

son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE SAVING WORD

11 AUGUST 2024

THE LIVING BREAD

Today we continue the focus on the Bread from Heaven. In the first reading we see Elijah in the wilderness fleeing from Jezebel. He just wants to lay down and die but an angel of the Lord touches him twice repeating 'Get up and eat.' All there was to eat was a round flat loaf and water too, but it was enough for the 40 day/night journey to Horeb, the mountain of God. God provided food for the journey as previously in the desert with Moses.

In the continuation of the Bread of Heaven discourse in John's Gospel, we find the Judeans are complaining about Jesus' claim to be 'the bread that came down from heaven.' They are grumbling and complaining like the Israelites in the desert. Jesus responds recalling the scriptures (Isaiah 54:13) that it is God who teaches them. The 'Amen, Amen' saying, translated as 'I tell you most solemnly,' emphasises the truth and faithfulness of this saying. In John's Gospel the double Amen appears 25 times, always uttered by Jesus. In this important statement there is to be no doubt that Jesus is the 'bread of life.' He is the bread that comes down from heaven, the 'living bread.' The final sentence indicates not only that eating this bread means eternal life but that the bread that Jesus gives for the life of the world is his flesh. We readily understand this as his crucifixion. Beyond this the Judeans will complain further. As we hear these words let us contemplate the gift that Jesus gave us.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19: 4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

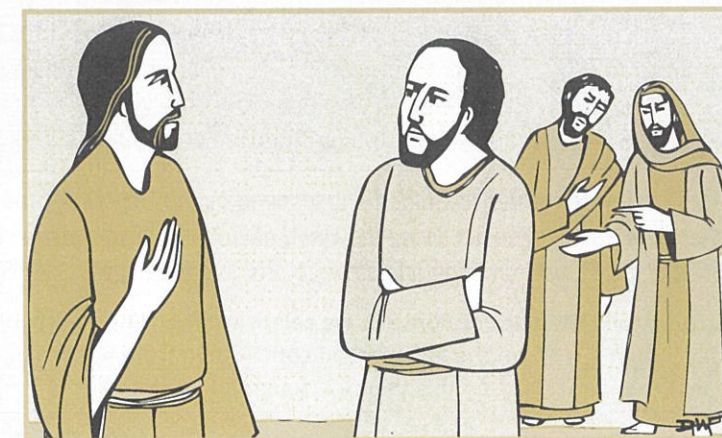
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS

Ps 33: 2-9. R. v. 9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped / around those who revere him, to rescue them. / Taste and see that the Lord is good. / He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**



SECOND READING

Eph 4: 30-5: 2

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

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

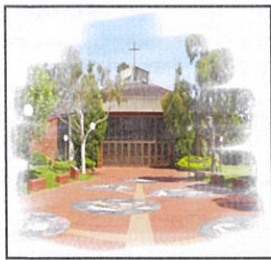
Jn 6: 41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

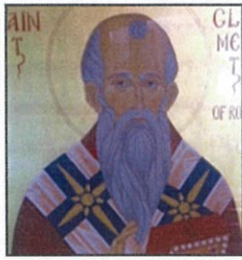
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus

Dr Rosemary Canavan



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Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Today's theme is : I am the living bread come down from heaven
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Our new website is live!

We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website. Please visit us at <https://www.melbcatholic.org/bulleen> to explore our new features and stay connected with all the latest news and updates. Don't forget to subscribe to our newsletter via the link provided on the website. We hope that you enjoy the fresh design and enhanced user experience. Check it out and let us know what you think!

End of National Vocations Awareness Week—11 Aug

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

The Archbishop's Campaign—One major collection

On the weekend of 17/18 August, the first Archbishop's Campaign will be held. Through this new annual campaign, the Archdiocese simplifies its approach, for the first time combining several special collections into one unified effort. Rather than being asked to give multiple times throughout the year, the faithful can now make a single, impactful pledge for the purposes of the Archdiocese through a recurring monthly gift online. Gifts will support vital ministries within the Archdiocese, including seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives, including World Youth Day, as well as retired priests.

Donors can choose to make either a tax-deductible or non-deductible gift. Non-deductible gifts go towards the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, funding seminarian education and evangelisation efforts. Tax-deductible gifts will go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which benefits the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission and the University of Divinity Building Fund, among other important charitable causes.

The campaign envelopes and the information brochures are available in the foyer from this weekend. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR code.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

School/Parish Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 15th August at 9.15am.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)
 Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). **Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration** : Sat 8.40am
 Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 14th Aug @ 12.45pm—Whole School Eucharist/
 Mary Mackillop
 Thurs 15th Aug @ 9.15am—The feast of the
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Parish &
 School Mass
 Fri 16th Aug @ 9.15am—No Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Mario Cesarin, Venancio Mendoza, Dario Soci, Ivanka Meacco, Ivan Mejak, Irene Lecordier** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



'Imagination, Story & Jesus on Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc', (In Person) – Saturday, 17 August, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm (AEST).

This reflection event is an opportunity to spend some time with our imaginations, with our love for stories, with some images of how Jesus has been portrayed in screen images, and with those whom we see as Christ-like. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. BYO Lunch. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage—15th—26th October 2024

Join the official pilgrimage created and led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. Find out more (02) 8912 4818. Email : national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

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10/11 August	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	<i>Livia Tunggal</i>
	<i>Commentator</i>	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Reader</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Warwick Wright	Pina La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Ricardo La Mattina
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	<i>Special Ministers</i>	John Bruce	Agnes Lu
		Zina Scalzo	Gloria Ng
		Enza Wilcocks	Maria Papalia

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Being Hope

Sharing in indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing...

Venue: Masudo Room Box Hill Town Hall 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128, Australia

When: Saturday 21st September. 9.00 a.m. registration for 9.30am start and 3.00pm finish.

The Forum is free, but people are asked to provide their own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits

Booking essential:

Website: <https://events.humanitix.com/being-hope>

Flyer on the notice board

CO.AS.IT. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking female individuals in the East who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Tania Barbaro on 0481603702. Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19.

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.