

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 01 August 2021

Please Pray for

OUR SICK - Samantha, Amanda, Dereece, Ron McPhie, Eric Church, Diana Philipson.

RECENTLY DECEASED - Kath O'Brien, Michael Griffin, Kevin Condon, Daphne Mc Pherson.

REMEMBRANCE - Leonard Williams, Ron Flynn, John Madigan, Maria Barbon.

SPECIAL INTENTION - Julie, Greg, Xavier, Vicka, Mirjanha, Mary-Ellen and family, Marcus Elliott Barbon, John Barbon, Tim Barbon, Louise Barbon Elliott, Steven Elliot, Luca Elliott Barbon,

Safeguarding Children and Young People:
Enquires /Complaints: 0426 211 572
Policies:
<https://www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/policies/>
If you see something, say something

St John's
9789 9794
Principal
Derek Bruitzman

John Paul College
9784 0200
Principal
John Visentin

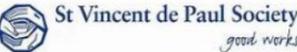
St Augustine's
9781 3007
Principal
Carrie Rodda

St Francis Xavier
9783 3424
Principal
Stephen Peart

This Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
Exo 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd Reading
Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel
John 6:24-35

Next Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
1 Kings 17:8-16
2nd Reading
Col 3:12-17
Gospel
Mat 6:25-34

SYRO MALABAR
Regular services :
Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass at SFX
First Sunday of month - 5pm Mass at SJE

 **St Vincent de Paul Society**
good works

If you would like to help give back to the community please contact : **For Donations:** 1800 621 349
For Assistance: 9769 6060
For Assistance call 9769 6060
SFX Vinnies Peter Butler: 0410 569 357
Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Mon 4.00pm-5.30pm
SJE Vinnies Mary Murtagh: 9781 3520
Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Tues 10.00am-11.30am

If you would like to participate in Mass at **St Francis'** next Sunday, you can book online at <https://www.frankstoncatholic.com.au/sfx/online-holy-mass-booking/> OR send an email to the parish office and indicate the Mass times, names and phone numbers of those you wish to register for the mass. You may also call the parish office. Booking is no required at **St John's**.
Mask is mandatory, please wear your mask.

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us at **St Francis Xavier / St John's**

Please let us know if:

- You are new to the Parish
- Recently changed your home address
- Need Thanksgiving envelopes

Please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or hand it to the Priest.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Have you just bought a new electronic device?

If so, then your Preloved laptops, iPads, tablets and phones that are still in working order will benefit the less fortunate school children in Nigeria.

Let us open our hearts to these children of underprivileged families as Education is not only a fundamental human right, but a sustainable means to alleviate poverty and bring about positive and lasting change!

You may drop your items to the Parish Office.
We would also accept a cash donation. Thank you!



Anointing of the Sick Mass
This Thursday
SFX: 9.15am
SJE : 9.00am



1st Friday Adoration / Benediction
This Friday
SFX : until 10.00pm
SJE : until 12.00noon



What are the Parish Collections used for?

The Church collection: Thanksgiving - supports the running and upkeep of the Church. This includes, gas, electricity, and water bill, insurance, maintenance of Church and buildings, gardens, purchase of liturgical celebration items etc.

The Second collection: Presbytery - this donation supports our Priests, Parish housekeeping & Priest's vehicle costs.

We very much appreciate and value your contributions to the Church and Presbytery, and as running costs are always increasing, we need to be mindful of this. This is a way of taking ownership of our Parish.


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St. Francis Xavier's Programme

Sunday Masses
Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Saturday Evening
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
Monday 9.15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
Wednesday before 9.15am Mass, Friday after 9.15 Mass
1st Friday of month until 10.00pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 10am & 5.30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st Thursday of month 9.15am

Rosary
Tuesdays before 9.15am Mass and Saturdays after 9.15am Mass

St. John's Programme

Sunday Masses
Vigil Mass: 7.00pm Saturday Evening
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
Monday 9.00am

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
Wednesday before 9.00am Mass , Friday after 9.00am Mass
1st Friday of month until 12noon

Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass
1st Thursday of month 9.00am

Rosary
Before weekday Mass, (except Wednesday)
Saturday at 9.30am

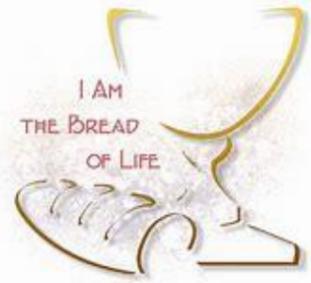
Gospel - John 6:24-35

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 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 the 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.





Homily for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Do we only have short term memories? Do we forget so easily? Do we throw away the baby with the bath water? Do we not have core values which we would never trade away no matter how life treats us?

