GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father,

and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God:

he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly,

everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven.

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome Deacon Ronnie

I am 26 years old and I have lived in Sydney all of my life. I grew up in Campsie and went to St Mel's parish for my primary schooling. When I began school at St Patrick's Strathfield in Year 5 my family moved to Strathfield South where they still live. I am the third eldest in a family of four kids and my family is of Lebanese origin (which means I have a million first cousins that also count as siblings!). After finishing school I went to university to study for one year and in 2012 I entered the Seminary of the Good

went to university to study for one year and in 2012 I entered the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush. My time at Homebush finished in June and I was ordained a Deacon in St Mary's Cathedral on 21st July (so I am fresh off the manufacturing line!). I have been appointed to St Felix for 12 months and, God-willing, I will be ordained a priest sometime next year. I am really excited about getting to work here at the parish as well as continuing to learn as much as I can in my final year of preparation for my priestly ordination.

Wednesday 15th August—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 8.00am, 9.00am (School Mass) and 7.00pm

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil), Sunday: 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 8.00am. Tuesday & Wednesday - 9.00am. Wednesday - 7.00pm

Nursing Home Masses

Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre.

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment. Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass.



But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die."

Responsorial Psalm

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

This weeks readings - 1Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2; Gospel - John 6:41-51.

Next Weekend: 20th Sun Ord Time - Year B. Readings Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; Gospel - John 6:51-58.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 12 August 2018

Cemetery Committee Meeting

The Cemetery Committee meeting will be held this Tuesday 14th August commencing at 10.30am in the presbytery.

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services. 16th August at 10:30am in St Felix Parish meeting Room. RSVP: Email or ring Marie at the Parish office, or ring Bev 0409 710 703.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Joanna Christopher

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.

Welcome Year 2

This weekend we welcome year 2 children from the primary school and their families who are helping with the liturgy for the Sunday 10am Mass.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Rozika Roza Balog; Denise Felix.

Anniversary: Maria Cynthia Joanne Ha; Phanxico Xavie; Ernesia Bru; Maria Nguyen Thi Nguyet; Geatand Carta; Anthony John Muscat; Anthony Carta.

Deceased: Bradley Fenech; Jesmond Nuner; Carmen Nuner; Maria Le; Joseph Chien Nguyen; Giuse; Giuse Oanh; Giuse Binh; Giuse Chien; Maria Hoa.

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 19/8/18 Group 3: Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 19/8/18 Thom Pham 26/8/18 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 17/8/18: Vinh Nguyen Children's Liturgy: 19th August - Maricel

Weekend Choirs: 19/8 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - Samoan Divine Mercy Group. 6pm - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm 12 AU	GUST 8am	10am	6pm
С	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
Α	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
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19 AUGUST				
С	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Lucia Mezentsef
Α	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo

Jesus is the bread of life.

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Jesus is the bread of life. He gives us his Body and Blood as bread so that we may have eternal life. When we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist, our lives begin to reflect the

reality that our communion with Jesus prepares in us. Our Eucharist leads us to live as people of the

promise, confident that we will one day share the fullness of life with God.

As you gather as a family, talk about our hope that one day we will share eternal life with God in heaven. This hope can transform the way we live our daily lives, calling us to be people of hope and expectation. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises us this gift of eternal life in the Eucharist. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:41-51. Observe that Jesus taught us that those who listen to God know that Jesus has been sent by God for the life of the world. Jesus fulfills this promise to us through his passion, death, and Resurrection. He gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, which is his Body and Blood, given so that we may have eternal life. Conclude in prayer together asking God to increase our faith in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Pray together the Act of Faith.

O my God. I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the holy Catholic Church teaches, because you have revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

Amen.

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Feasts of the Week

14 August - St Maximillian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr. Memorial.

Born near Łódz (Poland) in 1894. Died at Auschwitz /Oświęcim on this day in 1941. A Conventual Franciscan priest. Used the printing press in Poland and in Japan to promote devotion to the Virgin Mary. Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death by starvation and finally killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

A large portrait of St Maximillian Kolbe can be found in our Church foyer.

15 August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Solemnity.

This feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the "Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God." It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the "Assumption" in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

WYD Fundraiser

Students from Lasalle Bankstown will be selling chocolates and raffle tickets after masses next weekend, to assist their journey to World Youth Day in Panama 2019. Chocolates are \$1 to \$2.50 in price and Raffle tickets are \$2. The first prize in the raffle draw is a Toyota Yaris. We would very much like to thank you for your support as we prepare for our pilgrimage to Panama.

St Brendan's Friendship Club

Sights of Sydney - Monday, 20th August, 2018. Visit sights of Sydney. Morning tea at Bicentennial Park. Lunch at the Fish Markets (at own expense). Cost is \$35.00. The bus will depart from St Brendan's Parish at 8.30am. For bookings, please telephone Venero or Catina on 9707 1403.

Plenary Council

Did you know that the 2020 Plenary Council is different to Parish 2020? Parish 2020 is an Archdiocese of Sydney project looking at how parishes can continue to operate and collaborate together. The 2020 Plenary Council is a national project providing a platform for a broad scale discussion among parishes and Catholics across the country concerning the future of the Church in Australia and what you think God is asking of us at this time. If you are interested in getting actively involved to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council, speak with your parish priest or contact us directly at plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org We'd really love to hear from you!