



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5 August 2018

### JESUS: HIS PERSON AS THE LIVING BREAD.

(Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35)

As we reflected on the multiplication of the loaves last Sunday, we discovered that the sign of the 'deeper, spiritual truth of Jesus' presence' was something completely missed by the crowd. And, that prompted by the actions of the crowd to make him more of a humanitarian, 'bread-king', Jesus withdrew himself from the crowd and retired into the hills (Jn 6:15).

Well, last Sunday's Gospel episode continues today. Step by step, Jesus resumes his work of deepening the understanding of the people about himself and his mission. Guess how Jesus started? He said, 'I tell you truly, you are looking for me not because you have seen the signs but because you got bread to eat' (6:26).

The first point to notice about last Sunday's five barley loaves and the two small fish is that the miracle had other aims than just satisfying physical hunger! This singular sign and its explanation will continue to feature and in fact, dominate our Gospel lesson. Preparatory to the solemn *Eucharistic conference* given by Jesus himself at the Synagogue of Capernaum (Jn 6:59), the first reading readies us for the Gospel by its story of the manna.

In relating the account of the desert manna – the 'bread from heaven' the book of Exodus is well interpreted in the psalmody: 'The Lord gave them bread from heaven'. The etymologic Hebrew words '*man hu*' – from which they came by 'manna' (*what is it?*, Ex16:15), stresses the mysteriously-made-available food. The miracle in the manna does not go away; it remains there in the manner of the superabundance; and in the historic reality of its duration for the entire communities of the Israelites for forty years. Manna tasted like 'wafers made with honey' (Ex 16:31). As **God's gift**, it only stopped coming after the harvest: 'the day after Israel celebrated their first Passover in Canaan' (Jos 5:11,12).

The second reading in which St Paul insists on the need for attentive listening and of proper hearing of the truth of faith, adds up to the pivotal lessons about the bread of life which Jesus tacitly claims that he is. As Paul sues for an interpretation of Jesus' teaching **in a**

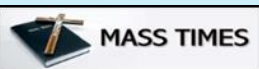
manner that the mind "must be renewed by a spiritual revolution" (Eph 4:23) so, does the Church interpret *the reality* of the living bread far beyond the tendentious suggestions. The manna may have come as a natural food, gum or resin of a tree, honeydew excretion of the tamarisk, or of other desert shrubs etc. But the 'living bread' is not!

Again, the recall of the manna by Jesus' audience in today's Gospel certainly underlined how much preserved and remembered the tradition was in Moses' ministry. Today, Jesus not only corrects that God remains the giver of the life-giving bread, he moves the discussion from an **item** to **someone** – his own person. He says: "I am the bread of life. He who come to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst". Next Sunday, we will read whether Jesus was loud and clear enough.

This, my friends, is where Jesus leaves it for us this Sunday. Take some time to dwell on the curiosity around Jesus. Ponder the 'scandal' Jesus was about to trail by those words now proclaimed publicly. Then brace yourselves for the challenges which faith in Jesus is addressing afresh to you. Right now, there seems to be no real physical hunger in the nation. Yet, at the depth of the hearts of the many, there is a spiritual for true faith in God and deep relation with the love of God revealed Christ.

Yes. Jesus too, hungers among us. Jesus is seeking for the return of, and fresh embrace from all those who initially came to him through baptism. We must re-enter like bees into the flower of Jesus, and work to re-fill our empty hearts with the pollen of Christ's food - the living bread.

Fr Modestus



#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### Brighton

**Monday:** 9.15am

##### Sandgate

**Tuesday:** 7.00am

**Thursday:** 5.30pm

*Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues after Mass until 11pm.*

**Friday:** 7.00am

##### Regis Aged Care:

**Thursday:** 10.30am 21 Aug  
(Lucinda)

#### WEEKEND MASSES

##### Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am  
Brighton Church: 5pm

##### Sunday:

Brighton: 7am  
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

##### Name Tag Sunday:

4th weekend of the month

##### Parish Council Meeting:

1st Thursday of the month

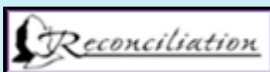
#### SCHOOL MASSES

##### St Kieran's School:

Friday 7 Sept 9am  
Feast of St Kieran  
Principal: Ben Gray  
Phone: 3269 5989

##### Sacred Heart School:

Thursday 20 Sept 9am  
Principal: Julian Cotter  
Phone: 3269 3427



#### Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm  
Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)  
1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



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**WELCOME!** If you are new to the Parish or are visiting, we are glad you have come to share Eucharist with us today. New Parishioner cards which can be put in the collection plate are at the rear of the Church.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** This weekend, our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year, we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

*'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news ...' Isaiah 5:2-7*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Next weekend is ENROLMENT WEEKEND for all families in this year's Sacramental program. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers as they support their children.

