



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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04 August 2024 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Mass Schedule

WEEKEND

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup

Credo Youth Ministries

Contact the office or find information on
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Email: credo@stpatscathedral.com.au



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“Those who believe in me will never thirst.”

AS FATHER TOM NOTED in the bulletin last weekend, we have taken a break from our reading of Mark's Gospel and will spend several weeks, five in all, to read from one single chapter of John's Gospel, the famous sixth chapter, most of which comprises Jesus' "Bread of Life" discourse. We will resume our reading from Mark on the first weekend in September.



As we moved to the Gospel of John last weekend, we witnessed what is probably the best known of all Jesus' miracles, the feeding of the crowds with just five loaves and a couple of fish. It is the only miracle mentioned across all four Gospels, six times in all. This weekend we skip over a few verses in which Jesus walks on the sea and is then taken into the boat by the disciples. We take up the story at the point when the people seeking Jesus find him in Capernaum. Jesus' words are delivered in the synagogue there, a fact which is referenced only later in the chapter (v.59).

It is understandable that we tend to view the Bread of Life discourse solely through a Eucharistic lens. As Catholics, perhaps we are "hardwired" to do so. We draw an immediate link between Jesus speaking about himself as the bread of life and the fullness of Christ with which we are so familiar in the Eucharistic bread. At the same time, we should not be blind to a broader understanding of Jesus' words throughout this brief but important excursion into the fourth Gospel. A narrow understanding will only serve to limit our openness to God's grace.

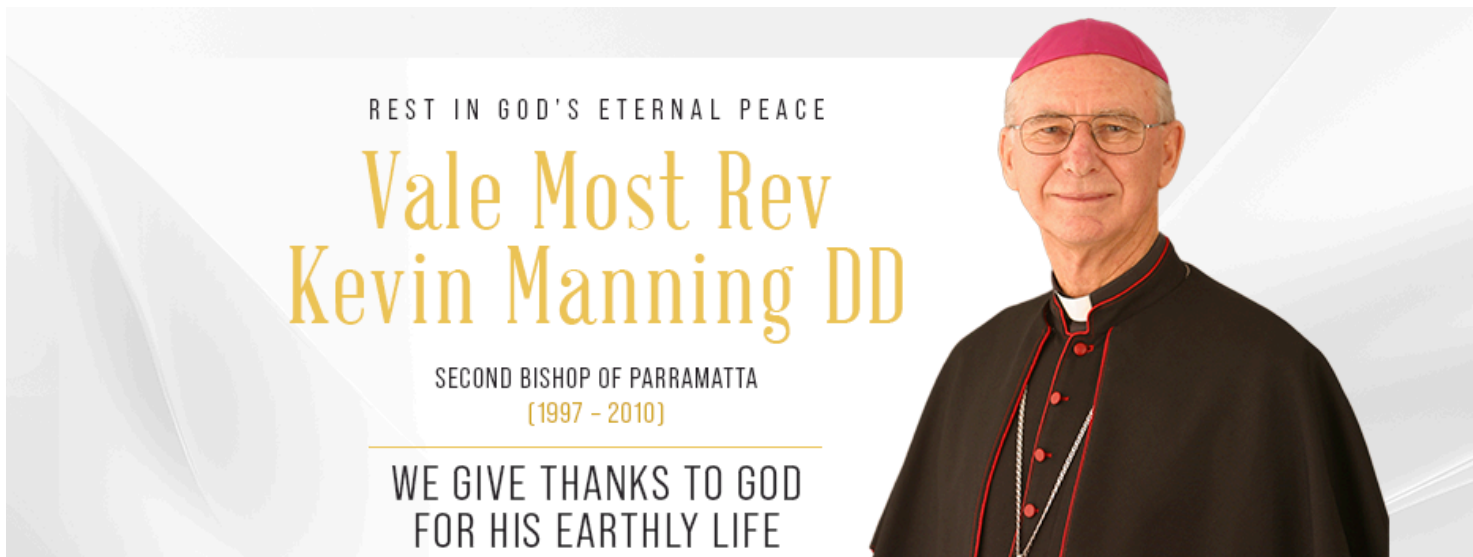
One approach to helping us understand this better is to look at how adults seeking to become Catholics undergo formation. You are probably aware of the process known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, something many Catholic parishes run annually, including here at the Cathedral. This process does not seek to simply fill prospective Catholics up with a load of "Catholic facts," but rather seeks to facilitate the process by which the enquirer responds to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who has already been at work in the enquirer for some time. We do not try to convince enquirers of Catholic truths through lecturing them but through prayer, the reading of scripture and open discussion, enquirers come to see the logic and beauty of these truths, originating as they do in a loving and merciful Creator. Then, and only then, can a genuine faith in Christ's presence in the Eucharist be embraced, and with it, an overwhelming desire to receive it sacramentally at the Easter Vigil, after Baptism and Confirmation.

