

Welcome to

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### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Reflection:

Isn't Joshua's testimony what parents at today's Eucharist are trying to make and set as an example for their children? They hope, when their children become adults they, like their parents before them, will say, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

#### So, we ask ourselves:

- How did my own parents encourage or hinder my life of faith?
- What kind of example of faith am I in my family?

#### Catholic Mission

As Catholic Mission donations have been finalised please post any late donations to the address on the envelope.

Next week's readings are at the back of each church.

#### MASS THIS WEEKEND

Sat 21 Aug 6pm

Sun 22 Aug 8am

Sun 22 Aug 10am

St Dom

OLGC

St Dom

#### MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tue 24 Aug 7pm

Wed 25 Aug 9am adoration 9.15am

Thurs 26 Aug 9am

Fri 27 Aug 9am

Fri 27 Aug 10.30am

Sat 28 Aug 9am

St Dom

St Dom

OLGC

St Dom

Birralee

St Dom

#### MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 28 Aug 6pm

Sun 29 Aug 8am

Sun 29 Aug 10am

St Dom

OLGC

St Dom

*Reconciliation celebrated after every Saturday morning Mass and before every weekend Mass. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or Maureen Smith 0409 912 359 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.*

#### Help for Afghan people in Australia

Dear Parishioner, as an act of neighbour love according to the Gospel and social magisterium of the Church, please would you immediately consider emailing the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, Scott.Morrison.MP@aph.gov.au or phone his Office on (02) 9523 0339 and ask that Australia:

- Grant permanent protection or citizenship to all Afghan people seeking asylum and refugee status currently living in Australia or in immigration detention
  - Declare an intake of 20,000 Afghan refugees (matching the Canadian commitment announced last night)
  - Assist Afghan Australians with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are in imminent danger
- Dcn Greg Lowe, Director West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

4 September - 4pm, Youth group, St Dominic's

4 September - 6pm, Confirmation, St Dominic's, and youth mass

Rosters this weekend	21Aug 6pm St Dom	22 Aug 8am OLGC	22 Aug 10am St Dom
Readers	K Hart	J Gates	I Rodriguez
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		P Riney
Altar Society		K Wear E Jeffery	

Rosters next weekend	28Aug 6pm St Dom	29 Aug 8am OLGC	29 Aug 10am St Dom
Readers	P Truda	B Webb	C Frisina
Acolyte	P Wall		I Baviah9
Altar Society	Group 3	C Hall M Farmer	

#### Congratulations

We congratulate the children who celebrated their first reconciliation during the week at OLGC. Thank you to our parishioners who helped with the supper afterwards.

#### Safeguarding Officers

St Dominic's - Isabelle Brewer 0459 537 045  
OLGC - Dr Rina Cercarelli (PhD) 0413 835 852

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John.

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of  
everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers  
of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How  
could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that  
his followers were complaining about it and  
said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should  
see the Son of Man ascend to where he was  
before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.'  
For Jesus knew from the outset those who did  
not believe, and who it was that would betray  
him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no  
one could come to me unless the Father allows  
him.' After this, many of his disciples left him  
and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about  
you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter  
answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have  
the message of eternal life, and we believe; we  
know that you are the Holy One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

**MAKING DECISIONS**

In the lives of us all there are moments when  
we have to make decisions – decisions which  
will radically shape our future. When Joshua  
gathered all the people of Israel to the shrine of  
Shechem it was a moment of decision. Having  
finally taken possession of their own land,  
the risk was that they would be assimilated  
into the religious culture of the people that  
surrounded them. An even greater danger was  
that of forgetting the God who had made all  
this possible. Joshua saw that the time had  
come for the people of Israel to choose.

In a similar fashion, as Jesus concludes the  
bread of life discourse, his disciples and his  
contemporaries are challenged to decide  
where their allegiance lies. While Jesus' words  
are a scandal for even some of the disciples,  
the Twelve, through Peter, decide that Jesus'  
message is truly life-giving and that it comes  
from God.

The decision which is envisaged in the second  
reading is that married couples decide to  
model their relationship on the love that  
Jesus has shown in giving up his life for us all.  
The regulation of relationships in households  
found here is clearly coloured by its first  
century context and its language of submission  
can give the modern reader a jolt. Despite this  
there are reciprocal demands made on both  
spouses to model their love on that of Jesus  
who gave his life for us all.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 AUGUST 2021

**FIRST READING**

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is  
our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together  
at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders,  
judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented  
themselves before God. Then Joshua said to  
all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord,  
choose today whom you wish to serve, whether  
the gods that your ancestors served beyond the  
River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land  
you are now living. As for me and my House,  
we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention  
of deserting the Lord our God who brought  
us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt,  
the house of slavery, who worked those great  
wonders before our eyes and preserved us all  
along the way we travelled and among all the  
peoples through whom we journeyed. We too  
will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

**R.** 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. 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.**
3. 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.**
4. 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, / not one of  
his bones shall be broken. **R.**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those  
who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord



ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who  
hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Ephesians.

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and  
the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to  
Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as  
they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of  
the Church and saves the whole body, so is a  
husband the head of his wife; and as the Church  
submits to Christ, so should wives to their  
husbands, in everything. Husbands should love  
their wives just as Christ loved the Church and  
sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He  
made her clean by washing her in water with  
a form of words, so that when he took her to  
himself she would be glorious, with no speck  
or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and  
faultless. In the same way, husbands must love  
their wives as they love their own bodies; for a  
man to love his wife is for him to love himself.  
A man never hates his own body, but he feeds  
it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ  
treats the Church, because it is his body – and  
we are its living parts. For this reason, a man  
must leave his father and mother and be joined  
to his wife, and the two will become one body.  
This mystery has many implications; but I am  
saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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