



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked.

These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MASS TIMES FOR AUGUST
SUNDAY, Aug 9: Mass at 10am
SUNDAY, Aug 15: Mass at 10am

ONLINE MASSES: (Eucharistic Group Facebook page) Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30pm. Sunday Mass 9am & 10.30am

COLLECTIONS [2 weeks]

Parish: \$65.00
Presbytery: \$35.00
Loose: \$43.00

COVID 19 Regulations

You must sign in as you enter the Church: name, address, phone number. * Use hand sanitizer at the door as you enter and use again as you leave the Church. You must remain at least 1.5m from all directions of anyone not from your house.

As of midnight tonight all Victorians must wear a mask when they leave their home. **Please wear a mask to, inside the Church and always when outside.**

We pray with and for St Brigid's College in lock-down until this Friday August 7th. SMJ School is affected through SBC family members at our School. Andrea Cox, like Peter Gutteridge, is working closely with all relevant Authorities.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Vinnies like everyone, is impacted by Covid -19, adapting our ways of providing help to those who seek assistance, to meet government and SVDP Covid directives. Many people have found themselves in the position of being unemployed . You can donate to our appeal: Please write your name and address on your own envelope for receipts to be issued. Go Online: vinnies.org.au

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

School News

Following the retirement of Ms Audrey Brown from the position of Director of Catholic Education in the Ballarat Diocese, Mr Tom Sexton has been appointed to the position. Mr Sexton has over 30 years experience in Catholic Education including 24 years in senior leadership positions. Mr Sexton served as the Assistant Director of Education for 11 years in the Sandhurst Catholic Education Office. Mr Sexton will officially commence in his new role on Monday 17th August.

Next month we will commence the planning programs for the children wishing to participate in the sacraments on Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to participate in the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The sacrament of Reconciliation is open to children from Years 5 and 6 who participated in the Confirmation and Eucharist program in 2017. A first planning meeting for the preparation for this sacrament will be held on Tuesday 18th August.

Please contact Mrs Ann Munro or the school if you are interested in participating in these sacramental programs or if you are seeking further information.

LITURGY ROSTER	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 9
Reader & Prayers	C Kennedy	D Munro
Offertory Procession	Paul & Leah	L Welsch
Monthly Collector	E Cameron	E Camerom
Counter	J Kennedy	J Millington
Cleaning	C Kennedy	C Kennedy