

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

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
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 591 New: 666



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

5 August 2018

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

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

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. (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

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

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!

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

SICK

Iola Bevilacqua; Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Milagros Abelgas; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Luba Nizic (Herzegovina); Rosina Pisano; Ignatius Raymond (Monica Soccio's father); Maria Mejak (Clara Rizzi's mother); Josephine Carmuciano; Rolando Villar; Sylvia Savona; Eric Carmuciano (husband of Mary at St Martin's School); Sr Eileen Sheehy; Caterina Gazzara; Peter Murphy (Veronica Dovey's Brother); Charlie Bugden; Max Chester; John Andrades; Domenica Palamara; Phyllis Geraghty; Gloria Aldana (Philippines) Lucia Lozada (Colombia).

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES

Jean Turner; Lawry Grima; Joseph Mifsud; Bernadette Murray; Terry & Dulcie Gomez; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Caterina Tran Van; Zoran Romich; Giovanni Martello; Paul & Sofia Perconte; Adriana Donato; Carmelo Attana; Giuseppe Visalli; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Joseph Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Maria & Giovanni Gulizia; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Francesco & Mary Falzon; Maria Moore.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	No Mass
<i>Devotion to Divine Mercy (English)</i>	2:30pm
TUESDAY	9:15am
Funeral Prayers for Maria Gervasi	10.45am
WEDNESDAY	9:15am
<i>followed by short Adoration & Benediction</i>	
THURSDAY	9:15am
FRIDAY	9:15am

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	
Vigil	6:00pm
SUNDAY	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese	12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 9:45am Saturday: 5:30pm

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3004 Received: \$2683 Shortfall: \$321
Presbytery: \$1398 Loose: \$714

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

20th Anniversary of Fr Nhàn's Ordination

Celebration will be at 6pm Mass Saturday 25th August followed by refreshments in the hall. Please bring food to share.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Flower pick up: M Scales
Flower Arranging: H Baker
Sacristy: G Petrecca
Hospital Communion: Team 1: M & P Schwegler,
M Colosimo

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Please Note, rosters for August commence this week:

Readers:

6 pm: D O'Prey, J Hili
8 am: M Anile
9:30 am: T Rodillas

Extraordinary Ministers:

6 pm: C Fabri, M Mifsud, J Wilkinson, M Thi Bui,
D Hobson
8 am: W Schoch J Vella, Sr Dianne
9:30 am: S Sammut, S Raviola, J Batten, M Soccio,
D Marino, L Nguyen, Augustinian Sisters

Counters: W & J Schoch and G & F Panetta

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 6pm Mass on Saturday 11th August. Please pray for these children from St Martin's School and RE classes.

READERS INFORMATION SESSION with Sr Dianne Wednesday 8th August 7pm

All readers and those interested in reading are invited to attend in the Pastoral Care Centre meeting room.

FEAST OF ST GAETAN

Mass Friday 10th August 7pm
Mass Sunday 12th August 2pm followed by procession and celebration in the hall. Everyone welcome.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Parish Office if you are able to assist with the following:

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MASSES

Are needed, training will be provided for all.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to take Communion to the housebound on a regular basis.

May our children flourish!

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

READING MATERIAL

Australian Catholics Winter 2018 Edition - Free.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION/ PRAYER OF THE HEART



Beginners and experienced meditators welcome to this Thursday's session 10am-11am 9th Aug. Contact Clara Rizzi on 0403 153 346 for more information.

JOBS AVAILABLE

Fitters for blinds and security doors needed. Factories are located in Melton & Epping. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1st June, 2019.

NOTICEBOARD/WIDER COMMUNITY

AVE MARIA COLLEGE: Applications for Year 7 in 2020 close on **Friday 17th August 2018**. Find out more by visiting our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE Enrolment Year 7 2020

Applications close **Friday 17th August**. Download application form at www.columba.vic.edu.au or email registrar@columba.vic.edu.au to request a prospectus.

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Fatima, Avila, Lourdes, Avignon, Turin, Padua, Assisi & Rome 15th August – 7th October 2018

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PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LANDS OF JORDAN & ISRAEL:

Escorted by Fr Tony Kerin 1st – 15th May 2019
Spend Easter Season in the Holy Land. See noticeboard for more information or pick up a flyer from the foyer.

PALMS: Volunteers needed

Palms Australia places skilled volunteers in remote communities around the world, to facilitate people co-operating across cultures to achieve a just, sustainable, interdependent and peaceful world free of poverty. We offer long-term overseas volunteer placements, short term group trips, and training. Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer for more information.

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