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Weekday Mass Times:

8.45am-9.10am Rosary, followed by
9.15am Mass on Monday—Friday.

Weekend Mass Times:

6.30pm: Saturday—Vigil Mass.
8.45am: Sunday—Italian/English Mass.
10.30am: Sunday—Family Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am & 6.00pm
or feel free to phone Fr Minh.

First Wednesday of the Month:

7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting in
the Parish House. Appointment Required.

Last Friday of the Month:

2.00pm: Seniors' Mass at the Parish Centre.

Catholic Religious Education:

Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes
for State Primary and Secondary School
children in the Parish House.

Recently Deceased: Fr. John Francis Van Suylen and Asma Chafic Khouri.
Month's Mind: Michelina Vincitorio.
Death Anniversaries: Carmelo Meilak, Hanna and Youssef Suffa Fakhry.
Sick: Salv Caleo, Simon Fakhry and Laila Taylor.

Diary Reminders:

Tue 14th Aug: 7.30pm—125th Anniversary Meeting, in the parish house.
Wed 15th Aug: 9.15am—This Mass will include the school to celebrate the
Feast of the Assumption.
: 4.00pm—Religious Education classes, in the parish house.
Thu 16th Aug: 7.30pm—Finance Committee Meeting, in the parish house.
Sun 19th Aug: 10.30am—Confirmation Commitment Mass.
: 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers.
: 4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.

This weekend: Special Collection for Catholic Care.



Thank you Fr. Gerry for your help over the last few weeks. We have enjoyed having you here, to celebrate Masses with our parish community.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 18/8: 6.30pm

Commentator: Tannous El-Fahkri.

Reader: Connie Galati.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: Teddy Susanto.

SUNDAY 19/8: 8.45am

Commentator: Salv Caleo.

Reader: Salv Caleo (E) & Jill Ryan (I).

Communion Minister: Cesarina Zampieri.

SUNDAY 19/8: 10.30am

Commentator: John Horacek.

Reader: Hugh McGinlay.

Communion Ministers: Adelma Meilak &
Audrey Van Haltren.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (20th Aug—25th Aug)

Lahiru Perera & Nadeesha Wajerathne.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 455.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 722.55

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 100.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 5665.00

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Would you like to see video and photos of Archbishop Comensoli's Installation Mass?

Videos and photos from the Mass can be found on the Melbourne Catholic website here: <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/>

Or you can view the entire mass here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYjUU03YBM>

You can also view just Archbishop Peter's homily here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFREREBpO3E&t=324s>

The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana reading the letter from Pope Francis announcing the Archbishop of Melbourne can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27C3dyCWKEQ&t=27s>

Vocations are our responsibility

In one of his addresses in Broken Bay, Archbishop Comensoli reminded us that "a priestly vocation is a joint project of the individual, the faith community, and Christ" (August 2017). Let us pray for more vocations from our Local Church. May our prayers and witness inspire young men and women to serve in priesthood and consecrated life.

In this Year for Youth and Vocational Discernment, we pray for the young people of our parish and family – that our prayers and support will assist them to discern God's plan for their life.

Give her a chance at a brighter future



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (12th August 2018)

First reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8

Second reading: Eph 4:30—5:2

GOSPEL

Jn 6:41-51

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.'

Reflection on 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

From the Child Safety Officer - Child Safe Standard 7

"Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children"

The first step in making children feel safe and welcome in our Parish is listening to them and respecting their views and concerns. We're working to ensure that children and their families have opportunities to contribute to decisions that affect them. We'll also be sharing information for children and families about how to recognise and report inappropriate behaviour. If you have any suggestions about how we can make our Parish a more child-safe and child-friendly place, please pass your ideas on to the Parish Office!

Naomi Brammer