

## ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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## 18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME- YR B

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"I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me  
will never go hungry,



and he who believes in  
me will never go thirsty"

me. Then Jesus identifies himself: I am the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world. All who come to him will never hunger or thirst.

All of us believe that Jesus is the bread of life for us. We desire to place our trust and confidence in God's loving care for us. We have also found that there is a challenge involved in this trusting. The challenge comes in our willingness to embrace God as he is, and not as we might like him to be. Confidence in God's loving Providence means accepting with our whole being that God will provide for us, but not always as we might want or expect. Hoarfrost on the ground in the early morning was not what the Israelites expected, but it was bread from heaven as God had promised.

Are we courageous enough in our faith to say to God: "Give us this bread always" and then meet the challenges of letting Jesus, the bread of life, live in us as each day unfolds? - *Salesian Feed*.

## BECOMING PROVIDERS

The Israelites were out in the desert, and they began to suffer from hunger. So great was their hunger that they longed for the 'good old days' of slavery in Egypt, when at least they had their fill of bread. What they did not know was that soon they would be eating "the bread of the mighty."

All of us are in a desert, so to speak, suffering from spiritual hunger. So great is this hunger that we long for the 'good old days' of innocence, when life seemed simple and all our needs were satisfied. Jesus comes to us in this desert and gives us "the bread of life" so that we shall never be hungry again.

The readings from Exodus and John are about justice and holiness: providing all the people with our daily bread, and satisfying our spiritual hunger with "the food that remains unto life eternal." The Church puts these readings together in this Mass to suggest to us that there is a connection between the 'justice' issue of hunger and the 'holiness' issue of the Eucharist. The work of God is to feed, and if we should want to join in that work, we must become providers, doing all we can to see that no one goes hungry and to bring people to the Eucharistic table of the Lord.

Many persons today are physically hungry. Certainly the solution to starvation and malnutrition requires increased production and improved distribution of food. But it also requires a concerted act of solidarity by the nations and peoples of the world. Our sharing in the Eucharist inspires us to such solidarity, as well as to actions which express it; for sincere celebration of the Eucharist must lead to various works of charity and mutual help. -*Gerald Darring*



ST JOSEPH, YOU WERE RECEPTIVE TO GOD WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.

HELP US BY YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME OF TRIAL.

YOU KEPT JESUS AND MARY UNDER YOUR WATCHFUL CARE: MAY YOUR PRAYERS

ASSIST OUR LOCAL CHURCH TO RESPOND TO THOSE IN NEED.

YOU TAUGHT THE CHRIST CHILD YOUR TRADE AND PRAYERS: HELP US TO FOLLOW HIS

EXAMPLE OF LOVE. YOU WERE PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR ALL HUMANITY:

ASSIST US TO BE VIGILANT AND RESPONSIBLE THIS DAY.

YOU SPENT YOUR LIFE IN SERVICE: MAY WE BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE

ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE, CARING FOR THEM IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS.

YOU TRUSTED IN THE CLEAR PRIMACY OF GOD OVER ALL HISTORY AND EVERY SITUATION:

HELP US TO GROW IN FAITH AND PRAY TO THE FATHER, THY WILL BE DONE. AMEN .

**THANK YOU FR TONY** for everything that you've done for the parish.

We were blessed to have you as our Parish Priest for the past 3 and half years.

We wish you nothing but all the best in your next assignment.

**GOOD LUCK & GOD SPEED!**



**MASS ONLINE**

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE**

Masses are livestreamed daily on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

**BOX HILL PARISH**

Daily Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/GBHparish>

Sunday Masses also on:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

**MASS FOR YOU AT HOME**

Available at Network Ten - 10 Play

<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Our Thanksgiving Online Payment Portal is **Parish Pay Portal**



<https://secure.artezpacific.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=116521&langPref=en-CA>

Gratitude for your continuing support.

Thanksgiving envelopes are now available in the foyer. You may also opt to use the [direct debit facility](#), email or call us for printed authorisation form or the Parish bank details.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

“EACH DAY THE PEOPLE ARE TO GO OUT AND GATHER THEIR DAILY PORTION; THUS WILL I TEST THEM, TO SEE WHETHER THEY FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS OR NOT.” EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

We thank the SVD brothers: Fr James, Fr Linh, Fr Thien, Fr Phuong, and Fr Gilbert for their presence in our parish. Today, we welcome Fr Sunil who will join his other SVD brothers in celebrating mass with us.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- Francisco Tenorio, Andrew Klyne, Raffaele Mazzeo, Albert Carabez, Adrienne Wood, Norman Warway, Ella Grace Dixon, Adelline Jenner, Magdalena Narciso, John Benetti, Connie Guglielmino, Paola Raudino.**

**ROSTERS:** 6:00PM 9:00AM

**EUCCHARIST MINISTERS**

◆ This Week	Sr June	Anico Yee
◆ Next Week	Mary Italiano	Sr June

**PROCLAIMERS**

◆ This Week C/P:	Karen Dermietzel	Daphne Hickman
◆ Next Week C/P:	Peggy D' Cruz	Andrew Johny

**COUNTERS**

This Week: Patrick Kelly / Anico Yee  
Next Week: Peggy D' Cruz / Kenneth D' Cruz

**SACRAMENTS:**

**Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the Month (9:00 AM Mass )

- ◆ Reconciliation
- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Anointing of the Sick
- ◆ Funerals

Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

**MASS TIMES:**

- ◆ Saturday: 6:00 PM
- ◆ Sunday: 9:00 AM
- ◆ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)
- VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or ANDY TRAN 04 22 382 109

**WEEKDAYS:**

- ◆ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am
- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass
- ◆ Every Friday, 10:00 am





**POPE: TO FEED THE WORLD, START WITH FAMILY FARMS**

Restarting local economies with a focus on providing adequate food for all the world's people means governments must involve and listen to small farmers and farming families, Pope Francis said on Monday.