**SHARE THE DIGNITY:** The parish is participating in the August appeal for *Share the Dignity*. At the end of August, all donations (sanitary products) are distributed, via partner charities, making a real difference for women in need in our community. Collection boxes are now available in each Church.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** Safeguarding training, for those who have been unable to attend to date, will be offered 10am – 12pm **Monday 6 August 2018** at the O'Shea Centre, Wilston. If you would like to register for this training, please contact Parish Office on 3869 1377.

**NEW TIME: FEAST OF MARY MacKILLOP:** Mass will be celebrated at Brighton Church 9:15am **Wednesday 8 August**.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church 8am **Wednesday 15 August**.

**PARISH CO-ORDINATORS MEETING:** A meeting has been called for **ALL PARISH CO-ORDINATORS** 9am **Wednesday 15 August** (following the Mass). This meeting is an important gathering for co-ordinators of all parish ministries as we work together to provide such a high level of pastoral care throughout the parish.

**BUS TRIP:** The next trip to Marian Valley will be held on **Saturday 8 September** celebrating Our Lady's Birthday. \$20 per seat. For more information, please contact Margaret Thompson 0400 403 999.

**PARISH SPRING DAY:** Calling all crafters, car-booters and cake bakers for the Parish Spring Day Saturday 15 September. Part market, part ministry, part fete. This is a fun community event where we get to buy and sell and maybe even clean up a little with a little clean out. Share friendship, fun and faith as we build our relationships.

**PASSIONISTS FAMILY GROUP (QLD):** 35 year Reunion, **Saturday 15 September** – The Fort, Fort Road, Oxley. From 4pm. Flyer on Noticeboard for more details.

**VOCATION VIEW:** "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

**RCIA:** Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith? Our next RCIA program begins in September. All enquiries are welcome at the Parish Office.

**VINNIES:** The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help. Through your gift to the St Vincent de Paul Society you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVERS:** Our Parish would like to thank the 70 families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Planned Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact the Parish Office, pick up a form from the noticeboard at the back of the church or check out our website.

**ORGAN DONATIONS:** Thank you to those parishioners who have contributed to the Organ fund to date. Donation envelopes are available at the back of both churches. To date, we have received \$75920. All contributions are gratefully received.



## WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

**CENACLE:** gathers **Tuesdays** following the 7am Mass at **Sandgate**

**BIBLE STUDY:** 7pm **Wednesday** nights at Sandgate Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Vanessa Magrath 0403 492 879

**MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP:** meets **10am Thursdays** during school terms. Venue: 18 Jetty Street, Shorncliffe. All Welcome! Contact: Christine 0402 228 837.

**ADORATION:** 12noon – 11pm **Thursdays** at Sacred Heart Church.

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** meets **every Sunday** during school terms. This group is open to youth from Year 6 to Year 12. For more information, please contact Youth Group Co-ordinators Troy Grace 0410 335 643 or Frankie Pepper 0414 011 906.

- \* Vocations Awareness Week: 8-page spread of vocational stories
- \* Walk of faith for Ipswich pilgrims
- \* Pope accepts archbishop's resignation
- \* Education leaders demand fair schools funding deals
- \* Businesses the key to increasing anti-slavery endeavours across Australia
- \* Daily life of homeless on display in rare photography project
- \* Nancy's embracing a new family: Sister to 11 to become a sister for life
- \* PLUS: A Regional Focus on Northern New South Wales

## PARISH ROSTER

We are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the Parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

<b>MINISTERS OF THE WORD</b>	<b>4-5 Aug 2018</b>	<b>11-12 Aug 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Ryan H Boon F Shepherd	H Rodrigues TBA K Lynch
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson P McNamara TBA	D Madden R Mahon J Rosenberg
9am Sunday Sandgate	S Bria L Rodrigues K Coffey	C McLaren K Coffey M Lynch
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Judd Youth D Wood	Youth T Gunn TBA
<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>4-5 Aug 2018</b>	<b>11-12 Aug 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	E Harte P Madden K Lynch	D Price L Isaak TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson P Cross M Cross	TBA C Rosenberg-O'Brien TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch S Butler V O'Brien	L North TBA TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	L Hazelman P Janbroers TBA	TBA B Fallis TBA
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>4-5 Aug 2018</b>	<b>11-12 Aug 2018</b>
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Stronias	E Waite
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy A Cavanagh	S Bastian
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA	M Tate
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	<b>4 Aug 2018</b>	<b>11 Aug 2018</b>
Brighton	C Hickey	D Abberton
Sandgate	L Hazelman	R & C Bolton
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	<b>5 Aug 2018</b>	<b>12 Aug 2018</b>
7am Sunday Brighton	M Thompson D Price	M Thompson D Price
9am Sunday Sandgate	B Gunn TBA	TBA D Haurff-Green
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	<b>5 Aug 2018</b>	<b>12 Aug 2018</b>
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	TBA M Bernard
<b>COUNTERS</b>	<b>6 Aug 2018</b>	<b>13 Aug 2018</b>
Parish Office	D Abberton B Boyle	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan
<b>BAPTISM PREPARATION</b>	<b>6 &amp; 13 August</b> – J Gomez L Kelly	
<b>DINNER IN THE PARK</b>	<b>Saturday 4 August</b> — Albany Creek Parish	

