

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Last Rehearsal: Monday 13 August at 6.00pm

Celebration of Confirmation: Sunday 19th August at 9am Mass presided by Bishop Ken Howell

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION FOR AUSTRALIA are **15 August (Assumption)** and **25 December (Christmas)**. A Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation.

Pastoral Visit of Bishop Ken Howell: From Friday 17 August to 19 August, 2018

Friday 17 Aug : 09.30 am. Mass with Children
: Visit the school
Saturday 18 Aug : 09.30 am. Mass
Meeting with parishioners
: 4 pm. Meeting with Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee
: 5.30 pm. Mass with people
Sunday 19 Aug : 07.00 am. Mass with people
: 09.00 am. Confirmation within Mass

2018 RCIA PROGRAM has commenced on Wednesday, the 13th June.

**The session will be on every Wednesday from 4 to 5 pm in the Meeting Room.
We welcome everybody who feel interested in learning more about Jesus's ways.**

Weekly Diary : 13th —18th August 2018

Monday 13th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 14th : 08.00 am. Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr, followed by Eucharist Adoration.
10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Arcare Hope Island

**Wednesday 15th : 09.30 am. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Rosary.
: 5.30 pm. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by Rosary.**

Thursday 16th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Friday 17th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
Saturday 18th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.

**Saturday 18th : 5.30 pm. : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 19th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of September will be on the 02nd at 5.30 pm. : 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Mass Duty Roster : 18th /19th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino	Pierrette Serra Monique Labutte	Helen Topham, Monique Labutte, Pierrette Serra, Rino Serra, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	Mia Braun
7.00am Danielle Carter	Danielle Carter	Antona Brown, Jackie Cameron, Bernadette Swindley	Brianna & Ashley Heal
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Kristian Braeuer Cynthia Braeuer	Denise Moar, Pam Nelson, Kathy Fuller Rose Lopez, John Lynch, Joe Dorego	Jamili Maatouk

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (20/8/18)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$1,304.30	\$1,782.00	\$32.45	\$60.00

**There is no greater way to express our thanks than to actually give something to God.
This gift is a tangible expression of our faith in him, and our thanksgiving for what he does for us.**



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time B 12th August 2018—Issue No. 288

THE FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

This Sunday we have three stories of food given at a time of crisis to people who were grumbling or dispirited. Elijah was in depression, facing his personal burnout. He was fleeing from the wrath of Queen Jezebel. He escaped into the wilderness. In their wanderings in the desert, the people were rebellious. And today's Gospel tells that the Jews were complaining because Jesus said that he was the true bread of life that came down from heaven.

Out of slavery in Egypt, the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the desert. God fed them with manna from heaven. When they discovered the manna coming down from heaven, they saw the glory of God (Ex 16:13-14). It is like the cake in the desert an angel took to the exhausted Elijah when he fled to save his life. Twice the angel awoke him and said, "Arise and eat." And twice Elijah ate of this heavenly bread, and ready to move on through the wilderness forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God where God revealed himself to Moses and gave him the wisdom of the Law with which to nourish Israel.

Every day we discover this bread from heaven, the Eucharist, our manna which strengthens our spirit, so that we can walk and grow in the life of God.

This "bread of life" is the great gift of Jesus Christ to us. Christ came from the bosom of the Father, to give us the life of God so that we might live with God by eating this bread. This new life in God begins even now when we believe in Jesus Christ. Then we might have divine life in us in the world of the resurrection when Christ comes again in glory with his holy angels on the clouds of heaven.

It is this bread of life that we remember today with gratitude. In eating Jesus' body, we eat him, the only Son of God made man. We eat the flesh of God for our life, so that we feed on God, and have his life in us.

St. Paul says that "Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph 5:2). It is this sacrifice of himself which saved us, if only we believe in him as our Redeemer.

The Common Preface No. I proclaims the renewal of all things in Christ. It sings, "In him (Christ) you have been pleased to renew all things, giving us a share in his fullness.... And to all who obey him, (he) has become the source of eternal salvation." Simply by invoking with faith the merits of his suffering, we are justified and forgiven for all our sins, and then we will rise with him in his resurrection to a new life. As we live with God's life in us, we will be able to go free, forgiven and saved by our faith in him.

Jesus Christ gives us the Eucharist, our bread from heaven to strengthen us in our new life, and to fill us with himself for our sanctification. With this bread we continue to offer his one and only sacrifice of himself on the cross to the Father, the perfect sacrifice of the New Testament. It is this sacrifice which propitiated the Father, infinitely pleasing him, and winning thereby our salvation. At the same time this sacrifice also paid our debt of suffering for all our sins.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8 *Elijah went in the strength of that food to the mountain of God.*

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then Elijah lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 34:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 *R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. **R.**

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. **R.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:30-5:2 *Live in love, as Christ loved us.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 6:51 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:41-51 *I am the living bread that came down from heaven.*

The people began to complain about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 147:12.14 O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Halyn Eyre Curtis, Clyde William McKenna, Patricia Wilson, Loretto Fox, Jean Rebeiro

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Taylor, Leesa Halverson, Jim & Dan Lyon, Jack Lawton, Paul Lawton, Norma Nichols

SICK LIST: Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Cheryl Carter, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boehme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

THANK YOU FROM THE YEAR 6 SPIRIT COMMITTEE

At Family Mass last Sunday it was mentioned that the Year 6 Spirit Committee would be donating the \$81 raised from the Talent Quest to the "Buy a Bale" organisation who are helping our Australian farmers.

The Spirit Committee told the Church community that students would be waiting to collect donations at the end of Mass if anyone was able to contribute. We were absolutely amazed at the generosity of everyone. **The 9am Mass congregation donated \$905.**

We are giving our school families the opportunity to contribute this week.

As of Monday afternoon, our school has just over \$1200 to send to Buy a Bale. We will keep you updated on the final amount.

We sincerely thank you for your support and generosity.

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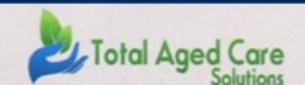
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