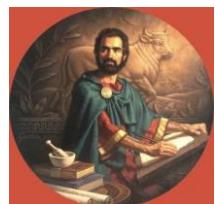


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 2018 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B **THE YEAR OF YOUTH**

This week's readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Gospel John 6:24-35

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER: This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Ch 6 that began last week and will continue for another few weeks. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the 'Bread of Life' image that runs throughout this chapter. Last week's reading finished with Jesus virtually fleeing the scene when the crowd wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd has caught up with him again and appears to be looking for a repeat performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses them of simply wanting more food and not being alert to the truth of the sign they had witnessed. The crowd asks what they must do to accomplish the works of God and Jesus answers fairly bluntly, Believe in me!

In response, the people demand a sign from Jesus: produce manna from heaven as Moses did during the Exodus. In fact, manna from heaven is one of the signs of the coming of the Messiah that is foretold by the prophets. So, in their own way, the people are asking Jesus to demonstrate to them that he is the Messiah. Jesus, however, explains that it was not Moses who produced the manna, but God. In Jesus, God has already produced the sign – the Bread sent down from heaven. There is no need for Jesus to produce such a sign; the sign has already been produced by God. It is up to the people – and us – to recognise God's gift of life-sustaining nourishment that is Jesus. In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life – the sustaining gift of God that 'gives life to the world'.

Scriptural context – Bread that endures: Jesus says, 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' The reference to food that cannot last relates to today's first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was 'food that endures' so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.

Living the Gospel – The Body of Christ: Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

Historical Context – Bread: For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospel of John. For the Jews, like other Ancient Near Eastern cultures, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word 'bread' often simply means all food – it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. Bread also played a crucial role in religious practices, especially the Passover meal.

Are you wondering about the new Resilience sign on our front fence? See our noticeboard for more details ...

National Vocations Awareness Week is celebrated during the first week of August

Raise your voices ... Entrance antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord do not delay.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

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

Communion antiphon: I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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We are Companions on the Journey ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson Parish Priest

Sonya O'Farrell
Part-time Parish Secretary
Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
10.00am - 2.00pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am
Weds. - Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Mass times as listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration

Wednesday

Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and six months (6) notice, please.
(This helps with the planning of both celebrations and Parents usually know nine months in advance when their baby is to be born).

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Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen!

Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and for those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Mirella Pekish, may they all rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time.

Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; **Tuesday:** St SixtusII, pope, martyr and companions, martyrs; St Cajetan, priest; **Wednesday:** St Mary of the Cross, virgin; **Thursday:** St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr; **Friday:** St Lawrence, deacon, martyr; **Saturday:** St Clare, virgin. **Sunday Masses:** Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. Eucharistic Prayer III and Euch. Accl. No. 3.

A VOCATION VIEW: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." With these words, St. Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness. (John 6:24-35)

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



MOST REV PETER COMENSOLI DD

The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 5 - 12 AUGUST: The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4 When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

WE WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY this weekend Inti Amaru Acevedo Munoz, Son of Margarita and Angelo.

WE WELCOME ALL OUR PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES THIS WEEKEND to commence their immediate preparation to sit at the Table of the Eucharist for the first time later this month.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION****4 AND 5 AUGUST 2018**

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Melina Barcellona
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Dixon

MINISTERS OF THE WORD**4 AND 5 AUGUST 2018**

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Mia Perang
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Ken D'Souza
	10:30 AM	Jess Kilroe-Smith

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Greg Grant
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Joe Brogno
	10:30 AM	Leigh Kelly

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY	6:00 PM	Tony Lobo
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Rosemary Donaldson
	10:30 AM	Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

11 AUG 2018
Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier
18 AUG 2018
Joan McHugh

CHURCH CLEANING

11 AUG 2018
Team 4 (Joanne's Team)
Joanne Nolan, Melissa O'Mara,
Tina Timpany, Jesse Barrett

OUR THANKS TO MARILYN ROBERT: After two and a bit years of service to our Parish Marilyn wants to pursue her commitment to Catholic Education. We are grateful to her for all the time, talent and her personal approach she has offered so willingly to our Parish during this time. Please let Marilyn know how grateful you are during our Morning Tea after the 10.30am Sunday morning Mass this weekend.

LET US WELCOME SONYA O'FARRELL who has accepted the offer of being the next Parish part-time Secretary. She brings with her a unique familiarity with our Parish Community including our Parish School Canteen and Registrar for St Luke's Rosellas (Netball). Sonya begins with us next Wednesday.

THE 6PM CHOIR will serve again on Saturday 11th August and Sat 1st September.

THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OVERHEAD SCREEN is now back to normal after some housekeeping which was completed late last week with one of the experienced Consultants visiting us and who was here to submit options for its replacement.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by Wednesday 5pm – BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

AT THE REQUEST OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE:

I draw your attention to the fact that the Senate has decided to debate the [Restoring Territory Rights \(Assisted Suicide Legislation\) Bill 2015](#) on 14, 15 and 16 August, to allow territories the right to make laws on euthanasia. If the bill passes, it will effectively mean euthanasia will be legalised in the ACT and perhaps also in the Northern Territory. Parishioners are being asked to seriously consider writing to their senators expressing their concerns. [Write to senators to oppose euthanasia](#). The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators **TODAY** and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the **HOPE** website to send your message <http://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/sign>

TEACH WITH TIMORESE TEACHERS! Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor- Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

TREASURING OUR LATER YEARS: Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on Saturday, 11 August from 10 am – 4 pm/. Cost \$60 (BUO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD® TEACHER TRAINING COURSE: Friday, 31st August – 1st September, 2018, Billings LIFE, 2A/303 2A/303 Burwood Highway, East Burwood, 3151. This is an opportunity for those interested in offering women and couples a reliable and scientific method of natural fertility management. Nurse practitioners, community health nurses and others interested in women's reproductive health will find the knowledge and skills gained through their participation in this course to be invaluable. To Register or to get more information: 1800 335 860

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

Lectors, Welcomers Collectors Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, & Rosters

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Children's Liturgy Group

Nina Grieve - 9877 4023

Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Thanksgiving Counters

Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087

Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

Pastoral Council & Child Safety Officer

Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History

Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Whitehorse Deanery**Finance Council**

Steve Brennan

Parish Accountant

Hall Hire

Parish Office - 9877 2292

Care Group & Gardens

Judy Noy - 9894 1506

Church Sacristan

Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen

Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers

Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance

Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

Holy Communion to the housebound**Parish & School Choirs**

Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi

0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin
9877 4023

Parish and School Fete Committee

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

Parish School Advisory Board

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

Parish School Parents' Association

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:

Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:

These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?