

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

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Morning Tea

**Next Sunday
11th Aug 2024
after 9:30am
morning mass**

**All are
welcome!**



**BACKGROUND ON
THE GOSPEL READING**

Loyola Press

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”
This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist.
In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.
As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?
But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment. The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd’s blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John’s Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.



Parish Bulletin

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 3/4 August 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 77:3-4,23-25,54**

Response:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we 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
Ephesians 4:17,20-24**

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

**Special Collection Next Week
Promotion of Vocations Appeal**

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

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

The manna the Israelites discovered in the wilderness satisfied their hunger. More importantly, it was a sign that God was with them in their time of trial. Likewise, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was not intended simply to satisfy the hunger if the crowds but to be a sign to them of the presence of God in Jesus. In the symbolic actions of the Eucharistic celebration we also recognize the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, among us.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am
Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—10/11 Aug 2024 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	28/29 Jul 2024
Open Plate	\$448.80
Planned Giving	\$458.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$906.80
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
July 2024: \$2,513.00	

Premiere of Glorious Lives: Mary MacKillop
All are welcome to attend free screening of *Glorious Lives: Mary MacKillop* a docu-fiction film to be screened at the Capri Theatre (141 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood SA) on Aug 7 at 6.30pm. Bookings can be made via: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1260996> Entry is free. Donations are welcome.

Citizen Advocacy South Australia Inc. Citizen Advocacy is the name given to the committed relationship between a suitable citizen who provides long-term volunteer advocacy to a person with a disability (referred to as a protégé – one who is protected) so that they are no longer entirely alone and unprotected given their relatively powerless circumstances. Many advocates have been faithful companions to their protégés for decades and have saved them from terrible situations; many have saved the very lives of their protégés, and sometimes on repeated occasions. Otherwise such a person without a strong sense of consequence and 'living' within the confines of a service system is completely exposed to the vagaries of that service system and its ever changing policies, agendas and identities. **We are currently looking for a male volunteer advocate (who would be a mentor, confidante, friend and spokesperson and community connector) for a man in his middle fifties who lives in Myrtle Bank.** Please contact Joanne Christophersen 0412 674 551 jochristophersen@gmail.com



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

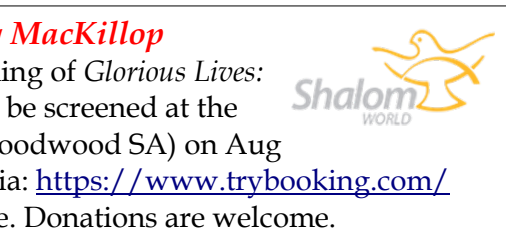
For the Repose of the Soul:
Marisa Conterno
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
While there are many people in the world who suffer due to disasters and hunger, we continue to produce and sell weapons and burn resources fueling wars, large and small. This is an outrage that the international community should not tolerate.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$658.50



PARISH NOTICES

Chinese Community Mass - 4th Aug 2024
The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their next monthly community mass on Sunday 4th August at St Joseph's Church Tranmere. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Blessing of milestone wedding anniversaries - Sunday September 15
Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries will be held on 15th September. Couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries will be presented a certificate. For nomination please contact Fr Roy or the parish office.

Synod Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document)
Please be advised the Synod of Bishop's Working Document has been released. It can be accessed via the following link: [The Instrumentum Laboris \(synod.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/synod-instrumentum-laboris)

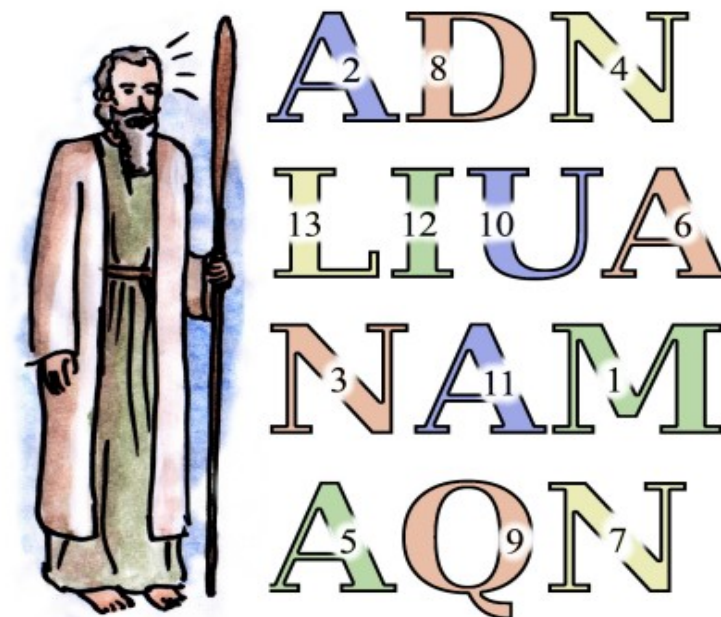
Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy Unit - August 2024
The Adelaide Archdiocese is hosting a workshop series on the Rite of Christian Initiation of adults and all are invited to attend. The 'Alive in Christ' series is presented by Dr Jenny O'Brien over five Thursday evenings starting on August 8 in the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, with free parking available. (Also, accessible online via Zoom). The cost is \$50 with resources supplied. Contact Pastoral Services - Community Life & Worship, worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8130 to register. For more information visit [ofw-adelaide.org.au/cpl](https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/cpl)

Annie MacKillop - First Companion
Sat Aug 10 at 2pm, Bethany, 4 High St Kensington
The Josephite Companions present Annie MacKillop, sister of Mary MacKillop: Annie accompanied Mary and walked with many of the Sisters of St Joseph throughout her life. Josephite Companions have embraced her as our 'inaugural Companion'. Come and delight in Annie's story, sharing in God's mission and making a difference. RSVP: August 5 on 0417 871 904 or SA.Companions@sosj.org.au. Afternoon tea will be available - please bring a small plate to share. There will also be a raffle. Donations and proceeds of the raffle will go toward Josephite ministries.

Community Day on Meaningful Ageing
The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia invites you to a Community Day on 'Meaningful Ageing' with the Rev Dr Les Underwood (Uniting SA Minister and Director of both the Uniting SA Clinical Pastoral Education Centre and the St Barnabas Anglican Clinical Pastoral Education Centre) as our guest speaker. There will be a Q&A panel in the afternoon; and time to meditate. Date: Saturday August 24, 11am - 3pm Place: St Michael's Anglican Church, 18 Church Road, Mitcham. Please bring some lunch to share and your own cup. Suggested donation \$15. Contact: chrmed.southaustralia@gmail.com for more information and to register your attendance please.

The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4th, 2024



Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!



Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.

All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.



Answers to the front page: Manna and quail. Answers to word puzzle: ate, food, life, we, God, believe, sign, Jesus, Father, world, bread, Bread of Life.