



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 August 2018 Year B

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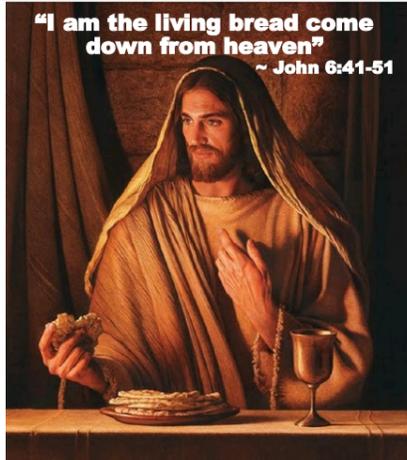
<p>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</p> <p><i>1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6</i> <i>2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20</i> <i>Gospel: John 6:51-58</i></p>	<p>RESPONSE</p> <p><i>Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</i></p>	<p>ACCLAMATION</p> <p><i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i> <i>I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</i></p>
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"THE BREAD OF LIFE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN"

We are living in a world where people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In response to the spiritual hunger of people in his own day, and to us as well, Jesus proclaims himself as the new and perfect manna, the Incarnate Son of God literally "the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven." This means that by the Holy Eucharist, Jesus actually gives us a share of eternal life while we are still on earth. However, some of Jesus' followers would turn away when he explained the source of his mysterious power and his Heavenly origin.

Let us accept the challenge to become bread and drink for others: "You are what you eat?" Let us recognize that Jesus whom we consume in the Holy Eucharist is actually God who assimilates us into His being. Then, from Sunday to Saturday, we will grow into Jesus, as Jesus grows in us, our lives will be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will become more like Jesus. Thus, we shall share in the joyous and challenging life of being the Body of Christ for the world – Bread for a hungry world, and Drink for those who thirst for justice, peace, fullness of life, and even eternal life. In other words, the Eucharist challenges us to sacrifice ourselves for others, as Christ has done for all of us.

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



POPE: SEEK JESUS BEFORE MATERIAL THINGS

It is not wrong to be concerned with the daily necessities of life, but strengthening one's relationship with Jesus is of far greater importance, Pope Francis said during his weekly Sunday Angelus address.

"The Lord invites us not to forget that if we need to worry about material bread, it is even more important to cultivate our relationship with him, to strengthen our faith in him, who is the 'bread of life,' come to satisfy our hunger for truth, our hunger for justice, our hunger for love," Pope Francis added.

He reflected on the day's Gospel passage, in which a crowd of people are searching for Jesus and his disciples after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. When they find him, Jesus says to the crowd: "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."

In giving this answer, Jesus shows that "it is not enough that people search for him, he wants people to know him," Jesus wants "the encounter with him to go beyond the immediate satisfaction of material needs." This is because "Jesus came to bring us something more" than the daily preoccupations of feeding and clothing ourselves, our careers, and so on, he said.

"In fact," he added, "the multiplication of the loaves and of the fish is a sign of the great gift that the Father has given to humanity and that is Jesus himself!"

Full report at www.cathnews.com

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15 AUGUST
MASS AT 9AM AND 7PM



O God, who, looking on the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, raised her to this grace, that your Only Begotten Son was born of her according to the flesh and that she was crowned this day with surpassing glory, grant through her prayers, that, saved by the mystery of our redemption, we may merit to be exalted by you on high. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Eileen Arvidson, Francesca Di Deo, Sonia Pascuzzi, Vivien Lee, Sylvian Hart, Joseph Cahalane, Jenny O'Sullivan, John Thiedeman, Anton Reinecke, Gertrude Cummins, Catherine Crawley

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



A CALL TO ACTION AGAINST EUTHANASIA PUSH IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Recently we were appalled to learn the Federal Parliament will be debating the issue of euthanasia commencing Tuesday 14 August 2018. Debate will begin in the Senate soon as the Parliament resumes August 2018, after the winter break. The bill is called Restoring Territory Rights (Assisted Suicide Legislation) Bill 2015.

If it passes the Senate - which is very likely - it will then have to go to the House of Representatives to be passed. Some pundits even predict the legislation will go through the House of Representatives which will mean the Australian Parliament endorsing physician assisted suicide.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Time is running out for you to make a stand and protect the most vulnerable in our society. You never know, one day this might affect your family.

