



Trust in me, says Jesus

They think in merely physical terms. As a result, they cannot understand and accept what Jesus is saying.

Jesus says this way of thinking “is of no avail.” He means it is useless; it cannot lead to life. But the word “flesh” also has a positive meaning. Jesus speaks of his own flesh as giving true life, that is eternal life.

Just like the disciples, we are

called to place our trust and faith in Jesus, and while we may not always understand, we are called to follow him.

Peter speaks for those disciples who believe: “You (Jesus) have the words of eternal life.” In the liturgy today, we are invited to give the same reply.

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The book, *Called to be Sent*, is available from Majellan Publications for \$32.45 (postage included).

We respond ...

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 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: The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

LECTOR: They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

LECTOR: Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones,

The passage from the Gospel of John that we read today begins with: “Many of the disciples, when they heard it, said, “This is a hard saying: who can listen to it?”

What was the “hard saying” the disciples found so difficult to accept? We heard that saying last Sunday. Some of the Jewish people to whom Jesus was speaking asked: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (John: 6:52)

Jesus replied: “Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

Jesus is drawing a contrast between two kinds of bread. He reminds them of “their fathers” by which he means their ancestors whom God freed from slavery in Egypt. On their way to the promised land they travelled across the desert. God gave them a kind of “bread” to eat; it was called “manna.” Eating this bread, they made it across the desert.

But, as Jesus reminds them, all the people who ate the manna, eventually

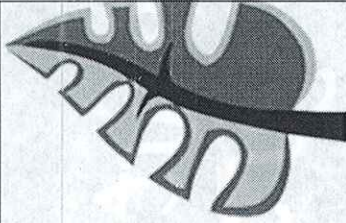
died. He offers them a different kind of bread; this food Jesus described as “my flesh” and “my blood.” Jesus promises that those who eat this food will live for ever.

But many of the disciples cannot accept this. In traditional Jewish thinking, the “bread” that gave life was the Law. Now Jesus is offering a new “bread”, a new revelation that replaces the law. The disciples take offence at this. In response, Jesus appeals to his ascension that is to come. He comes from above, from God and he will return above, to God. He is challenging them: will that convince them? Jesus knows that some of them will not believe; indeed, he knows those who will betray him. He has already identified the root cause of unbelief: this he names “flesh.”

The word “flesh” has two meanings in John’s Gospel. It can mean a purely human way of thinking. Thinking that is limited to what is physically observable. Some of the disciples are thinking in a purely human way.

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We are co-responsible in faith and development!

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Kuku Yalanji and Yirrganydji 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 Vigil Mass
Sunday	Mossman	7.00am
	Port Douglas	9.00am

Recently Deceased: Kenneth Skennerton
Anniversaries; August 26, Guilia Tononi. 28, Kay Bressington, Rosaria Leonardi. 29, Edward O'Brien. 31, Sr M Vincent Kennedy. **September 1,** Catherine Kenny, Oscar Abel. 2, Jack Egan, Sr M Stanislaus Kickey.

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.

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.

Youth for Christ (YFC) is a family ministry of Couples for Christ, a Catholic Community group. YFC caters to young people who would like to learn more about Jesus Christ through spirit filled and fun activities. We would like to invite youths aged 13 to 19yrs old to join the 2-day YFC Entry camp on 22-23 September at the St. Joseph's School Hall, Parammatta Park. For more details pls contact: Ces Dubbins - 0413640009 Cathy Dubbins - 0422940420

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

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Parish Bulletin... If you have any item to go into the Bulletin Please contact Parish Office call 4098 2001 or email mossman.parrish@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.griffeograce.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
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