For us to focus only on the Eucharist when Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life, is to potentially short-circuit a process which can bear fruit even for us long-term Catholics. Jesus achieves incredible intimacy with us in the Eucharist, but our appreciation of this incredible gift is enhanced when we get to know him better through prayer, reading scripture and embracing his presence in the world around us.

In doing this more often, we can better love Christ and give thanks to him with fuller hearts; hearts devoted to, and grateful for, Christ, the Bread of Life.

Wishing you a blessed week ahead,

Fr Robert



The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning

Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta died peacefully this morning Monday 15 July 2024, in Bathurst NSW at the age of 90.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, the Bishop of Parramatta was with Bishop Manning today when he passed.

“Bishop Kevin Manning was a loving servant of Christ. He dedicated his life to serving others and the church. He was a man of deep faith and prayer, and he leaves a strong legacy in Parramatta and the Australian Catholic Church, said Bishop Vincent.

“I give thanks for his life, for his vision and leadership for our local church and his legacy,” he said.

Born on 2 November 1933 in Coolah, NSW to Kevin and Edith Manning, he was the second eldest in a family of five boys and two girls.

He attended Sacred Heart Primary School in Coolah before going on to St Columba's College, Springwood where he later began his studies for the priesthood. He was selected to complete his studies at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 21 December 1961.

From 1962 to 1978, he served as a priest of the Diocese of Bathurst. In 1978, he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra for five years, and then as Secretary from 1983 to 1991.

In 1991, Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale, NSW, where he served until his appointment as Bishop of Parramatta.

Bishop Manning was appointed as the second Bishop of Parramatta on 10 July 1997, and was installed at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on 21 August 1997. He served as Bishop for over 12 years until his retirement on 4 March 2010. During this time, he led the youngest diocese during a period of rapid growth as more migrants and people chose to live in the western suburbs and Blue Mountains. This is evidenced by the fact that Parramatta now is bigger than most Australian archdioceses.

Bishop Manning is well-known and well-loved by many in the diocese and across Australia. During his time as Bishop of Parramatta, he raised the new St Patrick's Cathedral after the disastrous fire of 1996 and was renowned for his outreach to the marginalised and the poor. He worked tirelessly campaigning and advocating for justice for workers, First Nations people, migrants and refugees, women and children and the growing youth population in the diocese.

He was the first bishop to reach out to the Muslim community in Western Sydney, building relationships based on mutual respect, and continued this interfaith and ecumenical work with other Christian communities and faiths.

He loved listening to and dialoguing with many people. He was a communicator at heart, and in 1998 launched Catholic Outlook, then a monthly newspaper. Writing in the first issue, he said: “It gives me great joy to write my first letter to you in Catholic Outlook, an initiative which is close to my heart, for it gives me the opportunity to correspond regularly with you.”

His legacy and work continued after his retirement. He was appointed the Apostolic Administrator of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese in 2010 until 2012. A special Bishop Manning Lecture Series was hosted by Catholic Commission for Employment Relations in 2016, and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese continues the Bishop Manning Support Fund that assists struggling families who desire a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it.

Bishop Manning was the epitome of a Good Shepherd. He was a dutiful and humble servant full of compassion, humour and a love for the Church. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

Bishop Kevin Manning's funeral will be celebrated at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 11:00am on Friday 02 August.**

VALE BISHOP MANNING



THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.

At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

First Monthly Barbecue and Bazaar Success!

We are almost there!

Last Sunday, we held our first monthly barbecue and bazaar to raise funds for our new parish barbecues, and we were blown away by the community support from our parishioners. We had generous donations of plants, cakes, home-grown fruit, and a bit of bric-a-brac. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 'mini bazaar.'

Our next barbecue event will be held on **25 August**.

Our callout for volunteers also brought in a few new faces to the parish, providing a wonderful opportunity to get to know them and build relationships. If you would like to put your name down to help out for the next barbecue, please call Donna or Pat from the office.

