

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of First Kings  
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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
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.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

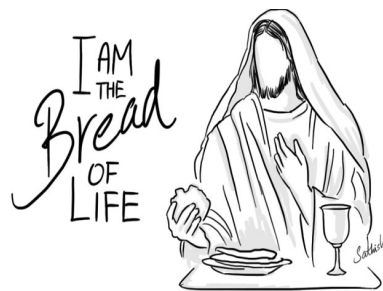
*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
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 bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

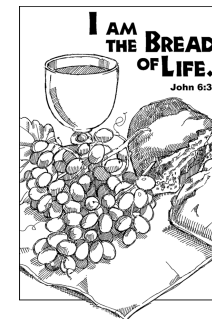


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## **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

*Lord Jesus, hungry and thirsting,  
we come to You our living bread!  
Fed by Your love and healing power,  
may we connect our faith and daily living,  
to share in Your purpose  
of giving life to our world.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*



## FOCUS ON THE READINGS

Our focus on the readings this week is twofold: the bread God provides is both strength and divine presence. Elijah is told to eat the food provided by God so he will have the strength to go to Mount Horeb where he will meet God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the people "anyone who eats this bread will live forever."

Jesus is the one sent by God, and it is in him (the Bread of Life) that we meet God. The feast is laid out, the invitation is given and the table is before us. So if we go away hungry, why did that happen? What is stopping us from joining in the feast? We have to open ourselves to receive the gift. We have to make the effort to come to the table. We have to believe in the power of the meal, the cup and the Word. We have to believe we are worthy of the feast.

God has big plans for Elijah, who already has done so much work telling people about God. And God is there for Elijah, helping him out when he doesn't know what to do or where to go.

Do you think God has big plans for you? What might God's plans be for you?

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sts Pontian, pope, martyr, Hippolytus, priest, martyr. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16<sup>th</sup> Aug – St Stephen of Hungary

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

**(John 10:10)**

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. **6 weeks' notice required.** Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**YEAR OF YOUTH**

**PRAYING FOR...**   
*All who have died recently:*  
Fr John Van Suylen, Stanley DeSilva (UK),  
Monica Malalasekera, (USA). John Crymble.

*Those who we remember at this time:*  
Albert Boyd (50<sup>th</sup>), Janice Mottram, Adriana Warmerdam, Waldemar Leos, Maria Veltri, Mary Ryan, Mark Grant, Brian Hayman.

*The sick:*, Peter Collyer Tom McMahon, Paddy McCann, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Mary Hill, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

**SICK LIST** – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.


**GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE**  
Date: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month at 10.30am  
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.  
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10am to 1pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet **every Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall a cuppa prior, to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986 or Andrew: 9755 2443.


**MOTHERS' PRAYER** We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9am–10am** For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**BAPTISMS** Congratulations to *Mason Jones Logan Newman Silvia Teofilo and William Rossi*, who are to be baptised this weekend. The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.



**FEAST OF ASSUMPTION 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**  
Masses on the Feast of Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, are at **9.15am & 7pm.**

**30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS** in our Parish, will be celebrated on **Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> August, at 11am Mass**, all are most welcome to join in the celebrations. Please bring a “plate to share” lunch, to the school hall following the 11am mass. And bring any photo’s you would like to display of your “Family Group Activities” over the years. Any questions? Please contact Sue or John O’Halloran on 9758 2902




**A WORD FROM DEACON PETER** No doubt some of you may well be wondering what has happened to me. I have spoken with a few of you, but it is difficult to catch everyone, hence this note. I have had one relatively minor medical procedure last week and have a significantly more extensive procedure planned for early next month, this will require several weeks recovery time. Neither procedure is considered life threatening, so not to worry, but they do mean I will be absent from active parish ministry for a little while longer. I will provide you with a bulletin update next month when in recovery. – Deacon Peter

**ST JOHNS TENNIS CLUB** the Thursday Morning Ladies Mid-week tennis team is urgently looking for players, either on an emergency basis or full time to join our friendly team. For more information please phone Beth on 0423 759 850

**ST JOHN’S SCHOOL BBQ FUNDRAISER** The Parents & Friends are holding a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings in Scoresby on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August. We encourage all parishioners to “come on down” and buy a delicious sausage (or two) to support our parish primary school.

**SENIOR YOUTH meeting cancelled.** The Knox Deanery meeting at St Joseph’s Parish Hall Boronia scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August has been cancelled, due to the presenter being unwell. Please lookout for updates. Youth opinions do matter!

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE** The Spring Edition is available for free on the trolleys.

 **CATHOLICCARE APPEAL.** This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our Archdiocesan social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Please give generously to this appeal. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare.

**THANK-YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL** A big thank-you for your generous donations to this appeal to raise funds for the building of schools and training of dedicated teachers across Myanmar, especially to its remote parts, and by doing this spreading peace and the good news. Total donations **amounted to \$2,981.05.**

**POSITIONS VACANT** Details can be found on the Archdiocese of Melbourne website for various administrative and liturgical positions. For more information visit [www.cam.org.au/jobs](http://www.cam.org.au/jobs)

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC AUGUST EDITION now available in the foyer.** This special August edition is a tribute to Emeritus Archbishop Denis Hart and a welcome to Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. **\$4.00 a copy.**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** Eastern Palliative Care supports people living with terminal illness. Volunteer Roles including Award winning biography program biographers, transcribers, formatters, companionship, assisting with transport, dog walking, carer support and respite. There will be an Information session about how you could assist on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 12pm at 2/630 Mitcham Road Mitcham. . Call to register your interest on 1300 130 813

<b>ROSTERS: Mon 13th August to Sun 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>Flowers</b>	Marg H & Ange C
<b>Altar Servers</b>	6pm Nicholas D
<b>Linen</b>	Jean B
<b>Welcomers</b>	6pm Jayne P & Myra Noth 9am Marg & Adrian D & Anastasia A 11am: Patrick S & Coral M
<b>Lectors</b>	6pm.Louise D 9am: Peter Finn 11am Sarah Moore
<b>Counters</b>	Tony B & Lia U & Steph
<b>Gardening</b>	AUGUST: Patrick S & Harry R