



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 August 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8
2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

RESPONSE

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!*

"BREAD OF LIFE"

Today's readings challenge us to be more concerned with spiritual food than physical food and to get our spiritual food regularly from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist – the Heavenly Bread, because only God can satisfy the various forms of our spiritual hunger.

We need spiritual nourishment from the word of God and from the Holy Eucharist: In the Holy Mass, the Church offers us two types of bread: a) the Bread of Life, contained in God's Word and b) the Bread of Life, contained in the Holy Eucharist. Let us nourish our souls with this Heavenly manna and carry Jesus to our homes and workplaces, radiating his love, mercy and compassion all around us. But we should not take for granted the Divine generosity that provides these gifts so readily and gratuitously by sharing in the Bread of Life simply as a matter of habit, without repenting of our sins or showing due attention and proper respect. Let us remember that the "Bread of Life" is Jesus Christ himself, not merely human bread. He is Food for our souls giving us a share in God's life and assurance of eternal life with Him.

Excerpted from the homily of Fr Tony Kadavil available at <http://frtonyshomilies.com>. Image from <https://spiritualfoodforthesoul.wordpress.com>



INSTALLATION MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI: NEW SHEPHERD OF MELBOURNE

Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli took his place on Wednesday night as the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne. He was officially inaugurated in a liturgy of installation at St Patrick's Cathedral rich in the symbolism and magisterial ritual of the Church; a ceremony based on more than 1000 years of tradition, solemnity and celebration.

Concelebrants included Melbourne's Emeritus Archbishop Denis J Hart and Australian Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge, as well as archbishops and bishops from across Australia and clergy from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Also present was Pope Francis' representative in Australia, the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana.

Ecumenical guests included leaders from Christian denominations including Greek and Coptic Orthodox, the Anglican, Lutheran, and Uniting Churches, and leaders from the Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, and Sikh communities of Melbourne. An estimated three thousand people filled the pews, while groups of tourists and passers-by paused to witness the historic moment.

Melbourne gave a warm welcome to its new archbishop, with the congregation erupting in applause. Donning the mitre for the first time as head of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the new archbishop smiled and acknowledged his new flock with visible joy. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 5-12 AUGUST

*The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others.
LEND YOUR VOICE TO THE CALL OF THE LORD.*

THANK YOU

As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his 17 years of leadership and his 51 years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen McMillan, Kevin Watson, Wally Cieslak, Betty Farlow, Barry Holly, Joseph Arena, Anthony Ladiges, James Fulton, Terence Clarke, Pierre Vroomen
SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin, Wendy Markby.



BISHOPS TO FOCUS ON ROYAL COMMISSION AT AUGUST MEETING

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has convened an additional plenary meeting for 2018 to expedite the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The meeting will allow the bishops to consider, as a body, the Church's formal response to the Royal Commission taking into consideration the advices received from the Truth, Justice and Healing Council, the Implementation Advisory Group, Catholic Professional Standards Limited, local safeguarding experts and canon lawyers.

'We have also begun discussions with the Holy See about issues that concern the discipline and doctrine of the universal Church', ACBC President Archbishop Coleridge said.

Archbishop Coleridge said he hoped the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's formal response to the Royal Commission would be released as soon as possible after the August plenary meeting.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

ANTI-TRAFFICKING GROUP LOSES GOVERNMENT FUNDING

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) has launched a national fund-raising appeal after announcement from the Federal Government revealed that it would not be funding ACRATH this year.

ACRATH's Executive Officer Christine Carolan said the organisation was hopeful of further Government funding in the future, but was now completely reliant on the generosity of the community to continue working to combat modern day slavery and forced marriage. 'We are very disappointed that the Government has not funded us for the coming year. But we are hopeful that the community, particularly the Catholic community, will support our work.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

- DO NOT LEAVE EARLY.** All Mass goers should stay in the Church and finish the priest recessional march and the hymn that accompanies it (if there is one) before they can leave the Church.
- DO NOT TURN ON/TURN OFF THE HEATERS** in the Church as it has features where if not properly operated, the heater will not function fully and will need to reset.



Fr. Sebastian is going on his holidays and annual retreat from 7 August - 13 September. Let us all wish him a safe and wonderful time.

During his absence, SVD Priest from Jansen Centre Boronia and Box Hill will be in charge of all pastoral needs. Please extend to them our appreciation for their commitment. Copy of Mass Roster and schedule for weekday service is available in the Notice Board and Adoration Chapel.

POPE FRANCIS ACCEPTS ARCHBISHOP PHILIP WILSON'S RESIGNATION

Pope Francis has accepted Archbishop Philip Wilson's resignation as Archbishop of Adelaide. His decision to resign comes after considering his future following his conviction for failing to report allegations of child sexual abuse that occurred in the 1970s.

While the judicial process will continue, Archbishop Wilson's resignation is the next chapter in a heartbreaking story of people who were sexually abused at the hands of Jim Fletcher and whose lives were forever changed. This decision may bring some comfort to them, despite the ongoing pain they bear.

Archbishop Wilson has been praised by many for his work to support victims and survivors of child sexual abuse as Bishop of Wollongong, Archbishop of Adelaide and president of the Bishops Conference. He has decided, however, that his conviction means he can no longer continue as Archbishop because to do so would continue to cause pain and distress to many, especially to survivors, and also in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 6 August - Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8 August—St Mary of the Cross
(The Patron Saint of Australia)
- 10 August—St Lawrence
- 11 August—St Clare

YOUNG PEOPLE

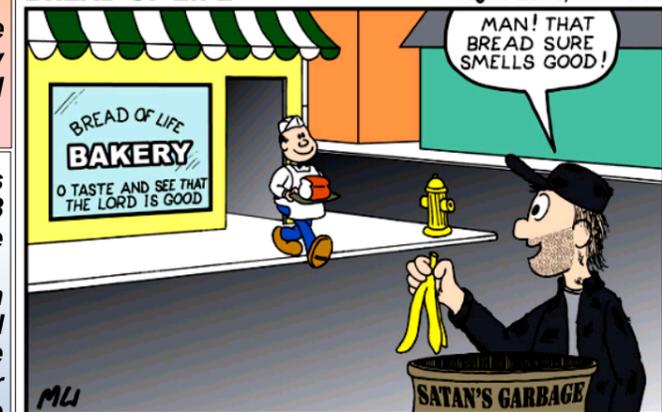
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. LET IT RESONATE IN COMMUNITIES AND LET IT BE HEARD BY YOUR SHEPHERD OF SOULS

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)

BREAD OF LIFE



But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 NIV