o real surprises in today's Gospel. After Jesus' training seminar on eating of his flesh and drinking his blood, some ran away, others complained and a few stayed while they tried to figure it out. As we read on, Jesus knew this would happen. He also knew that the only way they would understand is by the grace of God, who translates the spoken word into the living word which ironically is beyond understanding. It is no different for our upcoming confirmees. It will be the Holy Spirit who is called upon to make all that is real and eternal come to life, something no amount of human effort can possibly ever do.

Blessings Fr. Peter

## **CALENDAR DATES:**

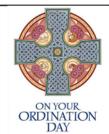
- NEXT WEEK. September 2.
- ⇒ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, 9:30a.m.

Bp. Dixie to celebrate & Bp. Rex to preach at both services.

- ⇒ Potluck lunch. A sign up paper is on the board by the Parish office.
- September 5, Wednesday, Bible Study, 10:30a.m.
- September 5, Wednesday, Bible Study, 7:00p.m., Rectory
- September 9:
- ⇒ SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS. Parents are requested to register their children. Forms are now available at the Parish office.
- ⇒ Bishop Arthur will be at worship with us.
- ⇒ Potluck lunch. A sign up paper is on the board by the Parish office.
- September 22, Saturday, Wedding, 3:00p.m.
- September 30, Sunday, Wedding, 3:30p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 14. IP (Indigenous People) Sunday. Nov. 11 Remembrance Sunday.



Congratulations to
Fr. Bert who's
celebrating 10 years of
his ordination into the
Priesthood today!!!
This also coincides
with the monthly
French Service.

# Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-9; Psalm 1 or Psalm 139; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:24-27 or Luke 4:16-22 or John 14:15-21

# Your prayers are asked for:

**The world:** We pray for those who have died, family and friends of the recent floods in southern India. For local and international compassion to provide for the many needs in the aftermath.

The church: For those preparing for Confirmation (Madi Kinnaird, Abi Kinnaird, Kyle Tan, Erin Caitlin Ong, Luke Ong, Antoinette Ngonkoua, Serena Gadeau, Kestia Gadeau, Kimberly Stokes), that they receive the Holy Spirit and be strengthened in their faith.

**The community:** We give thanks for the quiet ways of care and support given to others, may they be encouraged and blessed.

## Sophisticated Thinking.

"A separate set of mental processes facilitates your ability to do complex, **sophisticated thinking**, such as understanding concepts, generating original ideas, and using logical approaches to address complicated problems'.

In Anglicanism we are called to use 'Scripture, Tradition and Reason' in our approach to our discipleship. Jesus was a 'sophisticated thinker'. For instance in Matthew 22:41-45, 'Jesus uses the form of argumentation called *reduction ad absurdum*, which is a strategy that aims to advance the truth of an idea by demonstrating the absurdity of its denial.' (Sean McDowell)

What a wonderful thing to celebrate in our discipleship, that the questioning and interrogation we may place ourselves under and through is in fact part of being a Christian.

Happy intellectual wanderings to everyone!

With love from Deacon Mary



WELCOME Esther & Jessel, second year students from St Andrew's Theological Seminary. They will be with us for a time. Please encourage them and keep them in your prayers.