

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to quickly forget how we have been blessed. The people of Israel wasted no time in complaining to Moses about having been brought out of slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the plagues sent as signs that God was working through Moses. In a similar fashion the people who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered from sickness, and then feed the multitude, will demand a further sign from Jesus in order that they would believe in him and trust in him as the bread of life!

There is a tremendous tension in these readings between the patience and generosity of God on one hand, and on the other, the ways in which we can fail to appreciate and accept what God is offering us. In time the people in the desert tired even of the quail and manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries were unable to accept that he was the bread of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger and needs.

As Paul knew all too well the process of conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to leave behind our old selves, that is, that which does not answer our most heartfelt needs or engender life. Even though we may recognise that Jesus is the source of our life it can still be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus within us because of old patterns of acting or perceiving.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

01 AUGUST 2021

FIRST READING

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, / the things our fathers have told us, / we will tell to the next generation: / the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

2. He commanded the clouds above / and opened the gates of heaven. / He rained down manna for their food, / and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**



3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. / He sent them abundance of food. / He brought them to his holy land, / to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

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

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

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

GOSPEL

Jn 6: 24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

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

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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES	Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS Sat: 4.30-5.15pm *Or by appointment
WEEKDAY MASSES	Mon: *No Mass	Tues: *No Mass	
	Wed: 12pm St John Vianney	Thur: 9am	
	Fri: 9am Transfiguration of the Lord	Sat: 9am Sts Sixtus II & Companions	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *O God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger;
And whoever believes in me will not thirst.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Coral Markey, Vera Anne Pendergast, Sister Ita Harris (rsj), Sister Francis Gabriel (rsj), Pat Hill (UK), Margaret Kay, Aileen Fulwood.

Anniversaries: Heighton Betts (28/7), Max Kennedy (31/7), Andrew Tickner (20/8).

Deceased: William Coulston, Margaret Burgess, Bruce Pullman, Sr Bede Hintz, Mary Plater, Andrew Tickner, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Sophie Littlejohn, Maree Southwell, Margaret Marshall, Colleen Greer, Fr Bernie Flood, Maria Mood, Kim Myers, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Elaine White, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Linda Bourke, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Brindley Cavallaro, Jack & Marge Attard.

PADDY'S CORNER - An Apple



A sudden desert storm had made a traveler lose his direction. The only thing he had was an apple. It was so precious, whenever he was thirsty or hungry, he would only look at the apple. Then he would walk again full of hope. Unfortunately, he still died in the desert. It was written on the police report: He would have walked out of the desert if he had had a Samsung or Nokia.

COMING EVENTS

31 July and 5th August Launch Onlin e Mens Gathering and Parish Men's Group Meeting

CANCELLED: NO MORNING TEA 1 August Parish Morning Tea in Parish Centre 10 am



God will take care of you.
(1874)



COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS CHANGED ON 26 JUNE 2021.

***PLEASE READ THE NOTICES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH FOLLOW ALL REQUESTS, INCLUDING:**

****MANDATORY MASK WEARING****

****CHECKING IN and OUT**

****SOCIAL DISTANCING UNDER THE 4m² RULE**

****SANITISING.**

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING FOR 2021 was launched online on Saturday 31st July. St Patrick's Parish Men's Group will meet on Thursdays commencing 5th August at 7 pm in the Parish Centre. The Diocese of Armidale will be holding its own Diocesan Catholic Men's Gathering as an in-person event on Saturday 16th October in Tamworth (Covid rules permitting)

CLERGY EDUCATION AND RETIRED CLERGY COLLECTION: Will be held at next weekend's masses. Please consider giving to this important collection for our seminarians and retired clergy.

REVIEW OF PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LIST: Please note that we are reviewing the current list of people who have requested prayers during their illness or a loved one's illness. Many of these requests were received a long time ago. Please confirm to the office, by phone or email, if an entry you have requested is to continue past 4 weeks. We will commence an updated list from 15 Aug 2021.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: Is held this week 1st to 8th August.

CHURCH LIGHTING FAILING: Replacement of the church lights is imminent and a significant cost. We have noted improved savings with updating of lighting in the presbytery and grounds and would like to see the same in the Church. We are most grateful for those who have donated to this already.

NB: NO MONTHLY PARISH MORNING TEA: DUE TO COVID concerns the Parish monthly morning tea planned for today 1st August has **been cancelled**. We pray that there will be an improved situation by 5th September.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Church Acc 001023642 **2nd Coll:** Acc 001041198

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help men and women of our parish to hear the call of God to serve in the diocese of Armidale. Our needs are great, and our people are thirsting for your presence. Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 1/8/21

Vigil: R D Bolitho R Palmer
9am Sun: R C Monet O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team 2/8 G&M Thrift; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 7/8 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen E Smyth

WEEK 3 ROSTER: 8/8/21

Vigil: R Sr K Sweeney P Bamford
9am Sun: R G Clout A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting Team 9/8 O & J Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 14/8 M Vella and R Pace
Altar Linen: H Reid

We acknowledge that we walk upon the traditional lands of First Nations peoples.

We pay our respects to them and recognise the continuing gift of their cultures to the life and spirit of Australia.

