

## GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*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 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.

**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 Shepherd in Homebush. My time at Homebush finished in June and I was ordained a Deacon in St Mary's Cathedral on 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

### THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

**& Saturday - 8.00am.**

**Wednesday - 9.00am.**

### 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 .



*"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

*John 6:29*

### Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**This weeks readings** - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; Gospel - John 6:24-35.

**Next Weekend:** 19th Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings** 1Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2; Gospel - John 6:41-51.

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 5 August 2018

## Confirmation Commitments

This weekend during Masses the Confirmation Candidates will pledge their commitment towards the Sacrament as they commence their preparations. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC meeting will be held this Tuesday 7th August commencing at 7.00pm 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Josephite Associates

Next Josephite Associates Meeting will be held in the Parish Meeting Room at 2.00PM on Sunday 12th August. Anyone interested, please contact Robyn Molloy on 9707 1292.

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Leo Heffernan; Francis Nhan; Therese Trong.

**Anniversary:** Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; John Field; Maria Le; Maria Cynthia Joanne Ha; Jean Marie An.

**Deceased:** Joseph Chien Nguyen; Montagna Condello; Carmela & Rocco Alati; Maria Vi; John Baptist Tuong.

**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: 12/8/18 Group 2:** Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 12/8/18** John Ashe **19/8/18** Thom Pham

**Church Cleaners: 10/8/18:** Charbel Karam **Children's Liturgy:** 12th August - Belinda

**Weekend Choirs: 12/8 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir.

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

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	5 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
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	

## 12 AUGUST

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Elias Eltarraf
R	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Charbel Eltarraf
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Judy Jones	Thao Nguyen	Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Tu Nguyen	Phu Nguyen

Reflection

## Give thanks and praise to God.

In today's Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don't recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop to count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today's Gospel, John 6:24-35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist. Pray together the Magnificat..

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## CWF appeal

This 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.

## Feasts of the Week

### 6 August – The Transfiguration of the Lord. Feast.

This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.

### 8 August - St Mary of the Cross, virgin. Solemnity.

Born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on this day in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

### 10 August - St Lawrence, deacon, martyr. Feast.

Died at Rome on this day in 258, four days after Saint Sixtus II (7 August), with whom he was closely associated. Honoured for his almsgiving. Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr of the Church of Rome. His cult spread throughout the Church from the fourth century. Remembered in Eucha-ristic Prayer I (The Roman Canon), and in five ancient Roman churches dedicated to him.

### 11 August - St Clare, virgin. Memorial.

Born at Assisi (Italy) in 1193 or 1194. Died there on this day in 1253. From a well-to-do family, Clare embraced an evangelical way of life after hearing the preaching of Saint Francis of Assisi (4 October). Founded the order of the Poor Ladies, now the Poor Clares. Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation, and charity.