

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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

TAUGHT BY GOD

The people who are in dispute with Jesus in today's Gospel are called 'the Jews', even though everyone in the scene, including Jesus and his disciples, is a Jew. The phrase is the Fourth Gospel's way of referring to those who have become set adversaries of Jesus, resisting his claims. The usage reflects the historical situation of the community behind the Gospel. It should not be understood in an ethnic sense as referring to the Jewish people as such.

These people complain about Jesus' claim to be 'the Bread come down from heaven'. They know all too well his human origins ('his father and mother'). How can he hint at divine origin in this way?

In reply Jesus cites a text from Isaiah (54:13): 'They will all be taught by God'. The text suggests a mode of teaching involving a divine-human engagement of unparalleled closeness. The Father has sent the Son into the world and drawn people to him so that in hearing Jesus and believing in him, they are really being 'taught by God'.

It is as the One who imparts this teaching that Jesus describes himself as 'the Bread of Life'. The 'bread' (manna) God gave to the Israelites in the desert sustained their biological life for a time. Jesus in his teaching is the 'Bread come down from heaven' that gives sustenance for eternal life.

We should not miss at the end a hint of the cost that this gift will involve for Jesus: the giving up (in death) of his bodily life ('my flesh') for the life of the world.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

12 AUGUST 2018

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19: 4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33: 2-9. R. v. 9

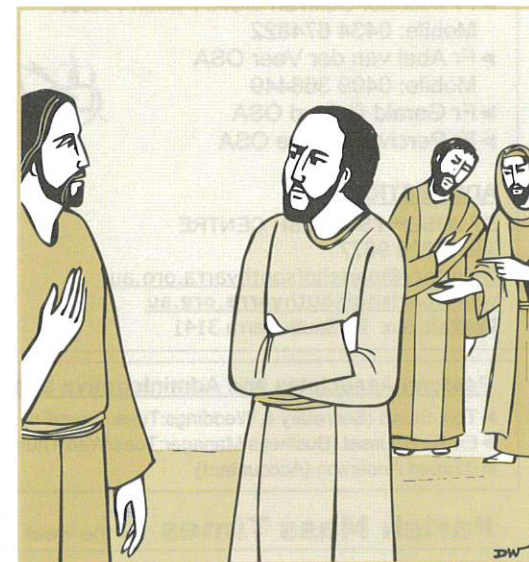
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped / around those who revere him, to rescue them. / Taste and see that the Lord is good. / He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**



SECOND READING

Eph 4: 30-5: 2

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

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 51

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



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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)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 12th August 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 12 th August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 13 th August		
Tuesday 14 th August St Maximillian Kolbe	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 15 th August Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 16 th August	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 17 th August St Clare of Montefalco	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 18 th August	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

ENROLMENTS FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in on Sunday 16th 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 19 August during the 10.30 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church. All children very welcome!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

▶ **Praise & Worship:** Sun 19th August 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.



PRAYER REFLECTION FROM ST AUGUSTINE

"Christians offer sacrifice as they celebrate the Eucharist together, so that we who are many become one Body in Christ."

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Wednesday 15th August, Mass will be celebrated at **St Joseph's 10am & 7pm** and **St Thomas Aquinas 12.45pm**, for The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Upcoming Parish Events

Save these dates!

- Sunday 26th August**
 Celebration of the Feasts of St. Augustine and St. Monica after the 10:30am Mass in St Joseph's Church – Brunch in the Parish Hall with the Augustinians - It's Free ! All Welcome !
- Saturday 20th October**
 Comedy Night with 3 Outstanding Melbourne Comedians
 From 7 pm in Parish Hall next to St. Joseph's Church – All Welcome – Tickets on sale in September !
- Saturday 3rd November**
 Fun, Music, Food, Dancing and Games to raise money for the new Augustinian Mission in Vietnam – All Welcome – Tickets on sale in October !
- Sunday 25th November**
 Parish Family BBQ – Great food and fun for all in the parish Hall and Garden after the 10.30 am Mass in St. Joseph's Church – Tickets on sale in November !

PARISH BAPTISMS We welcome the family and friends of William Horgan who is to be Baptised in St Joseph's church this weekend.

JOIN THE SJOS GARDEN CLUB

If you are interested in helping out in the SJOS garden beds at St Joseph's – join the **SJOS Garden Club**. A team will be preparing the beds and clearing them for spring planting on Saturday 18 August 2018 at 9:30 am. Come along with appropriate clothing, garden tools and your enthusiasm. For further information info@sjos.org.au

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

✦ Kathleen McCarthy

Anniversaries

- ✦ Tim Dullard
- ✦ Ninetta Bongiorno
- ✦ Paralc Casey
- ✦ Margaret Mary Vincent
- ✦ Isabella Toime
- ✦ Fr John King MSC
- ✦ Theresa Pereira
- ✦ Brendan O'Neill
- ✦ Teodoro Franco
- ✦ Anna Hubay
- ✦ Peter Harwood
- ✦ May McKenzie
- ✦ Thomas Bong Se Guan
- ✦ Chris Maher
- ✦ Kevin Feeney
- ✦ Bonnie Wiltshire
- ✦ Clare Williams
- ✦ Karel & Elfrida Kral
- ✦ John Bakos
- ✦ David & Cliff Grant
- ✦ Anna Louise Novak Balcombe

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL Envelopes are available for the annual CatholicCare appeal. As the Archdiocese social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs and pastoral services.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chaiel Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Panintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gloudemans, 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 Kumiawan, Mary Gaynor

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE is available in our church foyers this weekend. This special edition is a tribute to Archbishop Denis Hart and a welcome to Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. \$4

A VERY BIG THANK YOU !

We sincerely thank all those from our parish who organized and attended the Ecumenical Liturgy in St. Joseph's Church last Monday night on the Feast of the Transfiguration. Our visitors from Christ Church Anglican Church South Yarra, St. Martin's Anglican Church Hawksburn, and the Baptist Community Church South Yarra greatly appreciated the beauty and prayerfulness of our Liturgy and the warm hospitality at the delicious supper afterwards.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 5/08/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) \$2417.15
- 2nd Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$620.00
- 2nd Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$386.80