First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading Eph 4:30 - 5:2

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bréad that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

First Reading Prv 9:1-6, Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9, Second Reading Eph 5:15-20, Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56, Gospel Jn 6:51-58

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NEWSLETTER

12th August 2018



St. John the Baptist

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year BThe Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000

Dear Friends,

Bread is the universal symbol for nourishment and being hungry is a powerful metaphor to express the deep need that we all have to become fully alive as human beings—people made in the image and likeness of God. We are fully human when we know that we are loved and are empowered to love in return. This is the mystery being unfolded in the gospel and revealed in the person of Jesus.



Today's gospel shows us that God has indeed acted through Jesus "the son of Joseph." In a particular time and place the word became flesh and in the humanity of his only Son, God gives bread to feed a hungry world.

Jesus is rejected because people say that they know him and he, as a village carpenter, could not be from God. Yet that is the fantastic thing about the incarnation: that God as one of us, speaks to us, heals us, forgives us, nourishes us and challenges us to trust that God is really present in something that is as ordinary and part of everyday as bread.

The word "companion" literally means "one with whom we share bread." As Christians we are truly companions, because we share a common table and a common journey. Just as the bread given the prophet Elijah in today's first reading strengthened him for the journey to God's mountain, so our bread—the flesh of Christ given for the life of the world strengthens us on our pilgrimage to the Father.

The word became flesh and pitched his tent in the messiness of our human camp in the throes of our life's journey and that is where we come to know him—in our daily lives, graced by the Incarnation.

Fr Lawrie

PARISH DIARY August 2018

11 Saturday, St Clare

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

12 Sun., 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. 10hns

13 Monday, Week 19 14 Tues., St Maximilian

• 9.00am Mass at St. lohn's

15 Wed., The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
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16 Thurs, Week 19

• 12.00pm Mass at St John's

17 Friday, Week 19

• 9.00am Mass at St John's

18 Saturday, Week 19

- 9.00am Mass at St John's
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Reconciliation at St. John's
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass at St. Johns

19 Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8.30am Mass at St Monica's
- 10.00am Mass at St. Johns



We offer our condolences to the family and friends of

Geoffrey Cox

Loved husband of our dear parishioner Teresa who died on 5th August 2018

and

Pauline McCarthy

Well-remembered parishioner who died on 7th August 2018

Feast of the Assumption of Our Ladv Wednesday 15th August

Wednesday Next we are invited to gather to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. The feast not only reminds us of the wonderful vocation, life, death and assumption of Our Lady two thousand years ago, but it stands as a sign of hope for all who have said 'yes' to her Son, sharing in her great 'ves' to him. We look forward to sharing with her in the fullness of eternal life made possible in his Resurrection and Ascension to glory.



Mary is the model of virtue and of faith. In contemplating her Assumption into heaven, the final fulfilment of her earthly journey, we thank her because she always precedes us in the pilgrimage of life and faith. She is the first Disciple. And we ask her to keep us and support us, that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith that she may help us to be saints, to meet with her, one day, in heaven.

The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at St John's at 9:00am and at 7:00pm

Candidates' Corner

We continue our 'walk through the Mass' this week unwrapping what happens in the Liturgy of the Word. A lot of words! And we have our part to play by joining in the responses and listening carefully to the readings and to the homily as we hear Jesus teaching us today just as he taught the people two thousand years ago.

Parish Pastoral Council August meeting

At its meeting on 4th August the PPC

- Set date of 14th October for parishioner input into needs of the Church for Plenary 2020
- Received very positive report on work at St Francis' Flexible Learning Centre, Chigwell
- Viewed demonstration of Parish Administration Communication System
- Planned ongoing management of new parish web site
- Discussed a request for a suitable forum in the parish for bereaved parents to meet and share
- Tabled ideas for inclusion in revised Vision/Mission Statement

Preparation for Mass

If you would like to deepen your encounter with God and his Son, you might find listening to Fr. Frank Moloney's reflections on the coming Sunday's Gospel makes for thoughtful preparation. Available as a podcast Audio Divina on www.salesians.org.au/info/audiodivina

Ministers of the Word and Communion.

The rosters for August-November 2018 will be being prepared shortly. If you know that you will be unavailable during this period would you let Sheila know, please.



Chocaholics Ahoy!

All your favourite chocolates on sale this week-end (and some natural lollies!) in support of students at Don Bosco Technical School, Britnagar, Nepal.

Footy Points Margin

Round 13 (15 points) still has not been claimed and nor has round 20 (3 points).

OUR SICK - Please remember in your prayers:

Leonie Hills, Ester Underwood, Monique Matzner, Carol-ann Jones, Zayden Direen, Mary Nichols, Charlie White, Patricia Mc Donah, Sarah Gill, Nance Bennette, Trevor Coleman, Kate Hayes-Newington, Patricia Leamey, Delma Walsh, Maila Beekmeijer, Peter Crane, Ted Grainger, Lani Baron, Marie Knight, Alida Beric, Nell Smith, Peter Drake, Eileen Sherrin Tracev Deavton and Warwick Cardamatis

WEEKEND MASSES

St John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Saturday
- 6.00pm Saturday Vigil
- 10.00am Sunday

St. Monica's, Chigwell

• 8.30am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Tues, Friday, Sat.
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY At St. John's, Glenorchy

• 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION At St. John's, Glenorchy

• 9.30am & 5.15pm Sat.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT At St. John's, Glenorchy

Cancelled until further notice

LEGION OF MARY at St. John's, Glenorchy

• 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy

• 1st Wednesday of the month at 10.00am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week:

14 August Tuesday

Anne Hansch's Team

Next Week:

20 August

Anne Hansch's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION Courses (0007.00

J	Envelopes:	\$927.00
	Loose Plate:	\$1,010.30
	Direct Debit:	\$260.00

TOTAL: \$2,97.30

Weeks Budget: \$ 2,500

Deficit:

\$302.70

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