

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:1-3**

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.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/: 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 8:35, 37-39**

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 14:13-21**

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 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.



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## **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020**



The death of the Baptist has left Jesus saddened, and he withdraws to be alone with the disciples. But even his personal sorrow is overwhelmed by compassion for the people who had followed him, and he cures their sick. The crowd stays with him, even into the evening. When the disciples ask Jesus to send them away to eat, Jesus' response is a challenge to the disciples: feed them yourselves. He is training them to take the initiative, to be confident leaders of the community after he has gone. Jesus employs the ritual of the daily Jewish meal in blessing, breaking and giving, but this ritual now points to the actions of the Last Supper. All are fed; all are satisfied. There are overtones of the messianic banquet, a common image in the Hebrew Scriptures describing the reign of God; there is an abundance. The crowd represents all of Israel gathered by Jesus, and the twelve baskets of remainders represent the twelve tribes of Israel gathered by the twelve disciples.

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**MASS TIMES:****SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****MASS TIMES:**

Saturday	6:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday	6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15am
Thursday, Friday	9.15 am
Saturday	9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**

Monday 9.15 am

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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 and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS: CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO**

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Gerry Fitzpatrick  
*...and all those who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Margaret Kelly, Shirley Miller,  
 Margaret Hirsh, Eileen Minahan,  
 Eileen Rate, Mary Noonan,  
 Ruby Holloway, Maureen Noonan,  
 Richard Calleja, Peter Home  
*...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.*



The Blue Heart represents the sadness of those who are trafficked, while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings. This abomination is tragically ongoing and people who were vulnerable before COVID 19 pandemic are now super vulnerable. Our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that the dignity and rights of women, men, girls and boys are being transgressed through threats, deception and force. To find out what you can do go to <https://acrath.org.au>.

We are all feeling the effects of ongoing isolation, especially those who are going through it alone. The **International Day of Friendship**, encourages us to make a special effort to reach out to family and friends, including those we haven't spoken to for some time, and too, fellow parishioners. Just to say hello and ask how they are faring. Send them a message of hope and love. The challenges we have all faced this year highlights the importance of close friendships. Now is the time to reconnect with friends so that when physical distancing finally ends we will appreciate them even more. Don't forget, a friendly call can be arranged by contacting Parish Office on: 9583 6161.

**CatholicCare Sunday**

Next weekend is the first ever CatholicCare Sunday 'Virtual' Appeal. As the Archdiocese of Melbourne's 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. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full. To donate visit:

[www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal](http://www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal)

or to donate over the phone call: **9287 5513**

**Broadcast & Online Masses:**

**11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website: [melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)

**Pre-recorded Masses available online:** [cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online](http://cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online) or [stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos](http://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos) or [holyfamilydoveton.org.au/](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/)

Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible online: [www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass) Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column

*How does Moses make tea?  
 He brews.*

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:**

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).

**VOLUNTEERING AT O.L.A:** We are so grateful to the many volunteers who give of their time and talents. Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, PowerPoint operators, those who take Communion to the sick, assist the elderly, our members of St Vincent de Paul Conference, ...just to name a few! **ANYONE** who volunteers in **ANY** group must have an up to date 'Working with Children Check', and where necessary, a 'Police Check'. Please ensure that these are current by visiting [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au), [www.police.vic.gov.au/national-police-records-checks](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/national-police-records-checks) and, renew your card, or update your details, stating that you **volunteer at OLA**. Please telephone the Parish Office if you require assistance or more information: 9583 6161.

