

Over the past five weeks we have been following chapter 6 of John's Gospel, often referred to as the 'Bread of Life' discourse. It began with the feeding of the multitude. The crowd, overwhelmed by the miracle, try to take Jesus by force and make him king. But the fickle crowd soon loses interest and at the end of this scene they turn away from Jesus, grumbling that his teaching is too hard to accept.

But a core group of the disciples did remain with Jesus. And like those early disciples who remained with Jesus, we too continue to believe and celebrate this teaching of Christ present to us in the Eucharist. The outward appearance of the Mass may have changed over the centuries, but the inner reality of the Mass has remained the same. The bread and wine offered becomes the Body and Blood of Christ.



Plans for the remodelling of the sanctuary have been finalized and have been approved by the Archbishop. It has been decided that the project will be carried out in two stages. The first stage will involve the construction of a new sanctuary platform and the rearrangement of the altar, ambo and presider's chair. At some later stage a new baptismal font will be installed in the body of the church.

This project had its beginnings with an assembly held in 2014 with subsequent follow up and consultation. I wish to acknowledge the members of the steering committee who have met on numerous occasions to discuss and fine tune these plans.

Established Builders have been engaged to construct the new sanctuary area (this was the same company who renovated the church toilets and storage room in 2013). We are still waiting on some final details of costing which we will hopefully know by next week. By then we should know the starting date for the project which is expected to be sometime in late September. The job is expected to take about two or three weeks.

***Peace & blessings,
Gerard***