

## LITURGY OF THE WORD Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*  
The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v.24

### (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might.
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven.
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won.

### (R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Gospel Jn 6:24-25

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 most 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*

### R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Who can satisfy human appetites?

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul. Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways. Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life *to the world*.

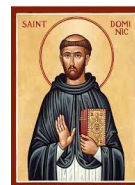
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### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Tuesday 3rd August,  
St Dominic priest**

**Wednesday 4th August,  
St John Vianney priest**

**Friday 6th August,  
Transfiguration of the  
Lord Feast**



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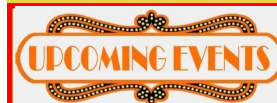
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**For the  
celebration of  
the Word and  
the Eucharist**



**Singalong-** postponed due to Covid restrictions

**Cenacle Prayer** - Tues at 4.45pm Church  
**Anointing Mass** - Tues 3rd Aug 5.30pm Church  
**Enjoy The Good News** - postponed due to Covid restrictions  
**Opal Mass** - Every 1st Wed 10.30am  
**Glen Mass** - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am .  
**Goodwin Manor Mass** Every 3rd Wed 2pm  
**Maranatha Mass** - Every 4th Wed 2pm

**Craft Group**-Thurs 10am -12pm  
**Adoration**- Fri (6/8) 5:00pm followed by  
**Year of St Joseph Reflection and Soup Dinner** at 6pm.

**Commitment First Eucharist:** All Masses (7th-8th August)

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - Friday (6/8) after morning mass.

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** - Postponed due to

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

**H**ow many of us give up too soon when we don't get what we want? The grumbling of the people in the desert can sound like us at times! How do we handle a grumbling person? Do we forget sometimes that we may be the grumbler without noticing it?



The Israelites in the desert were not complaining about Moses but about God. How often is our target God? There is a lot to complain about these days but let's not forget that it is **not a time** for us to give up and lose our faith. At times we can justify ourselves by praying and not looking at the reality! **God did provide** for the people in the desert! The manna was a **sign** of more to come. Is our faith strong enough to know that God does provide? Yes we may be being tested, but not beyond our means. We have so much more than the Israelites! We have the words of Jesus in the Scriptures that constantly urges us on. *"Believe. Trust in Me. Have faith. Stop worrying about yourselves all the time"*

Today's readings begin a discourse on 'the Bread of Life' launched by the desert experience of the Israelites. We have much greater than manna here. 'I am the Bread of Life' not the same as the desert manna but 'Bread from Heaven' As Pope Francis says **'It is the food that Jesus gives to us every day: His Word, his Body and Blood'** that helps us to endure. Our hearts are restless as we ponder for what we hunger and thirst!

Our reflections, to take us out of ourselves, may be to firstly **thank** God for all the **blessings** we have, and perhaps have forgotten, and then look around and see the hungry of the world, the locked in ones, the suffering and the bereaved. Let us this week, be the **sign of Hope** to those with whom we interact... our families, our friends and those who need our Pastoral Care.

In what way can God work through me to bring bread and comfort to others?

**God bless,  
Sr Marie**



### The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol

**It is available on our website. Please bring your mask when you come to Mass and observe the practice of hand sanitising and social distancing.**

**Holy Communion only under the species of bread and is to be received only in the hand.**

**Thank you for your co-operation. We hope to create a safe environment for everybody.**



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**AUGUST**

### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 20h:** 5.30pm Healing Mass  
**Wed 21st:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 22nd:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Fri 23rd:** 9.15 am Mass  
**Sat 24th:** 9am Mass /Rosary  
9.30am Reconciliation  
6pm Mass  
**Sunday 25th:** 9am Mass 5pm  
Family & Youth Mass

## ROSTERS

**31 JULY/1 AUG 2021**

### Church Cleaning

B Coffey/M Paine (2-6 Aug)

### Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Connell

5pm D Ebejer

**Commentator**

6pm D Robinson

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

**Readers:**

6pm Henrietta Blake

9am B Maynard

5pm L Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers**

6pm M Weatherall

9am C Schor

5pm M Devine.

**Computer Screen**

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan.

**REGISTRARS**

6pm M Vidovic & Zdenka

9am P Jobs

5pm M de Smet

**MORNING TEA**

No morning tea due to COVID19

**7/8 AUG 2021**

**Church Cleaning**

R & K Ison (9-13 Aug)

**Welcomers**

6pm D Robinson

9am Volunteer please

5pm L Miller

**Commentator**

6pm M Bridges

9am A Brown

5pm B Maynard

**Readers:**

6pm Sr Marie

9am A Jackson

5pm J O Sullivan

**Eucharistic Ministers**

6pm K Lovering & Jo Wain

9am K Corbin

5pm A Horsfall

**Computer Screen**

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm M O'Neill

**REGISTRARS**

6pm G & M Weatherall

9am G Norris/B Basevi

5pm M Devine

**MORNING TEA**

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## LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

## A REFLECTION ON THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING AND EVIL

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI

Perhaps that is the most difficult religious question of all time, especially during this pandemic and there have been countless attempts to answer it.

Christians believe that what is ultimately at stake is human freedom and God's respect for it. God gives us freedom and (unlike most everyone else) refuses to violate it, even when it would seem beneficial to do so.

That leaves us in a lot of pain at times, but, as Jesus reveals, God is not so much a rescuing God as a redeeming one. God does not protect us from pain, but instead enters it and ultimately redeems it. That might sound simplistic in the face of real death and evil, but it is not.

