

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So, they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Reflection: I'M GETTING LOCKED UP

On Monday, September 3, I will be locked up in prison. Have I got your attention! Yes, I will be locked up in prison that day and for the next four days, though I will be released at night. I haven't been convicted of a crime. But I have been convicted of a mission. The mission of Jesus Christ. You see, I'll be part of a team of people of various Christian faiths in an organisation called Kairos Prison Ministry which takes the message of the Gospel to people in our prison system. I have previously undertaken one of these programs and seen the significant difference it makes in the lives of those "inside" when they know that Jesus loves them and is calling them to follow Him. In fact, some inmates have come from such a challenging upbringing that they



have never previously heard anyone tell them that they are loved. So, please pray for me and the other members of the team who will go into the John Morony Correction Centre at South Windsor. And especially, please pray for the 18 men who we will bring the story of Jesus Christ to. Beyond your prayers, there is also a need to bake biscuits for us to take into the prison. However, they need to be made to a very specific recipe as there are some substances (like fruit) which cannot be taken into prison. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let me know and I can supply you with the recipe. If you have time to write letters to those we will minister to inside, please also see me in the next few weeks so I can give you the guidelines. Beyond your prayers, baking and letter writing, there is always a need for financial support for the work of Kairos. It costs about \$100 to support each prisoner to go through a program. If you can help in this way please go to Kairos.org.au and click on the donation button.

- **Deacon Tony Hoban**
Pastoral Director

12 August – 19th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

- Welcomers: Volunteers needed
- Acolyte: Volunteer needed
- Servers: Feba Abby, Tissa Thomas
- Readers: Maria Rafael, Lumba family
- Eucharistic Min: Volunteer needed
- Hospitality: Volunteers needed
- Children's Liturgy: Lavanya Ambrose

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for a vacant role, please email marsdenpark@parracatholic.org



Deacon Tony and Annette have signed up to do the Vinnies Community Sleep Out next month. The event raises funds to help prevent homelessness in western Sydney. They will be given just a bowl of soup, a beanie and a piece of cardboard as they sleep out at Western Sydney Uni's Parramatta Campus. Each participant is asked to raise \$700 so please support them by going to these pages online: nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/TonyHoban and nswvinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/AnnetteHoban

We welcome for the first time this week as our Celebrant: Fr Michael Belonio OSA, Parish Priest of St Clair

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God
You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church. Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.
Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST – PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

We're hiring!

If you're studying or recently graduated from accounting and looking to get your foot in the door in finance, the Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Development Fund is looking for a casual Trainee Assistant Accountant with an immediate start. For more information contact ddfinance@parradfd.org.au

Lifted Live! Feat. Gen Bryant: 10 August
Celebrate the Year of Youth with home-grown Aussie singer, songwriter and musician Gen Bryant this August! Gen will be joining us a night of music, worship, drama, testimony, dance and prayer. The experience is open to all secondary school aged students, parish youth and young adults. Rooty Hill RSL from 7.30-10pm. \$5 entry fee on arrival. Contact CYP and Sr Rosie for more information - rosie.drum@parracatholic.org

Campion College Book Sale: 11 August
The Library at Campion College Australia will be holding a book sale with a large number of second hand books for sale. Subjects include theology, literature, history and philosophy. Saturday 11 August from 10am to 4pm at Campion College Australia, 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Old Toongabbie, NSW 2146. Inquiries via 02 9896 9307 and k.doughty@campion.edu.au

Office for Worship Formation Day: 11 August
The Office for Worship is offering a Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying Ongoing Formation Day on Saturday 11 August, 9.30am – 2.00pm (Morning Tea and lunch provided) at the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. RSVP by 6 of August, 2018. For more information or to register contact Ingrid on 88383456 or at ingrid.vergano@parracatholic.org

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 17 - 19 August
Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship! 17 - 19 August at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

Migrant and Refugee Week: 20 - 26 August
Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own

Australian context. For more information please visit: parracatholic.org/socialjustice

Creating a Safe Church: 31 August - 1 September

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour arising from the abuse crisis and the impact on victims and survivors, and members of the Church. For more information go to: parracatholic.org/safechurch

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018
Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops: Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. Register your interest at: parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/

Can you support St Luke's to grow?
St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. We need you to contribute your time, treasure and talents to help our community be all that it can be. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find the donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer each Sunday. Please pass these to

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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Deacon Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.

Sunday, August 5, 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary
time