

GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Feasts of the Week

31 July – St Ignatius of Loyola, priest. Memorial.

Born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491. Died on this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first superior general. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.

1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant' Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

3 August - St Dominic, priest. Memorial.

Born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170. Died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. Established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the Church through study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning.

4 August - St John Vianney, priest. Memorial.

Born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Curé of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;

Youth: Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** John Sarkis 0400 606 297;

St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;

Polish Priests: 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;

St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

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

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.**

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

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 .



Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.
John 6:11

Responsorial Psalm

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

This weeks readings - 2Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6;
Gospel - John 6:1-15

Next Weekend: 18th Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings**
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24;
Gospel - John 6:24-35.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 29 July 2018

Confirmation 2018

Registrations for Confirmation are now closed. The first compulsory Parents meeting is on Tuesday 31st July at 7.00pm in St Felix Hall. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 7th September at 6.30pm with Bishop Tony Randazzo.

Planned Giving Receipts 2017/18

There are still many receipts waiting to be collected for the financial year ending June 2018. If you do not wish to claim a tax deduction please advise Marie at the Parish Office so no further receipts will be issued. There are also a few Planned Giving Envelopes yet to be collected. Kindly collect your receipt and/or envelopes as soon as possible.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next PPC meeting will be held next Tuesday 7th August commencing at 7.00pm in the presbytery.

Readers and Ministers Roster

The new Readers and Ministers Roster commencing in August is now available in the Church Sacristy and may also be viewed on our website.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Nguyen Thi Mong Hoan; Steve Jousif; Stephen Hildebrand.

Anniversary: Maria Nguyen Thi Thom

Deceased: Maria Rosa, Giuseppe & Joseph Condello.

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; Geraldine Deckker; Susan Morris.

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

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 5/8/18 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Michael & Jacinta Viner, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*).

St Vincent de Paul: 5/8/18 A Nguyen **12/8/18** John Ashe

Church Cleaners: 3/8/18: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 5th August - Ligaya

Weekend Choirs: 5/8 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	29 JULY	8am	10am	6pm
C	Emmanuel Icard	Imelda Dela Cruz	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltzeheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen	

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C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Loreto Eduardo

Reflection

God will provide

Parents may sympathize with the disciples' protests when Jesus asks Philip where food might be found for the crowd. In the responses of both Philip and Andrew, we hear feelings of inadequacy as they survey their limited resources in the face of such great need. We may sometimes share these feelings about our own material possessions or our emotional and spiritual resources in the face of our family's needs. This is a Gospel of hope for these times, which are all too frequent in parenting and family life. As Jesus made the five barley loaves and two fish sufficient to more than meet the needs of over five thousand people, Jesus will also work with what we have to provide for our family's needs. When we offer our efforts to God, we ask him to transform them so that they will be more than adequate to the tasks and needs before us. As you gather as a family, talk together about the things that your family needs, starting with the basics—food, shelter, safety, and so on. Continue by naming other things that a family needs to be happy and healthy—time together, cooperation, patience, and so on. Observe that sometimes we can feel like we don't have enough of the things that we need or want. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:1-15. Talk about how Jesus provided plenty of food for the crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish. We have faith that Jesus will also take what we have and make it enough to satisfy and fill all our needs. We ask for this blessing when we offer to God the work of each day in prayer in the Morning Offering. Pray together the Morning Offering, asking God to bless and make fruitful the work of each of our days.

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CWF appeal

Next weekend we are holding the Charitable Works Fund appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Your donation will ensure that the CWF can continue its charitable and pastoral works in your local community, so we ask you to please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are 100% tax deductible.

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.

The Bishop's Blend:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 6th August 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Pilgrimage and Tour with Fr John Ssemaganda

Have you heard a comment that reading the four Gospels is never fulfilled until you walk through the 'fifth gospel' in the HOLY LAND? Fr John Ssemaganda has organised a two weeks Pilgrimage and Tour of the Holy Land and Mount Sinai, leaving Sydney on the 11th February 2019. Those interested, contact him on 0404 639 925 at St Paul of the Cross Parish Dulwich Hill for further information. It is an indicative price of AUD\$5,500 including all airfares, accommodation, coach, tour guides, and bookings into sites and daily Holy Mass. There are limited places for an intimate group.