We see a powerful illustration of this in Jesus' reaction to the death of Lazarus. When Mary and Martha send Jesus a message telling him the "the man you love" is gravely ill, Jesus doesn't rush off to see him. By the time Jesus gets there, Lazarus has died. Martha and Mary are naturally upset and say to Jesus: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Basically, their question is: "Where were you? Why didn't you come and heal him?" Jesus does not answer her question but instead assures her that Lazarus will live in some deeper way.

Mary and Martha both ask Jesus the universal, timeless question about suffering and God's seeming absence. Her query - "Where were you when my brother died?" - asks that question for everyone: Where is God when innocent people suffer?

Curiously, Jesus does not engage the question in theory. Instead, he becomes distressed and asks: "Where have you put him?" And when they offer to show him, he begins to weep. *This is Jesus' answer to suffering: He enters into peoples' helplessness and pain.*

Sometimes the only answer to the question of suffering and evil is the one Jesus gave to Mary and Martha - shared helplessness, shared distress, and shared tears, with no attempt to try to explain God's seeming absence, but rather a trusting that, because God is all-loving and all-powerful, in the end all will be well and our pain will someday be redeemed in God's embrace.

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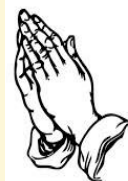
Thank You  
God Bless You

We would like  
to thank  
Fr John, our  
seminarian  
Mark, and all  
for their  
support in  
looking after  
the parish  
during our  
Parish Priest's  
vacation.

A Birthday Prayer  
MAY THE *peace* OF GOD BE WITH YOU  
ON THIS, YOUR SPECIAL DAY.  
MAY HIS GIFTS OF *grace* SURROUND YOU  
AS YOU FOLLOW IN HIS WAY.  
MAY HIS *blessing* REST UPON YOU  
AND HIS *wisdom* GUIDE YOU, TOO,  
AND ALWAYS, IN ALL PLACES.  
MAY HE *love* AND CARE FOR YOU.  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
To All born in July

welcome  
BACK HOME, WE MISSED YOU!  
Love, Your Church Family

We welcome back  
Fr. Martins from  
his annual leave.



### Charismatic Prayer Group

Friday 6th August after  
Mass.

Please bring your Holy  
Bible. All are welcome.

## 2021 Eden Pilgrimage

### "Walking in the footsteps of Mary Mackillop"

We are invited to the annual pilgrimage in Eden on **Saturday, 7th August 2021**, starting at **11AM**.

Mass begins at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Calle Calle Street, at **12.00 noon** by the Archbishop Christopher. This year's Pilgrimage will be celebrated with strict Covid protocols:

- Masks must be worn indoors and wherever you are unable to maintain **1.5 meters** distancing outside
- Check in at the church must be done on the QR code displayed. If this is not possible, your contact details must be registered with a volunteer who will be able to assist
- Pre-registration is essential due to the restrictions on numbers. Please register on the parish website <http://cg.org.au/pambula/Home.aspx>
- Picnic BYO lunch after mass.
- Rosary procession by individuals or Parish's groups on arrival from **11AM**.

Please register at the Parish foyer or phone/email the Parish's office if you are attendant or would like a lift: [batemansbay@cg.org.au](mailto:batemansbay@cg.org.au) or **(02) 44724153**

## 2021 First Eucharist Enrolment

Eighteen of the boys and girls in year 4 enrolled for the sacrament of the Eucharist last Wednesday.

**Commitment Mass next weekend.**

### Gathering: 'Nourishing my/our Spirit' facilitated by Loretta Parsley, Aboriginal Elder.

Loretta will share her life, culture, connection to the Land, art, spirituality and how we can nourish our spirit.

**Date:** Tues Aug 17 at St Bernard's Church, 9am Registration for 9:15am start -12:30pm. Please bring a plate for Morning Tea.

Covid Protocol will be followed. Wear a mask.

Booking is essential: **Marie W 0405 028 057** or **Sr Marie 0429 383 333**  
by **August 9**.

## CHILDREN OF THE BLACK SKIRT

In aid of Maranatha Lodge.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 2 pm**

**Ticket purchased by:**

**Email: [purplehpowell@gmail.com](mailto:purplehpowell@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 0421 420 605**

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

*Dreamer Joseph:  
Teach us to dream a world  
where all are neighbours: a  
vision illumined by God's  
light*



## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, at the start of the new financial year, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**

**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

### Remembering the Sick:

Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**Death Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Ferrante, Heather Roberts, Gloria Harrison, Kevin O'Dwyer, Ray Duke, Pam Carriage, Robyn Moore, Des Beckhaus, Mato Katic, Anthony Clift

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish**

**Community:** Bill Guist, Savannah Leane, Maree Gregory, Frank Rosin, Guiseppa Nibali, Maree Killmier, Harold Fox, Jade Hammond, Anna Ordeman, David Bushnell, Susan McNamara, Liberata & Francisco Desabella, Elaine Jane Ceruzi, all souls in Purgatory, Anacorita Villanueva and Numerina Sencio



## COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after  
Mass.  
All are welcome.

**VENUE:** Corrigans Cove

## COFFEE N CHAT

### Pastoral Care Team Meeting:

#### Focus:

'Refreshing our Journey  
with Mary Mackillop'  
**Tuesday August 3,  
in the Church Meeting  
Room  
10-15am - 12-30pm  
followed by Pot Luck  
lunch.**

Participants are asked to  
bring a plate to share for  
lunch; morning tea will be  
provided.

Facilitators: Sr Marie &  
Marie Weatherall.

**All Welcome.**

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