

Jesus is the Bread from Heaven

(Discourse in the Synagogue of Capernaum)

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.

For 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.

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

(John 6, 51-58)

We celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, 16 May 2010 in the 11 a.m. Mass.

Our candidates ask for your prayers.

Name, place of birth

Sara Berger, Germany

Elinor Drinkwater, Germany

Sebastian Dudek, United Kingdom

Susanna Heidbrink, Germany

Brian Loebach, Germany

Anna-Lina Mörking, Germany

Ana Alexandra Natividad, Austria

James O’Sullivan, Ireland

Benjamin O’Sullivan, Ireland

Celine de Rouen, China

Hannah Schmidt-Bleek, Germany

Rebecca Seidl, Germany

Christopher Sliwka, Germany

Thomas Toogood, Great Britain

Collections:

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| <i>16/24/30 May</i> | <i>Our Mission</i> |
| <i>2 May</i> | <i>Pro Vita</i> |
| <i>9 May</i> | <i>Ecumenical Encounter in Munich</i> |
| <i>23 May</i> | <i>RENOVABIS</i> |
| <i>3/6/13/27 June</i> | <i>Our Mission</i> |
| <i>20 June</i> | <i>Caritas</i> |
| <i>29 June</i> | <i>Peter’s Pence</i> |



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May / June 2010

Word of the Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Sunday, 16 May 2010, at 11 a.m. we will celebrate First Holy Communion for 14 candidates, 8 girls and 6 boys. Since last October they have been preparing for their great day, when for the first time they will receive the Body of Christ. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation they have purified their hearts and opened their souls for their Lord and their God, who wants to be their guest, their food, their peace.

It occurred to me to read again the "Guidelines for the Reception of Communion" inside the cover of our Missalets. They say: "We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin..." Grave sin requires grave matter, full knowledge and deliberate consent. It can be forgiven by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Protestants sometimes ask, if they may receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church. The correct answer is: "Unfortunately no." We still disagree on a number of important issues: the power of consecration which depends on the validity of the ordination (linked to the Apostolic Succession), the Real Presence, the state of grace. "Catholic ministers may licitly give Holy Communion to members of other ecclesial communities only if, in grave necessity, they ask for it of their own free will, possess the required dispositions, and give evidence of holding the Catholic faith regarding the sacrament". (Compendium of the CCC, 293) Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples. May He help us to become one at His table soon.

Father Herbert Gilllessen

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| Liturgy May / June 2010 |
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All Saints / St Bernhard's / St Albert's

MAY

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| 2 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 9 | Sixth Sunday of Easter | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 13 | Ascension of the Lord | ---- | 11 a.m. | ---- |
| 16 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| | St Bernhard's: <u>First Holy Communion</u> | | | |
| 23 | Pentecost Sunday | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 24 | Pentecost Monday | ----- | 11 a.m. | ----- |
| 30 | Most Holy Trinity | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |

JUNE

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| 6 | Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | | | |
| | <u>Joint Mass of the Mission at St Bernhard's</u> | | | |
| | 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass | | | |
| | 10:30 a.m. Corpus Christi Procession | | | |
| 13 | 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 20 | 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 27 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10 a.m. | 11 a.m. | 12 noon |
| 29 | Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles | ----- | 7:00 p.m. | ----- |

Information for the Mission in General

Our Mission offers pastoral care, religious education (children and adults: First Holy Communion, Confirmation). Baptisms, weddings, hospital and home visits can be arranged through the Priest.

The Priest is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass and by appointment. For weddings, please contact Father Gilllessen 3 months in advance.

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