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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

1st August 2021 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Patricia Grant; Sister Francis Gabriel RSVJ
Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick; Kai Fitzpatrick

Anniversary: Ree Holloway; Marjorie Thomson; Edith Constable; Leo Goodwin; William Perkins; Maurice Murphy; Patricia Mason; Joe Gigli; Bill Norman Jnr; Leo Daniels; James McVicar; William (Bill) Norman Sr; Ron ODwyer; Dominic Bower; Eric Robinson; Lorna Matheson; Allan Reading Sr; Patricia (Pat) Lane; Helen Hird; Anne Gee; Jack Trinson; William Martin; Johanna Blanche; Eva Black (Baker); Madeline Houlihan; Elouise Harrison; Bernard Howard; Margaret Westwell; Patricia Stockdale; Valerie Short; Agnes Clare Perkins; Anthony McKay; John Gleeson; Dolores McGregor; Anna Wralten; Margaret Heath; Suzanne Schumaker; John Egan; Eleanor Heyman; Mary O'Donnell; Maureen Pengilly; John Rymant; Roy Smith; Allan Blanche; Stephen Constable; Wallace Banister; Casimer Reading. **May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.**

And for those who are ill:

Pat Reiby; Paul Murphy; Craig Lawrence; Ivy Taylor; Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb or Gurnedhan; Les Ward; David Sellar; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Tunton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

7/8/2021	R:	B Press
8/8/2021	R:	D Ryan
	C:	J Daniels & K Sweep

Coming Events

- Wed 4 Werris Creek Mass at 11.00am for 50th Celebrations of Church opening
- Thurs 5 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.00am
- Fri 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- Fri 6 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 4.30pm
- Sat 7 Marian Devotions at St Brigid's at 9.30am, morning tea to follow
- Sun 8 Good Shepherd Appeal & Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal
- Sun 8 Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross
- Sat 14 Ordination of Damien Locke at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral
- Sat 14 **No 5.00pm Mass at St Brigid's this weekend only**
- Sat 14 Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm
- Sun 15 Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Werris Creek celebrations for 50th Anniversary since opening of St Thomas More Church
Will take place on 4 August 2021 commencing with a concelebrated Mass at 11.00am followed by Lunch at Werris Creek Golf Club. Cost of meal \$25.00. RSVP to Liz Jones 0422 078 111.

Baptism This weekend we welcome Ripley Josephine Diane Halliburton into our Christian Community and Baptised into the Mystery of Christ and his Church. Please pray for Ripley's mum Paige, her Godparents and her Grandparents.

Marian Devotions First Saturday 7th August 2021 at St Brigid's at 9.30am. Cuppa after at St Joseph's Centre. All other Saturdays at Carroona Church at 9.30am. For more information, please contact Marie Lawson on 6747 3951.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Clergy Education & Retired Clergy Collection have been combined into one collection which will be conducted on 8th August 2021 to coincide with the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please stipulate on the back of the envelope if you wish for your donation to go to one particular fund others it will be split 50/50. Thank you.

Ordination of Deacon Damien Locke
Will take place on Saturday 14th August at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral at 10.00am.

There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 14th August at St Brigid's

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Invitation On-line Euthanasia Talks

You are invited to a series of online talks by theological and medical specialists on the topic over three Mondays in August, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta.

Session 1: Monday 2 August, 7.30pm. Fr David Ranson, Vicar General of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will discuss euthanasia through the lens of theology, focusing particularly on a Christian perspective of suffering and death.

Session 2: Monday 9 August, 7.30pm. Insights shared from a panel of palliative care specialists. The doctors and health care workers will highlight how palliative care is both misunderstood and underfunded, and when used effectively, addresses many of the concerns of those who argue for assisted dying.

Session 3: Monday 16 August, 7.30pm. Monica Doumit, Director, Public Affairs and Engagement for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will talk about the best ways to bring up the topic of euthanasia with friends and family.

For more information or to register please visit: <https://parrocatholic.org/euthanasiatalks> or contact Emma Baker at emma.baker@hbccatholic.org.au

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1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church capacity is one person per 4 square metre rule.
5. Facemasks are mandatory at all non-residential venue including churches and the public spaces.
6. No singing by the congregation at religious services is allowed.
7. Travel to the Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour may not enter these areas without a reasonable excuse.
8. People from the same household may sit together.
9. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
10. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.
11. If you would like a bulletin delivered please let Bern know and it will be arranged.

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First Collection \$264.05

Breaking Open the Word

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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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

THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

01 AUGUST 2021

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