



## THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

We begin today the first of a series of five Sunday Gospels taken from the sixth chapter of St. John, a long sequence around the theme of Jesus as 'the Bread of Life'.

Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus puts a challenge to his disciples, 'Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?' The disciples are perplexed: why should this responsibility devolve upon them! All that is at hand is a small boy with five loaves and two fish.

But Jesus tells them to get the people to sit down, thereby creating the expectation of that they will be fed. For Jesus, it is not a question of 'buying' anything but rather of becoming instruments of the generosity of God. The disciples have to 'walk' in faith, taking the risk of being involved in an embarrassing failure. They must trust that, as with the Israelites of old, the Lord will once again feed his people.

We can perhaps think of ourselves, faced with similar challenges, as being like the small boy with his few loaves and fishes. Our meagre talents and gifts, placed at God's disposal, and accompanied by faith, can be instruments of divine generosity beyond all imagining.

In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, 'Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?' remains. It is an economic question and a political question. The Gospel suggests it is also a religious question—one Jesus throws to us as he did to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16

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

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you / and you give them their food in due time. / You open wide your hand, / grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 4: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and



the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## GOSPEL

Jn 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.



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**CHILDRENS' LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 First & third Sundays of the month  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
 (or by request)

**ANointing / HEALING MASS**

First Tuesday of the month 10am at  
 St Joseph's Church  
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing  
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all  
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

**Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
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**Parish Mass Times** for the week commencing weekend 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July		
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius of Loyola	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August St Alphonsus Ligouri	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August St Dominic	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> August St John Vianney	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

**ENROLMENTS FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. If you wish your child to receive this Sacrament please enrol by contacting the parish office. Preparation classes will be held in the 4 weeks prior to the Confirmation Mass

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Next Sunday 5 August and Sunday 19 August during the 10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church. All children very welcome!

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sun 5<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ Ecumenical Mass: Mon 6 Aug 7pm St Joseph's



**PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE**

"The omnipotent God, the giver of life, has given us the great gift of himself in the Living Bread of the Eucharist."

**ECUMENICAL MASS**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Ecumenical Mass in St. Joseph's Church at 7 pm. All are welcome to join us in hosting this Annual Ecumenical Gathering which will be followed by a light supper with fellow Christians from Christ Church (South Yarra), Baptist Community Church (South Yarra) and St. Martin's (Hawksburn).

**LITURGY ROSTERS** are available from the sacristy after mass.

**WELCOME TO ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI!**

The Augustinians and Parishioners of South Yarra parish warmly welcome the new Archbishop of Melbourne, Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli, who will be installed as Archbishop in St Patrick's Cathedral at a solemn mass on Wednesday 1 August at 7pm. All those from our parish who wish to attend the installation are asked to book a seat by going to <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>

**YAM (YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY) YOUTH MASS AND FAITH FORMATION**

Following the 6pm Young Adult Ministry's mass on Saturday 11 August, we are having our next **Faith Formation YAM event** - starting at 7pm with fellowship over dinner, followed by learning and sharing more about our faith with each other. Please also bring \$5 to cover dinner costs.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased**  
 ✦ Garland Tripp  
**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Martin Skilbeck
- ✦ Peter Hammet
- ✦ Patrick Breen
- ✦ Maria Jablonski
- ✦ Dick Grant
- ✦ Jack Maher
- ✦ Norman & John Larsen
- ✦ Fr Jacques Hamel
- ✦ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✦ Christy Hennessy
- ✦ Fr Keiran O'Shea
- ✦ Robin Armstrong
- ✦ John Robertson
- ✦ Michael Long
- ✦ Granville De Souza
- ✦ Patricia Hunt
- ✦ Guy Dowling
- ✦ Mary Christies



**Plenary Council 2020**  
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA – 2020**

An Explanation and Briefing Session about the **2020 Plenary Council of the Australian Catholic Church** will be held for all interested parishioners in the Cardinal Knox Centre, East Melbourne on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August (11 am – 1 pm). If you do intend to come you may book on-line at <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSD> For more information about the 2020 Plenary Council visit the Melbourne Archdiocese website [www.cam.org.au/plenary](http://www.cam.org.au/plenary)

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chael Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mito Gludemans, Meldred Liba Lagahit, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kumlawan

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 22/07/18**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) ..... \$ 816.30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) .... \$588.40
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$509.00