You have a powerful voice. Our politicians cannot ignore us if we speak up. By emailing your politicians today, you'll be helping make sure that this dangerous law doesn't simply sneak through the Parliament.

Further details at Hope website: noeuthanasia.org.au and Right to Life Australia website: righttolife.com.au

WHEEL OF PRAYER: GROWING CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNITIES

Saturday 18 August, Catholic Leadership Centre
 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Explore the richness of our Christian tradition and learn how to develop your parish as a centre of prayer. Parish leadership, ministry and fellowship groups, teachers and friends are warmly invited to gather for a unique day of contemplative prayer practice.

Cost: \$30/person; \$100/group of five
 (Cost includes morning tea + lunch)

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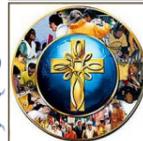
FORUM FOR PARISHES: HELPING REFUGEE FAMILIES

Saturday 25 August, 9.30am-12.45pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne
 Catholic Social Services Victoria presents 'Helping our refugee families and friends' forum, as part of CSSV's Welcome the Asylum Seeker parish support program.

Cost: \$20 includes lunch. Bookings and RSVP: by Monday 20

August at <https://www.trybooking.com/WBHM>
 Details: Adrian Foley at adrian.foley@css.org.au



WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

6 SEPTEMBER, 6:30PM-9PM
 ST LUKE'S PARISH WANTIRNA

This workshop offers biblical, spiritual, and liturgical guidance for Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass. All New and existing Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion are invited to refresh and deepen your understanding of this vital and sacred service of hospitality to be presented by Mary Ryan from the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. SIGN-OFF SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

MELBOURNE TAKES ACTION FOR CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S PROJECT COMPASSION

Thousands of generous supporters, including parishes and school students across Melbourne, have joined in solidarity with the world's poor donating more than \$1.5 million to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign.

Held annually over the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both awareness and funds to eradicate poverty and promote justice across the world.

This year's Project Compassion theme of 'For a Just Future' highlighted the role that young people have to play in the solutions to the challenges facing their societies globally. Total of \$10.8 million was donated nationally to the appeal.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

POPE SENDS CONDOLENCES TO INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

In a telegram to Church and civil authorities in Indonesia, Pope Francis on Monday expressed his sorrow for the 'tragic loss of life' caused by Sunday's 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Lombok island.

The Holy Father said he felt 'great sadness' when informed of the 'tragic loss of life and destruction of property caused by the earthquakes'. The Pope said he is praying for 'the repose of the deceased, the healing of the injured, and the consolation of all who grieve the loss of their loved ones.'

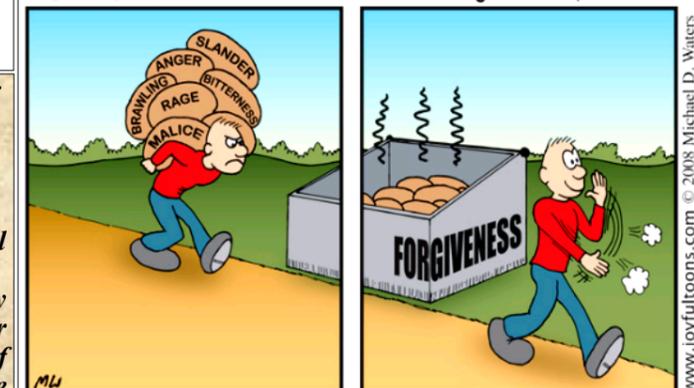
Pope Francis encouraged the search and rescue efforts and invoked 'upon the people of Indonesia divine blessings of consolation and strength.'

Vatican News' correspondent, Alastair Wanklyn, says at least 98 people died when the earthquake struck the Indonesian islands of Lombok and Bali. He said homes collapsed, and one aid agency is calling for blood donations to help the injured.

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

Thank You **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank all parishioners for your generous donation of \$512.40 to Vinnies Winter Appeal. The money will be used to assist families in Bayswater who are struggling financially. A special thank you also to the parishioner who makes regular anonymous donations to support our work. (Please note that tax-deductible receipts can be provided for donations over \$2.00 if needed.)**

DUMPSTER



Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.