

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

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 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:41-51

Jesus said to the crowd: '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.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



*I am the living bread
... if any man
eat of this bread,
he shall
live forever.*
John 6:51



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

18th / 19th August, 2018

*Loving God,
You've prepared us for
this wonderful meal,
in which we partake of Christ himself.
Help us prepare for that heavenly meal
where we'll be united with the whole Church,
with You and Jesus, Your Son,
who lives with You, and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.
Amen.*



*I am the living bread
that came down from heaven.*
—John 6:51

FOCUS ON THE READINGS

In a world often preoccupied with health and fitness, and yet, ironically, also experiencing an ever-increasing overweight and obese population, what and how much we eat has come under greater scrutiny than ever before. 'You are what you eat' has become a catchcry for healthy eating but Catholics have known the truth of this statement for centuries. When we participate in the Eucharist, we not only receive the body of Christ; we become the body of Christ. The people who make up the Church in the world are indeed the body of Christ. In the words of St Teresa, 'Christ has no body now but yours!' And when the bread and wine are taken, the parish community is nourished, strengthened and bonded together more deeply together in the Lord. Those who participate in the Eucharist become one with the Lord, both as individuals and as a community.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

20th Aug – St Bernard, abbot, doctor.

22nd Aug – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

24th Aug – St Bartholomew, apostle

21st Aug – St Pius X, pope

23rd Aug – St Rose of Lima, virgin

25th Aug. – St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz, priest

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 2nd 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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**18th / 19th August 2018****YEAR OF YOUTH****PRAYING FOR...****All who have died recently:**

Joyces Shead.

**Those who we remember at this time:**

Mary Gottwald, Conrad McKeverne, Wanda Furno, Rosemary Cameron, Yvonne Petrova, Mary Gannan, Bartolomina Marotti, Sebastiana Orlando, Ludmila Jancar, Nicola Petracca.

The sick:, Peter Collyer Tom McMahan, 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, Miop 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: 1st 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 Tuesday Morning from **9am–10am** For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASS ON WEDNESDAY 22nd AUGUST Please note that there will be no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 22nd August due to a briefing for all clergy of the Archdiocese. Apologies for any inconvenience.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAMILY GROUPS

This weekend we celebrate 30 years of Family Groups in our parish. All are most welcome to join in the celebrations in the school hall following the 11am Mass, at which we'll recognise this milestone. Passionist Family Groups aim to support families, through sharing in each other's joys and sorrows, and building up the Christian community. Thank you to all in our Parish who lend their on-going support to Family Groups. If you'd like to know more about Family Groups, please contact Sue & John O'Halloran on 9758 2902.

**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 THE BAPTIST FETE UPDATES:

Plant Stall: Years 3/4 are running the plant stall at the fete. It is not too late to strike a cutting, or pot some self-sown plants and seedlings. If you are able to provide some items for the stall, please let either the school or parish offices know, via email or written note indicating the number of plant contributions (plus your name). We very much appreciate any help with this, and awareness of the number of plants you're contributing is a great help. Thank you.

Grand Bazaar: Start your Spring Cleaning early – items wanted are Books, Jigsaw puzzles, Board games, Toys (no soft toys) & Kitchen wares to use in the Grand Bazaar Stall. There will be 2 collection days: Saturday 13th October between 1.30pm & 4.30pm and Saturday 20th October 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

Market Stalls: If you are interested in having a stall at the Fete, the cost is \$40 and application forms are available at the School Office. Spaces are limited so please submit your application a.s.a.p.!

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE IS SEEKING HOMESTAY HOSTS for International Students. Being a Homestay Host can be a very rewarding experience and often leads to lifelong associations. For more details including guidelines, payment and the application process, visit the College website or call 9757 0810.

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

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 18th September from 10am to 12pm at 2/630 Mitcham Road Mitcham. . Call to register your interest on 1300 130 813

EUROPE PILGRIMAGE with Fr Stephen Kandarapally (Highett Parish). You are invited to join Fr Stephen on a 17 day pilgrimage departing on the 7th October 2018. Pilgrims will journey to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy, visiting sacred sites in Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Garabandal, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome, for an all-inclusive price of \$7200. Seats are very limited The fare includes Return Economy Airfares, Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches, Premium Hotels, All Breakfasts & Dinners. Enquiries & bookings: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au or call 8513 0680.

PLENARY 2020 - DIALOGUE SESSIONS will be hosted on Friday 17th August, at 10.30am and 7.00pm at St Clement of Rome Parish, 7–21 Egan Drive, Bulleen. Each session will incorporate prayer, reflection and conversation as part of the discernment process to understand and respond to our individual and collective mission given to us at Baptism. All are welcome. The topic: 'Home, safety & walking on water.'

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Can you spare an hour each week to visit a newly arrived refugee or migrant to help them learn English? Free training and support is provided and commences in August.in Croydon and Dandenong. For more information please see the website: www.melbourneamep.com.au/volunteer/

ROSTERS: Mon 20th August to Sun 27th August	
Flowers	Sue N & Lynne K
Altar Servers	6pm Nicholas D
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	6pm Sue N, Anna M. 9am Rosa L, Terry & Laurel S 11am: Gina M & Pat O'Brien
Lectors	6pm.Evngeline L 9am: Caroline Q 11am Peter J
Counters	Bryon M; Ruby M
Gardening	AUGUST: Patrick S & Harry R