



ST. PAUL PARISH

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.

Next weekend the children from St Peter's will make their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

On the weekend of the 7th/8th of August we have a collection for Catholic Care, please give generously.

Digital learning for over 60 Wednesday 11th August 10.30 to 12.pm Meeting room St. Paul's Church limited space, so please book through Jane on 0404 303 790

St Paul's Church is running a fundraising raffle which starts on Saturday 31st July/1st Aug. We are looking for volunteers to sell tickets 15 minutes before and after each weekend mass. If you can help please call Jane on 9363 6660. Raffle will be drawn on Sunday the 22nd of August at the Social Sunday Sausage Sizzle. Please join in to help raise money for our parish.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Parish Organist, St Gerard's Parish, Dandenong North/Program Director – Parish Transformation/Parish Secretary, St Macartan's Catholic Church/Parish Coordinator, Apsendale/Pastoral Care Worker, Sacred Heart Mission (Central)/Pastoral Care Worker, Sacred Heart Mission (Community)/Accounts Officer, East Melbourne/Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: Special Intentions: John, **For Healing:** Brina McClooney, Edward, Sheryl, Jennifer Hughes, Agnes Bonner, **Recently Deceased:** Paul Borg, Frank Bonnici, Richard, Carlos Laxamana, **Anniversaries:** Rose Reynolds, Frances Rake, Vincent Abela, Maria & Bena Cauchi, Teresa & Dick Smith & family, Connie Cachia, Maria Gaffiero, Dora Mercieca, Charlie Bezzina, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Freddy Brockdorff, and family, Michael & Paula Galea and Family, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Moreska Cleur, Philomena Dougherty, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 1st Aug 2021)

Saturday 31st Jul /1st Aug

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary

Baptism: Anvi & Arnav Talwar
6.00pm Vigil Mass + Joe Zahra

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass +

8.30 am English Mass +

10.00am English Mass +

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

Monday 2nd Aug 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

12.00pm Lady of Knots

Tuesday 3rd Aug 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

10.00am Italian Prayer Group

6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 4th Aug 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

Thursday 5th Aug 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group

Friday 6th Aug 8.00am English Mass +

9.00am Vietnamese Mass

5.30pm Maltese Confession

6.00pm Maltese Mass

Saturday 7th/8th Aug

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary

Baptism:
1.00pm Wedding rehearsal
6.00pm Vigil Mass +

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

7.00am English Mass +

8.30 am English Mass +

10.00am English Mass +

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

2.30pm Mass - First Holy Communion—St Peter's Primary School



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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to quickly forget how we have been blessed. The people of Israel wasted no time in complaining to Moses about having been brought out of slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the plagues sent as signs that God was working through Moses. In a similar fashion the people who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered from sickness, and then feed the multitude, will demand a further sign from Jesus in order that they would believe in him and trust in him as the bread of life!

There is a tremendous tension in these readings between the patience and generosity of God on one hand, and on the other, the ways in which we can fail to appreciate and accept what God is offering us. In time the people in the desert tired even of the quail and manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries were unable to accept that he was the bread of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger and needs.

As Paul knew all too well the process of conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to leave behind our old selves, that is, that which does not answer our most heartfelt needs or engender life. Even though we may recognise that Jesus is the source of our life it can still be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus within us because of old patterns of acting or perceiving.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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 heart's 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 in 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 heart's 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.

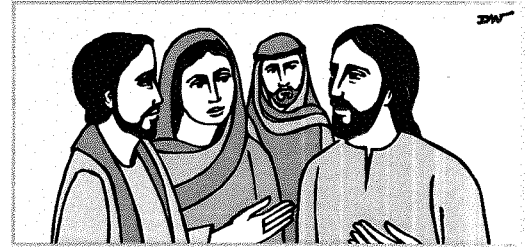
RESP PSALM

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. R.

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. R.



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.

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.

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: 24-35

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