



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JULY 2018 YEAR B

"We are a child safe Parish"



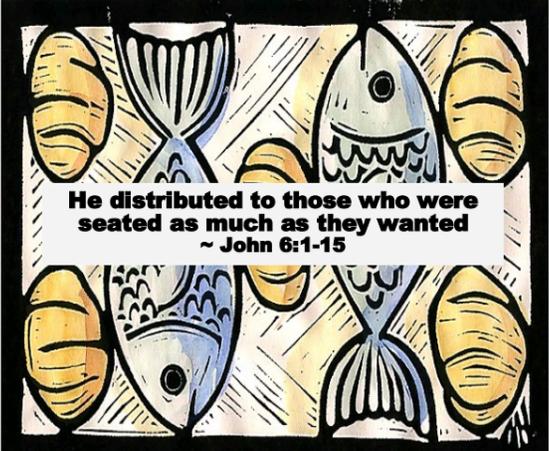
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 Gospel: John 6:24-35	RESPONSE The hand of the Lord feed us; he answers all our needs.	ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!
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BE A HUMBLE INSTRUMENTS IN GOD'S HANDS BY SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Today's readings invite us to become humble instruments in God's hands by sharing our blessings with our needy brothers and sisters. They are about hunger and food and about how we can satisfy the deeper hunger of our life. They remind us that if we and our country are blessed with an abundant food supply, we have to share it with the hungry people and poor countries. Once physical hungers are satisfied, then we are challenged to satisfy the deeper hungers, for love, mercy, forgiveness, companionship, peace and fulfillment.

The Gospel readings also tell us that God really cares about His people, and that there is enough and more than enough for everybody. Studies show that the world today produces enough food grains to provide every human being on the planet with 3,600 calories a day, not counting such foods as tuber crops, vegetables, beans, nuts, fruits, meats, and fish. Hence, let us pray and work for better social justice in all communities and countries. As Christians, we need to commit ourselves to share and to work with God in communicating His compassion to all as the early Christians did. God always blesses those who share their blessings and talents with loving commitment.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from www.faithintersectinglife.org.au



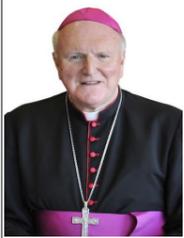
LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS OF THE NINTH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD
Wednesday 1 August 2018 at 7pm, St Patrick's Cathedral

All are welcome but need to book for an entry to the Cathedral
At <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>

A light refreshments will follow at Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP HART

The pews of Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral were bursting as a near capacity congregation gathered to receive Archbishop Denis Hart's Mass of Thanksgiving last Saturday 21 July 2018.

In a striking display of solidarity and gratitude for Archbishop Hart's 17 years, over 100 clergy attended to concelebrate beside His Grace including the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Adolfo Tito Yllana. The Thanksgiving Mass provided a unique opportunity for the Archdiocese to reflect on His Grace's time as Archbishop and more than half a century as a minister.

Archbishop Hart remarked that he had been 'humbled' by the people he had met throughout his priesthood and spoke of his joy in seeing the gifts and talent, small and large, that people had offered the Archdiocese. 'My dear friends, I thank you for showing me in so many diverse ways how to accept and embrace the call that God has given to each of us in our own life,' said the Archbishop. '(God) has enabled us, through knowing mercy in our weakness, to know also light in our times of uncertainty, and to show to the world the reason for the hope that is given us by Jesus Christ our Lord, born of Mary, Son of God, Saviour of the world,' he added before generous and heartfelt applause consumed the cathedral.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Laurence Materazzo, Margaret Cox, Mervyn Brown, Saverio Folino, Don Cornwell, Patrick Gustafson, Ann De Haan, Frank Klear, Harry Bryne, Brian Sword, Eileen Gooch, Cecily Waiting, Richard Borg, Harry Burgess.

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin, Wendy Markby.



ARCHBISHOPS HOLD PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH PM TURNBULL

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge, vice-president Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Melbourne Archbishop-designate Peter A Comensoli met in Sydney yesterday afternoon with the Prime Minister. 'The bishops were grateful to Mr Turnbull for the time he gave and for his readiness to discuss issues of mutual concern,' Archbishop Coleridge said.

The meeting focused on school funding – an area of great concern for the Catholic Church as the educators of one in five Australian children.

'It was good that the Prime Minister was prepared to engage directly with the issue and showed such interest,' Archbishop Coleridge said.

The Prime Minister and the bishops agreed that they would continue the discussions in practical ways and without undue delay.

Source: www.melbournecatholic.org.au

POPE SADDENED BY DEATHS IN GREEK WILDFIRES AND VICTIMS OF LAOS DAM COLLAPSE

Pope Francis on Tuesday expressed his sadness for the many deaths caused by raging wildfires in areas close to the Greek capital, Athens and assuring his prayers for the deceased.

He also sent his condolences to the people of Laos following the collapse of a hydroelectric dam in the southeast part of the country.

In a telegramme addressed to ecclesiastical and civil authorities by Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin on his behalf, the Pope said he extends his heartfelt solidarity to all those affected by both tragedies, commends the deceased to the merciful love of Almighty God, and offers encouragement to the civil authorities and emergency personnel as they continue in their rescue efforts.

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WELCOME

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family are pleased to welcome all past and present students and their families, teachers and staff of St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully to the 5PM Sunday Mass.

"YOUNG PEOPLE, MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. LET IT RESONATE IN COMMUNITIES AND LET IT BE HEARD BY YOUR SHEPHERD OF SOULS"

All young people from secondary school level and beyond are invited to join an informal chat to explore the challenges of participating in your local community.

COME ALONG ON WED 22 AUGUST 7:30PM—9:00PM
AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL, BORONIA

MODERATOR: MARK MURPHY
(PRINCIPAL OF MARCELLIN COLLEGE BULLEEN)

Propagation of the Faith Appeal 2018 THIS WEEKEND

Please support Catholic Mission's appeal for the people of Myanmar to build their nation for future generations by education.

#WORTHASECONDCHANCE: YOUTH JUSTICE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN MELBOURNE

On Tuesday 24 July 2018, Jesuit Social Services (JSS) launched the '#WorthASecondChance' campaign, an initiative aiming to raise public understanding of the causes of youth crime and highlight the positive changes associated with a restorative approach to justice. A diverse audience made up of varying ages and backgrounds gathered in Melbourne Bowls Club.

Julie Edwards, JSS CEO presented an in-depth look at the importance of the campaign.

'Our young people matter. They are our future and our present,' said Julie. 'Over forty years of experience, we have seen great advances in how we understand young people,' she said. 'It's important we hold the line about the human dignity of every person.'

'It is about (asking) what sort of society we want. Do we want to be kind? Do we want to be inclusive? Do we want to be safe? Because in order to be safe we need to help young people get on the pathway towards inclusion.' For more information about the campaign, visit: www.jss.org.au/

PLenary COUNCIL 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The last time a plenary council was held in Australia was in 1937. We are currently in the Opening Listening and Dialogue phase. During this phase, people in Australia are being asked to reflect on this question: **"What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?"** Please know that we are participating in the process. Information materials are available in the Narthex. Please read and prepare for the listening and dialogue session in our parish that will take place soon.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- ◆ 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola
- ◆ 1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori
- ◆ 3 August - St Dominic
- ◆ 4 August—St John Vianney

DINNER BELL

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

— LUKE 14:17 NIV