To those who volunteered to help out with events, we are putting together a group for this. We will contact you in the next week to check out messages and the group on our Cathedral App.

We are pleased to share that we raised \$1100 net last Sunday, with a total of \$1650 raised so far.

Apart from the amount raised at the bazaar, we are truly humble and very grateful to Mr and Mrs Jurisic and Mr and Mrs Jreij and their families for their generous donation to the barbecue fundraiser. Our prayers for blessings on you and your families for you have blessed our community with your kindness.

We have purchased our first barbecue!

To save on cost of hiring and thanks to your generosity, we have bought our first barbecue. A special thank you to Bob Edgar, who assembled it just in time for last Sunday's fundraiser.

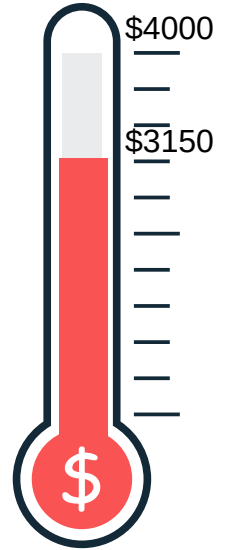
We are truly blessed with a great community of wonderfully generous people. Your support continues to make a significant impact, and we look forward to many more successful events together!

St Mary MacKillop and Assumption

A reminder that we have two important Masses coming up shortly.

Thursday 08 August is the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Australia's first, and thus far only, saint. The two usual Masses of 6:30am and 12:30pm will be celebrated on that day.

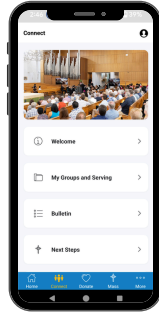
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgĭn Mary is celebrated a week later on **Thursday 15 August**. A reminder that this is a **holy day of obligation**, one of just two for Latin Rite Catholics in Australia. As well as the usual 6:30am and 12:30pm Masses on that day, there will be an additional Mass at 7:30pm on the same day.



PARISH NOTICES

Weekly APP UPDATES Focus on Events Check-in

This week, we would like to focus on the new Events Check-in feature of our Cathedral App. Last week, we launched the Check-in feature, and it was successfully tried out by the parents whose children are being confirmed at the Cathedral during their second parent information session.



The Check-in feature will be beneficial to us in many ways, including tracking attendance at events, signing in for those serving at Mass, and we hope to utilize it for emergency security purposes as well. More details on this will follow.

Please note that the check-in feature will only work if you are a registered member of the parish.

Events:

To access and register for events in the Cathedral:

- Go to 'Connect'
- Click on Calendar and Events
- then Click on upcoming events to see a list

This week's event list includes the Vespers and Funeral Mass for Bishop Kevin Manning. You can register your attendance and/or watch the Mass livestreamed straight from the App.

Exciting good news!

St Pat's Matters, Issue 120, is now available, free of charge.

Why exciting news? You will be able to put faces to the names of the new PPC members!



Take a copy to enjoy over a cuppa and discover the many varied articles that feature as you turn the pages.

Sincere thanks to all contributors for your submissions.

Mary MacKillop show

Stay tuned for the upcoming screening of Australia's First Saint Mary MacKillop on "Glorious on Shalom TV" Thursday 08 August at 7:00pm.

www.shalomworld.org/news



Social Justice Trivia Night



The trivia champions!

A huge thank you to the parishioners and friends who attended the parish trivia night on Saturday, 27 July. Around 90 parishioners and friends strutted their trivia knowledge in a friendly competitive atmosphere. The event raised \$2000, a fantastic result! The funds raised will be used to hold a joint parish and Jesuit Refugee Service community lunch on the cathedral grounds on Saturday, 14 September. Many thanks to all who attended, those who donated home-baked supper options and raffle prizes. A special thank you to the Social Justice Group for organising the event and to Fr Tom for being a wonderful Master of Ceremonies.

We look forward to sharing more details on the upcoming community lunch soon!

Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity!

Claire - Social Justice Coordinator

How to Download the App

1. Scan QR Code below to go to Google Play Store or Apple App Store on your mobile device.
2. Tap the "Install" button to download and install the app.
3. Once installed, open the app and finish setting up your profile.

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PARISH NOTICES

Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

We have 46 children who are registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. We look forward to accompanying these children and their parents on this exciting faith journey.

Third Session - Parents & children

- Saturday, 10 August, 4:30pm in the Cloister Hall.