### READINGS: (YEAR B)

	<b>18th Sun in Ord Time</b>	<b>19th Sun in Ord Time</b>
<b>1st Reading</b>	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15	1 Kg 19:4-8
<b>Psalm:</b>	Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24	Ps 33:2-9. R. v. 9
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Eph 4:17, 20-24	Eph 4:30-5:2
<b>Gospel</b>	Jn 6:24-35	Jn 6:41-51

**THE BREAD OF LIFE.** The manna the Israelites discovered in the wilderness satisfied their hunger. More importantly it was a sign that God was with them in their time of trial. Likewise, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was not intended simply to satisfy the hunger of the crowds but to be a sign to them of the presence of God in Jesus. In the symbolic actions of the Eucharistic celebration we also recognise the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, among us.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Loyola MUNRO, Trish MORRISON, Marie ROE, Jo FLYNN, Val BOEVINK, Annette BOYER, Ivy BRUCE, Pat BURNS Genevieve CANNON, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Darryl GLEESON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Sheila HOBBS, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Win JOHNSON, Josiane LYNCH, Michael LYNCH, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Maria PASHEN, Trevor PAYNE, Margaret PERIL, Christina PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, Kathy ROZIC, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, David THOMSON, Samantha TSALIKIS, Susan WILKE, Dianne WILLIAMS, Valerie WORKMAN.

(If you know of someone no longer required to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thankyou)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS:** Graham FITZPATRICK, Faith EYRE who died recently and for Gerard PIPER, Anastacia RABBITT, John McGRATH, Ferenc OCSENAS, Anna OCSENAS and Carmel JEFFREYS and the deceased members of the KEOGH and STATHAM families whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**RESPONSE:** (Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**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! Alleluia!**

**MYSTERY OF FAITH:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Wis 16:20) You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

### **ENTRANCE HYMN: GATHER US IN**

Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away;  
see in this space, our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken.  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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### **OFFERTORY HYMN: THE FACE OF GOD**

Why do you wait, pretend and ignore?  
Why won't you answer my call?  
Your mission is to bring my presence to the world.  
So all can live life to the full.

**REFRAIN: You are my eyes to look upon the world  
You are my voice to speak out  
You are my hands to reach out and touch my  
people. You are the face of God.**

Some travel far from all that they know,  
To mission to people far away.  
I'm calling you to just look next door,  
At what you can do here today. ®

All around you now are people in need,  
Lost in their fear and poverty.  
Thirsting for hope, they cry out my name,  
Will you be there when they call for me? ®

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### **REFLECTION HYMN: O BREAD OF HEAVEN**

O Bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal.  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail.  
I love thee and adoring kneel.  
Each loving soul by Thee is fed  
With Thy Own Self in form of bread.

Food of life, Thou Who dost give  
The pledge of immortality.  
I live no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me.  
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways  
And every grief with joy repays.

O bond of love, that dost unite  
The servant to His living Lord.  
Could I dare live, and not requite  
Such love – then death were meet reward.  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasur'd love.

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### **TO JESUS HEART ALL BURNING**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: MISSION SONG**

Go now I am sending you to walk the way of peace.  
To spread the warmth of human kindness,  
Love will be your sign. Love will be your sign.

Take the bread of life I give, a leaven for the world.  
Share the word that has been broken,  
Share the fruits of love. Share the fruits of love.

Let my Spirit come to change your water into wine.  
Heal the broken, raise the fallen,  
Comfort in my name. Comfort in my name.

Join the song creation sings, a hymn of joyful praise.  
Speak the truth and speak for justice,  
Let your voice be heard. Let your voice be heard.

Know that I will be with you, no matter where you roam.  
Gently leading, gently guiding,  
Love will bring you home. Love will bring you home.

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