In the first Reading, (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15), the people of Israel were willing to throw Moses and Aaron ‘under the bus’ because of the difficulties they faced in the desert. The scorching sun and hunger took their toll on them, and they snapped. All the miracles the Lord worked in Egypt to free them, and their miraculous crossing of the Red Sea on dry shod had become something that happened in a very distant past. They complained directly against Moses and Aaron, and indirectly against God by saying, “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!”

Have the Jews suddenly forgotten their enslavement in Egypt, the killing of their sons, and their subjugation to hard labour? An insight we get from the first Reading was that the Egyptians were “compassionate-ruthless” slave masters who ensured that their slaves did not work on empty stomachs.

Freedom comes with responsibilities, rights, and privileges. As an adolescent matures into adulthood, or a new nation transitions from the euphoria of their newly-found freedom to the reality of their daily living, at times they behave like the Israelites who were prepared to go back to enslavement rather than face the challenges which come with maturity and freedom.

For those who believe, there are no accidents in their lives. They see the hand of God in both the good and the bad experiences which they have. The good experiences are the positive revelations, and the bad experiences are the negative revelations. Our prayer is that one should experience more of the positive revelations than the negative ones.

The enslavement of the people of Israel in Egypt was a negative revelation for them and their deliverance from enslavement was a positive revelation. When the Jews were battling with hunger in the desert, the Lord provided them with food through some natural occurrences which had supernatural implications.

Firstly, quails became a source of meat for them. Quails were migratory birds, having been exhausted from flying long distances, they perched on the ground to have a rest, and the Jews were able to capture and cook them. Secondly, there were mushrooms which sprout overnight with the dew. The first Reading narrates as follows, “When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thin delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.” When the people enquired about what it was, Moses informed them that it “is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.”

Among the Jews, bread is food. The Jews called this substance manna. It “was white like coriander seed and it tasted like wafers made of honey” when eaten raw, (Ex 16:31), and it tasted like cakes made with oil when cooked, (Num 11:7-9). The Israelites saw the hand of God in these events – the quails perching and the mushrooms sprouting. When all hope was lost, the Lord was able to provide for the Israelites in the desert.

In the Gospel, (Jn 6:24-35), Jesus asked the Jews to work not only for transient food, but they should also work for the food that lasts forever. Similarly, Archbishop Peter Comensoli said in his welcome Mass Homily, as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne, that the people of Melbourne should not only barrack for football teams but should also barrack for the Gospel. Jesus said that working for God warrants that we believe in him, (Jesus), as the one sent by God. He then made the Jews to understand that unlike the manna in the desert which gave physical nourishment to their ancestors, he, (Jesus), is the true manna, (bread), because he descended from heaven to give spiritual nourishment to everyone that desires to have him.

Hence, Jesus is our bread of life, and whoever comes to him will never be hungry and whoever believes in him will never thirst. These assurances from Jesus imply that no matter what comes our way in life he will always be on our side, nourishing us with his Body and Blood – the Eucharist.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

National Vocations Awareness Week: 1 - 8 August

Each year in August the Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW). This week is an opportunity for Parishes, Schools and other groups to pray for and to help young people discern their vocation from God.

The Vocation team is always willing to assist and to listen to any ideas or suggestions that you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time (vocations@cam.org.au or 9926 5733)

CONGRATULATION TO BISHOP TONY IRELAND AND BISHOP MARTIN ASHE

We congratulate Bishop Tony Ireland and Bishop Martin Ashe at their Episcopal ordination on Saturday 31st July 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne. Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed Bishop Tony Ireland and Bishop Martin Ashe as the Episcopal Vicars for the Southern and Western Regions respectively.



‘The ministry of an Auxiliary Bishop is to confirm, strengthen and support the priests and local communities in the region to which he is sent.’ - Bishop Anthony Ireland



‘Being a bishop ... ultimately, it's the Lord calling me in another way to continue the mission of the Church that I am really keen on giving my life to.’ - Bishop Martin Ashe.

May God Always Bless, strengthen and guide them in their Ministry.

We Congratulate the following Candidates who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

St Augustine's Primary

Rhys, Indigo, Jamie, Andreia, Miro, Thomas, Lucy.

Will, Harry, Troy, Nina, Laura, Amelia, Sam, Camilla, Isabelle, Ava, Matilda , Glancey, Lachlan, Harper, Abigail, Noah.

St John's Primary

Savannah, Zeke, Nina, Lyla, Arnhem, Charlotte, Samantha, Noah, Tyson, Nicholas, Jake, Lachlan, Ryder, Noah, William.

Aden, Rhys, Jonah, Angus, Twyla, Rosie, Nabil, Isabel, Ellah, Luvyna, Misha.

Government Primary Schools

Quinn, Isabella, Benjamin, Jedidiah, Matt, Frank, Kailee.

May the strength of Jesus' love, joy and peace of this Holy day remain forever in your heart.