This session is essential for preparing both you and your child for this significant sacrament.

Important reminder:

- Information is sent out continually via the St Pat's Cathedral App. We encourage you to download the app for updates and to check the calendar for the schedule of all sessions.
- All formation sessions for Confirmation are compulsory to attend.

For any questions or further information, please contact the parish office.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now **closed**.

Prayer for Families Preparing Children for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Please join in praying for the children preparing for Confirmation and their families.

Heavenly Father,

As a parish community, we lift up in prayer our children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Fill them with Your Holy Spirit, guiding and strengthening them as they grow in faith.

Bless their parents with wisdom and patience as they support their children on this sacred journey. May their homes be filled with Your love and grace.

Together, as one family in Christ, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Credo Young Adults - Formation & Fellowship

After a successful re-launch of Credo for Young Adults, we will be holding another night of faith and fellowship on **Sunday 11 August from 7:00pm in the Cloister Cafe**.

All young adults from 18-35 years of age are welcome to join. If you know anyone that may be interested in joining us, please bring them along!

Refreshments will be provided - i.e. FREE FOOD (*donations welcome*).

Care for the Sick and Housebound

Do you know someone who lives in the parish and is sick or housebound? It is important that people are not deprived of the benefits of the sacraments and basic human contact simply because they are unable to get to Mass. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of someone in this situation that you know would like a visit from one of the clergy or an Extraordinary Minister of Communion. We have a responsibility to offer pastoral care to all in need. Thank you.

Fr Robert



Foodbank in August

Advance notice that the parish Social Justice Group will once again be organising a foodbank drive for our Jesuit Refugee Service partners in Parramatta. This will commence this weekend, **03/04 August** and run throughout the whole month.

You will see the space in the chapel for donations to be placed. Please support this very worthy enterprise!



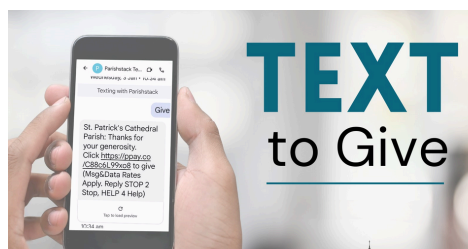
St Elisabeth Convent from Belarus

St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, a Christian community that supports a large psychiatric hospital, takes care of an orphanage for children with mental and physical disabilities and runs a rehabilitation centre and a shelter for the homeless will be visiting St Patrick's this weekend- **03 & 04 August**.

You are invited to use this opportunity to purchase a beautiful religious article or souvenir made with love and prayer. As a result, many people with special needs and/or addictions who labour in our workshops get a chance to rehabilitate through supporting themselves and feeling needed by the society.

ACBC "Absent from the Table" Survey

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass. The survey, for those who self-identify as Catholics and are 18 years and over and who do not regularly attend weekly Mass on Sunday, is anonymous and will close on **20 August**. The survey and information about the project can be found at <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>.



Text to Donate!

Simply text the word **'GIVE'** to **0488 202 202**, and you will receive a link to contribute directly to the Cathedral. Choose your donation amount and complete your gift in a few taps.

Note: There is only one collection taken up at the Cathedral each Sunday.

From Around The Diocese

Launch of Diocesan Synod document on Saturday 10 August



Next Saturday, 10 August, the Diocese of Parramatta will hold a significant Diocesan Gathering. This event will bring together various members of our Diocese to discuss and implement the newly developed Diocesan Plan within our communities. This gathering is the culmination of a journey that began in March 2023, when Bishop Vincent Long formally announced the convocation of the first Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Parramatta, marking a historic moment for our community.

Between May and July 2023, members of our faith community reflected on their experiences, engaged in discussions, and submitted their responses. These contributions were synthesized by the Synod Writing Group to develop the agenda and Synod Working Document for the first Synod Assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023.

In January 2024, the official Decrees and Declarations were launched, outlining the outcomes of the Synod and forming the foundation for the Diocesan Plan for a Synodal Church. From February to July 2024, this plan has been further developed through ongoing synodal practices and Think Tank Sessions involving local leaders and ministry teams.

We are honored to announce that the launch will feature two esteemed keynote speakers: Dr. Myriam Wijlens, a renowned expert in canon law and ecclesiology, and Dr. Ormond Rush, a distinguished theologian known for his work on the theology of the Second Vatican Council. Both have been deeply involved in the Synod on Synodality, and their insights and perspectives will be invaluable as we embark on this synodal journey.

