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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.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 4/8: 6.30pm

Commentator: Vony Juwond.
Reader: TBA.

Communion Minister: Sr Therese Denny.
Musician in charge: Rusman Priyana.

SUNDAY 5/8: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.
Reader: Kevin Fell (E) & Gina Alessio (I).
Communion Minister: Cesarina Zampieri.

SUNDAY 5/8: 10.30am

Commentator: Winston Van Haltren.
Reader: Naomi Brammer.
Communion Ministers: TBA & Iris Avery.
Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (6th Aug—11th Aug)

Carmel Hurley.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 533.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 733.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 310.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 4,855.00

You are invited to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, by visiting the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne on Saturday 4th Aug 10am -4pm. See the Museum, Gift shop, the Chapel where Mary prayed & the Refreshments area. The engaging "Walking Tour" starts at 11am. Entry is free & everyone welcome.

Recently Deceased: Clare George, Teresa Salvo, Nathan Khoury and Ferez Toufic Taouk.

Death Anniversaries: Jovita Exposto and Youssef Faddoul.

Sick: Maree Swan and Sr. Jacinta Dolan.

Diary Reminders:

Mon 30th Jul—Fri 3rd Aug: There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass, there will be a Communion Service instead.

Mon 30th Jul: 10.15am—Rosary & Funeral for Teresa Salvo (RIP).

Wed 1st Aug: 4.00pm—Religious Education classes, in the parish house.

Next Weekend: Special Collection Mary MacKillop Appeal.



Over the weekend, we had a working bee to paint the Parish Centre and it looks wonderful!

We would like to thank all those who worked on the project, donated their time, skills equipment and supplies, helped with preparing and painting, provided morning tea and lunch, completed electrical work on the lights and fans and those who helped to clean up.

A very big Thank You to everyone who helped.



Constant in Faith

Archbishop Hart chose as his motto 'Constant in Faith'. For the past seventeen years he has shown us what it is to live this out. May his example, and our prayers and witness help many more young people to be future leaders of our Local Church in the vocations of married life, consecrated life or priesthood.



St Joseph's 125 years

A faithful past, present and future

This year we celebrate our 125th Anniversary.

Please save the date...

Sunday October 14 @ 2p.m.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (29th July 2018)

First reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

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.

Reflection on Gospel

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 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

From the Child Safety Officer - Child Safe Standard 5

"Processes for reporting and responding to suspected child abuse."

Our Parish takes all reports related to child safety very seriously, and is committed to taking action to ensure that children are protected from harm and abuse. Allegations of criminal conduct should always be reported to the police as soon as possible. All other matters should be reported to the Parish Priest or the Parish Office. More details about our reporting processes, how to make a report, and how we will respond to reports are available in our Child Safety Policy and on the noticeboard in the church foyer.

Naomi Brammer