des Landy & TBA
27	Romana Verri & Trish Cleator

September

3	Des Landy & TBA
10	Jill Bellerio & Mary Fapani
17	Des Landy & TBA
24	Romana Verri & Trish Cleator