“Closed and conflicting – but powerful – economic interests have prevented us from designing a food system that responds to the values of the common good, solidarity and the ‘culture of encounter’,” the Pope said in a message read at a preparatory meeting in Rome for the United Nations Food Systems Summit in September.

“Our poorest brothers and sisters, and the earth, our common home that ‘cries out for the damage we inflict on it through irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God has placed in it’ demand radical change,” the Pope said. Family farms and other small farming operations are a place to start.

The rural sector of the local and global economy provides so much of the food people consume, but people living in rural areas and working the land are rarely a priority in political and economic decision making, he said in the message read by Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican foreign minister.

In “the post-pandemic ‘restart’ process that is being built,” the Pope said, “small farmers and farming families must be considered privileged actors. Their traditional knowledge should not be overlooked or ignored, while their direct participation allows for a better understanding of their priorities and real needs.”

**POPE: SENIORS ARE TO BE VALUED, NOT DISCARDED**

Pope Francis leads the Angelus from the window of his studio overlooking St Peter’s Square at the Vatican last Sunday.

Older people are not “leftovers” to be discarded, Pope Francis said in the homily he wrote for the Mass marking the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. “Let us ask ourselves, ‘Have I visited my grandparents, my elderly relatives, the older people in my neighbourhood? Have I listened to them? Have I spent time with them?’” the Pope said in his homily, which was read aloud at the Mass by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation.

“Let us protect them, so that nothing of their lives and dreams may be lost. May we never regret that we were insufficiently attentive to those who loved us and gave us life,” the homily said.

“Grandparents and the elderly are not leftovers from life, scraps to be discarded. They are a precious source of nourishment.” the Pope wrote in the homily.

“They protected us as we grew, and now it is up to us to protect their lives, to alleviate their difficulties, to attend to their needs and to ensure that they are helped in daily life and not feel alone.”

**ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI: LET’S GO TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE**

A mission renewal process in the Melbourne Archdiocese has reinforced a shift in city populations, with the once-dominant inner-city parishes being overtaken by outer suburban churches in the city’s growth areas.

The archdiocese is undertaking a major internal review of how it sells the Gospel in a changing society, with moves to set up a series of missions that will attempt to serve more than one million mainly Melbourne Catholics.

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is overseeing a process of renewal that includes a reordering of resources and an expectation of considerable changes to the way the Church functions in the future.

He said a key aspect of the mission renewal was making sure that resources were allocated to growth areas without forgetting inner areas; six of the top-10 parishes with the smallest Catholic population are now in the inner city.

“I’m saying let’s go to where the people are,” Archbishop Comensoli said. “Where do you go to plant the seeds? Go plant them where the people are.”

Census data shows that five of the top-10 parishes are in Melbourne’s north and the other five in the west, which coincide with some of Australia’s highest population growth, fuelled by cheaper housing and immigration.

The mission renewal process is being greeted with concern by clergy, many of whom are ageing and facing uncertainty over their futures and how they will spend their final years as priests.

**MP SAYS NSW NOT LIKE OTHER STATES**

New South Wales MPs opposed to voluntary euthanasia say they are not satisfied with the “conservative” safeguards in Alex Greenwich’s bill and have warned its passage is not a foregone conclusion.

Liberal MP Kevin Conolly told the Christian group FamilyVoice Australia last week that NSW was different to other states that have legalised euthanasia, pointing to Western Sydney’s higher “no” vote on marriage equality in 2017. He said there was a group, particularly across Sydney and Western Sydney “that takes a different social view on a number of things”.

Mr Conolly later said this statement was not a reference to religious MPs in the NSW Parliament.

Independent MP Alex Greenwich has released a draft of the bill to legalise euthanasia he intends to bring to Parliament next month. Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania have all passed euthanasia laws and Queensland is poised to do so.

However, Mr Conolly and Labor MP Hugh McDermott said it was not guaranteed the bill would pass either chamber, citing the fact both the Liberal and Labor leaders – Gladys Berejiklian and Chris Minns – are opposed.

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Being hungry is not a virtue. If it were, the poor would all be holy, and the rich would all be evil. But that is not true. The state of our hearts can not be measured by wallet size, but the condition of our hearts CAN be measured by our willingness to share what we have. We expand our hearts through the practice of generosity and we get to know the joy that belongs to those whose hearts are free to give. —GPBSeNews

## **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

Lord Jesus, you asked us to put aside our old selves.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are the true Bread from heaven.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, all who come to you will never be hungry.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

## **FIRST READING:** Ex 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 hearts 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 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 hearts 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 :**

**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

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 ACCLAMATION:**

**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.'

**NEXT WEEK READINGS: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19: 4-8 SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 4: 30-5: 2 GOSPEL: JOHN 6: 41-51**