In addition to the keynotes, the Diocesan Gathering will include workshops and opportunities for networking.

We ask for your prayers for Bishop Vincent Long and all members of the Diocese involved in this important launch. May their efforts be guided by the Holy Spirit to foster a more synodal and united Church.

Bishop Vincent presents Dr Myriam Wijlens

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia to deliver a series of free public lectures on the topic of 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.' Dr Myriam will be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta as part of its "Bishop Vincent Presents" series on **Monday 05 August** at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 6:00pm. To register, please visit parracatholic.org/drmyriam

Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day: 18 August

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday 18 August from 10am to around 3:00pm at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea will be provided. For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

Universal Sisterhood Women's Retreat: 17 August

Universal Sisterhood is hosting a women's retreat on Saturday 17 August from 8:45am to 5:15pm at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook. This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like minded women. Registration is \$100. To register, please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1171377>. All enquiries, call 0403 962 181.

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Chris del Rosario: October 2024

Join Fr Christopher del Rosario on a breathtaking pilgrimage on the footsteps of some of Italy's most well-known saints. Follow their paths etched into our faith heritage, from the great Christian centre of Rome to sacred towns made famous by Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare, St Catherine and St Anthony. Pilgrimage commences 21 October 2024. For more details, visit www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/great-saints-of-italy/.

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our beloved dead...

Recently Deceased: Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning, Rev Te Nguyen, Sam Jao, Peter Lamberson, Vera Fernandes, Bernadette Merl-King, Peter Gale, Laarni Elegino, Laarni Gara Elegino, Leo Bardetta, Foo Siew Moi, Tom Scicluna, Sr Enda Ryan, Janet Cotter, Brian McCarthy, Nelly Estay, Dynes Woodrow, James McKee, Marie K El-Kazzi

Deceased: Ivica Stipcevic, YT Hsu, Dora Kirk, Antonio, Maria & Benjamin Fuenyes, Cyprian Fernando, Leela Cyprian

Anniversaries: Margaret Russo, Alexis A Santiago, Anna Le, Paul So Nguyen, Mathew Joseph, Sophie Ellis, Eufemio Ramirez, Fe & Emy Masangkay, Harriot Kurera, Annette Van Tilburg, Johannes & Maria Lelyveld, Juan Montesco, Maximina Manlangit, Vittoria Teuma, Deanna Hsu

Perpetuals: Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Paul Mahoney, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Mark Fletcher, Royan & Andrews families, Don & Pat Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

We also pray for...

Sick: John Ryan, Maria Llave, John Wright, John Ryan, Felicitas Appathurai, Maria, Victoria, Krys, Jim, Helga, Rohan Rodricks, Martina Galea, Joey S Bugo, Baldo Polizzi, Melissa, Fred & Odette Harb, Nasr Nasr, John Ryan, Anne-Maraie Douaihy, Colleen Johnston, Melissa Carter, Kathleen, Mary Tito, Fr Bob Bossini, Fatima Rodricks, Azar Al-Ters, Melissa Carter, Terry Pumati, Leonora, Shana, Fr Peter Henry, Anthony Tran, Leonardo Close, Michael Perez, Franz Tito, Soane Kikanoi, Olivia Harb, Sharon Webb

Special Intentions: Agnes Patacsil, Raveen, Stephen & Chris, Stephen Senjak & family, Carmelita Perez, Joey Bugo, Naleen, Tian, Jake Del Mar & family, Esther Lee, Bernabe Patacsil, Juan M Cabezas, Naleen, Andrew, Kelly Berg, Joey Bugo, Cenacle Group, Ping Hsu, Sarah Khalil, Kiesie, EJ, Hoang Minh Nguyen, Fr Peter Henry, Peter Newman, YT Hsu & Deanna Hsu, Michael Perez, Sarah Ferguson, Kate Middleton, Patrick N, Madeleine Suttie, Fancesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Paul & Mouzel Carson, Stephen Senjak, Peter Newman, Felicitas Appathurai, Santiago Tito, Antonio Tito, Dianne Mary Tito, Elizabeth Perez, Dynes Woodrow, Nikola, Ankica, Mara & Stephen Senjak, Vera, Rita & family

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following child who was recently baptised here...

Keira Sean

WEDDINGS



We also pray for the following couple recently married here...

Alexandria Ng & Dexter Bellett

POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for August



For political leaders

“We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.”

