

Bread for life

SUNDAY *Plus*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Food for life

At the beginning of his presidency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy set two goals before the American people: the first was to get a man to the moon before the end of the decade; the other was to help eliminate hunger "within our lifetime". It is a sad comment on the values of our civilisation that the first technical and scientific goal was magnificently achieved, whereas the second more humanitarian and social one has receded ever further from our grasp.

What is the reason? Is it that the problem is too big for us? There is no doubt that hunger and malnutrition are widespread and caused by a whole series of factors ranging from unpredictable weather to rapidly increasing populations... However, to get a man on the moon, to arm and defend

ourselves and our allies, we have made such a dazzling display of resources, of technology, of human ingenuity and of social engineering, that we cannot say, with a clear conscience, people are hungry simply because we do not know what to do or how to do it...

The world's hunger for food will only be satisfied when man learns to live not simply for himself, but for others, as Christ did. It will be satisfied only when the inner law of love, and not merely self-interest, greed or ambition, governs our individual and collective existence, inspires our policies and regulates our social structures and institutions. The world's hunger for food will only be satisfied when man learns to hunger for God: for his love and his justice.

Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, *Eucharist and Hunger*




Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table.

Pope Leo XIV

I am the bread of life

I am the bread of life, broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more.
One faith, one hope, one symbol of love
given to us in this one bread, one cup.
O let us be one in the Lord.

Bread of Heaven, feed us. May we live in you, with you and for you, supported by your love and grace.  Amen.

Feast of the week
Wednesday 10 June

Blessed Thomas Green (d. 1537)

Blessed Thomas Green, also known as Thomas Greenwood, was a Carthusian monk and martyr of the London Charterhouse who lived during the turbulent time of the English Reformation. He steadfastly refused to accept King Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy, which declared the monarch as head of the Church in England. Alongside other Carthusian monks, Green remained loyal to the pope and the Catholic faith, an act that the crown regarded as treason. Arrested for his refusal, he endured brutal conditions and deliberate starvation during his imprisonment in Newgate Prison, where he died on 10 June 1537. His witness is part of the legacy of the Carthusian Martyrs, whose quiet courage speaks volumes. Beatified by Pope Leo XIII in 1886, his life reminds us that fidelity to conscience and faith can shine even in the darkest places – a call to spiritual integrity and quiet resistance in the face of injustice.

READINGS

Today:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,
14-16
1 Corinthians
10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Monday:
1 Kings 17:1-6
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:
1 Kings 17:7-16
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:
1 Kings 18:20-39
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:
Acts 11:21-26;
13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-13

Friday:
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday:
Isaiah 61:9-11
Luke 2:41-51

Next Sunday:
Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36 – 10:8