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1 August 2021 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times:
Monday to Friday: 9am
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am
Rock Mass: Once a term

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment
Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



**Every Friday
(during term time)**
Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10am Parish Hall

**Second Thursday
of Every Month**
Anointing of the Sick —9am

First Friday of Every Month
Exposition/Adoration at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Acknowledgement of
Traditional Owners**

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



***“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”
(Gospel)***

Dear Parishioners,

When Scripture speaks of ‘bread’, it can bring to mind not only physical food, but the experience of human hunger and contentment, as well as God’s providence, spiritual nourishment, and the work of human hands. Pause to consider ‘bread’ in your life and the work of your hands.

Today’s readings bring together all these dimensions. In John’s Gospel Jesus reminds his listeners that the miraculous *manna* of the Exodus story is God’s gift, given to strengthen them spiritually and physically. Amid harsh desert conditions the miracle serves to call the Israelites to trust God who feeds them with ‘bread from heaven’ (Psalm 77). Flowing from this sacred memory, something new and extraordinary is taking place for Jesus’ listeners. The Father’s gift come down from heaven and into the world to feed, nourish and give life, is Jesus himself, ‘the bread of life’. To receive Jesus is to receive the Father, to be enlivened with the very life of God. As Catholics we hear in this Gospel a powerful summons to eucharistic faith.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Got Questions? It's Not Too Late!

Feeling disconnected with this current lockdown? Come and join us.... You can still register for Alpha if you missed the start on Tuesday night. If you would like to join, please go to the parish website at www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives or scan this QR Code to register. You will receive a confirmation email with login details and the first week's video - the series is **FREE!!!** We hope to see you.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Launch of the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement

You are invited to participate in the national launch of the Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. This is the only statement where all the Bishops of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) release a joint reflection on a particular topic annually. This year it focuses on why it is so important that we as a community respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

The statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. It will also serve as a launch pad for the ACBC's 7-year journey towards the *Laudato Si'* Goals, creating a wholly sustainable Australian church. The launch will take place online from 5.30pm-6.30pm on the 5th August 2021.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear from guest speakers including Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Chair of the ACBC Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

To register go to: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYoceyrqjwiEtXlZP2Yic9FM2hNAPTR3N9y>

Prayer Zone

Please pray for the ill:

Colleen Bosci; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Denise Carmody; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

FEAST DAYS— AUGUST

Tuesday 3rd, St Dominic, priest
Wednesday 4th, St John Vianney, priest
Friday 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

A child safe and friendly Parish values children and understands safety doesn't just happen. A commitment to protecting children is embedded in the Parish's culture and is understood and accepted by everyone.

THE WILD GOOSE

DISCOVERING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

Join Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR in this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

This adventure consists of Fr. Dave speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God.

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

Monday, 9 August 2021
7:30-9:00pm
Online on Zoom

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Register
with this
QR Code



Weekly study guide will be sent on email

Planned Giving Program Review.

OVERVIEW:

- Fr Greg and the Parish Finance Committee thank all Parishioners for their ongoing support of our Parish.
- Approximately 36% of our contributing Parishioners do so by means of an electronic transfer.
- We respectfully request that Parishioners currently not using the available electronic transfers for the Parish Planned Giving Program to, where possible, make the change to electronic transfer.
- In coming weeks a representative of the Parish Finance Committee will contact Parishioners not using the electronic method to determine how we may assist, where possible, to make the transition.
- Parishioners who would like to change over to, or begin to contribute via electronic transfer, may contact one of the following:

The Parish Office (9144 6998)
Ian Gibson (0417 670 150)
Paul Rubenach (0409 445 542)

THE NEED FOR A REVIEW:

The ongoing disruption to our Parish Community caused by COVID-19 has prompted the Parish Finance Committee to carry out a review of our current Planned Giving Program. The last twelve months has been difficult and during this time Parishioners have been generous in helping to maintain our income. However, with difficult times persisting, Parish projects, new and old, will require us to maintain our Planned Giving process in the most efficient manner.

The goal is to reduce the administration involved with the collection process and to establish a more predictable cash flow. This will assist with the maintenance of the Parish assets and administration, as well as associated running costs. Ideally, it will help manage the Parish cash flow and budget planning accordingly.

The Parish Planned Giving Program (also known as the 2nd **Collection**) currently receives funds via various methods. These methods include:

1. The “envelope” system (contributions typically made each week at Mass)
2. Ad hoc - Tap N Go machines at the entrance of the Church (made when attending Mass)
3. Credit card (electronic transfer monthly or quarterly)
4. Direct debit (electronic transfer monthly or quarterly)
5. Ad hoc cheque or electronic transfers (normally annual).

To achieve the desired outcome of this review, we are addressing Parish members who make their **much-appreciated** financial contributions to the Parish using Envelopes or Cash (including Tap n Go).

While we will maintain the 'envelope' system for those unable to participate in the 'electronic' process, we would appreciate the co-operation of Parishioners to change to a more efficient process and thereby help us achieve the following goals previously mentioned:

1. Administration efficiency
2. More consistent income flows to assist with Parish needs.

Importantly, members of the Parish Finance Committee will be available to help any Parishioner move from the 'envelope/cash' system to the 'electronic banking facility'.

At the end of this document you will find a form to authorise periodic payment by credit card. If you are confident to do so, please complete the form and return it to the Parish office.

If you would like assistance with this process you are invited to contact:

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Once again, thank you to all Parishioners for your contributions. We hope that you may encourage others to start contributing. Hopefully, in the near future, we will also address the broader community by providing a simple way of contributing via our Parish website.

Parish Finance Committee.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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The Word

Sunday 1 August 2021: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

From the book of Exodus Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24
(R.) *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to John Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread;
for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:
'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'
The Gospel of the Lord.