From Pope Francis...

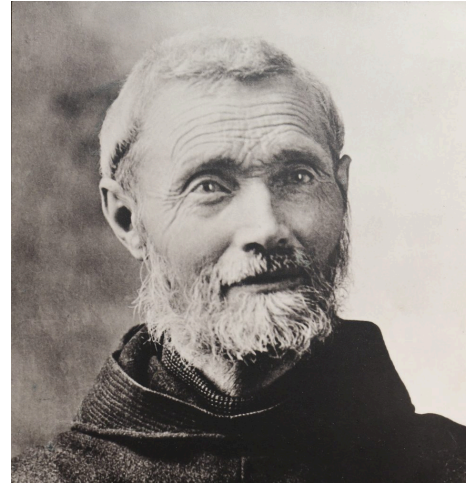
*From a tweet
dated 29 July*

“While there are many people in the world who suffer due to disasters and hunger, we continue to produce and sell weapons and burn resources fuelling wars, large and small. This is an outrage that the international community should not tolerate.”

Saint of the Week

05 August - Blessed Frederic Janssoone (1838-1916), Priest

Frederic Janssoone was born in Flanders, the youngest of thirteen children. When he was nine years old, his father died, and he left school to help support his mother, until her death in 1861. He then joined the Franciscans and became a priest. After serving as a military chaplain and preaching in the Holy Land, he was sent to Canada on a fund-raising tour in 1881, settling there permanently in 1888. By his preaching and his writing he led many people to bear authentic witness to the Gospel and share his closeness to Christ.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

"Setting out is essential if we are to find Jesus. His star demands a decision to take up the journey and to advance tirelessly on our way. It demands that we free ourselves from useless burdens and unnecessary extras that only prove a hindrance, and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life. Jesus allows himself to be found by those who seek him, but to find him we need to get up and go, not sit around but take risks, not stand still, but set out."



Pope Francis
(b.1936)

Did You Know...?

...that most of the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is devoted to a reflection on Jesus as the bread from heaven?

Five Sundays in Year B are devoted to this one chapter from John's gospel, interrupting our reading of the Gospel of Mark. We heard last week of the miracle (or 'sign') of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes which opens Chapter 6 of John. This Sunday and the next two Sundays are devoted to Jesus' teaching of himself as the bread of life or bread from heaven.

The final of these five Sundays tell us of the reaction of those who hear this teaching. May ours be positive!



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The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4th, 2024



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

God Provides Bread word puzzle

John 6 24-35

Fill in the missing words.

Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The people came looking for Jesus after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus said to them, "You are only looking for me because you the loaves and were filled. Don't work for food that perishes but for the that lasts for eternal ." The people asked, "What can do to do the works of ?" Jesus said to them, "This is the work of God, that you in the one he sent." So they asked him, "What can you show us so that we can believe in you? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, like it is written in the Scriptures, "He gave them bread from Heaven to eat."

So said to them, "It was not Moses who gave you bread from Heaven; my gives you the true bread from Heaven. The bread of God comes down from Heaven and gives life to the .

So the people said to Jesus, "Sir, give us this always!"

Jesus said to them, "I am the

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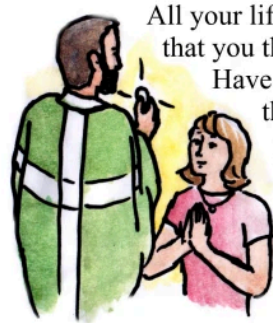


We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.



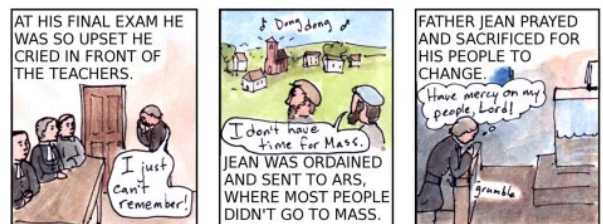
All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy.

Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

Answers to the front page: Manna and quail. believe, sign, Jesus, Father, world, bread, Bread of Life.

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SAINT JEAN MARIE VIANNEY OFTEN SPENT 16 HOURS A DAY HEARING CONFESSIONS. THINK OF HOW MANY PEOPLE HE HELPED COME BACK TO GOD, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT VERY GOOD IN SCHOOL. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU FIND HARD TO DO? DON'T LET IT STOP YOU FROM BRINGING PEOPLE TO GOD!

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