

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024

‘Jesus said to the crowd, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty,” (John 6:35)

Last Sunday’s Gospel passage from the same chapter of John’s Gospel presented the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. The crowd marvelled at the generosity of Jesus, who had been moved by them as sheep without a shepherd.

In the following Sundays we are presented with the catechesis of the meaning of the miracle. Jesus feeds them physically, answering to a basic need of humanity. We will probe more deeply what all this means.

As a people of the Eucharist, always aware of the nourishment offered to us, we are continually being formed as the very body and blood of Christ, his very presence. We celebrate the gift that lifts us, encourages us to become His presence to the world each of us with our unique talents. This concrete bread which ‘comes down from heaven and gives life to the world’ is not a disembodied reality but one that affects all who share it.

Blessings of peace to all we meet! Fr. Don

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in Jasper.