

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 1st - 2nd August 2020

First Reading: Is 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35. 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

As individuals, as communities and as a world, we suffer all kinds of hunger – for food, for love, for peace. God is able and willing to satisfy all our hungers. But God is waiting for men and women who believe enough to give up their lunch pack, their “five loaves and two fish” which God needs to make the miracle possible.

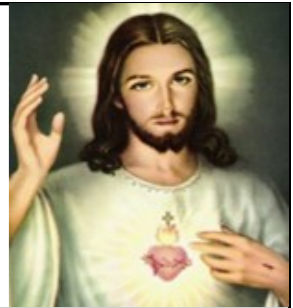


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Give Them Something to Eat Yourselves

There are many facets hunger. There is the hunger for food and drink that nourish our physical health and sustains life. There is the hunger to be accepted and befriended by others. Then there is spiritual hunger - the hunger to belong, to live in relationship with God and each other.

The readings today challenge us to recognise and begin to work on the hunger that is within us, to experience God by walking in the shoes of Christ Jesus.

Paul's letter assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We can choose to walk away from that love yet Christ continues to love us and longs for our return to the way of God.

In the Gospel today we meet people who are experiencing the three kinds of hunger. A large crowd seeks out Jesus at a time when he is weary, looking for rest and for a time of solitude to mourn the death of John, his cousin. Jesus looks beyond himself, senses the crowd's longing to be with him and is moved by compassion to nourish

them, listen to them, comfort and reassure them, and heal those who are ill.

At the end of a long day the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus responds with compassion for the crowd and tells his disciples, "Give them something to eat yourselves." Reluctantly the disciples hand over five loaves and two fish - their tucker for the day. Jesus thanks God for their gifts, blesses them, breaks the loaves into pieces and hands them back to the disciples to distribute the food to the crowd. In this way Jesus involves his disciples in his task of feeding the people, inducting them as agents of his compassion and missionaries of his love to God's cherished people.



So too we, baptised into Christ's body are nourished through prayer and the gift of himself in the bread and wine of the Eucharist and the kindness of friends, are sent to be for others his eyes, ears, heart and hands. Throughout his mission Jesus clearly identified himself with people in physical, emotional and spiritual need. To meet them was to meet Jesus. "...In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Mat 25)

"Lord Jesus, you bless those who seek to feed the hungry.
Move our hearts to be agents of God's love in our world..
Open our eyes that we may see your presence in the poor
Open our ears that we may hear to pleas of the homeless
Open our hands that our 'loaves and fishes' may receive your blessing."

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Parish Mass Schedule

No Masses
until
further notice

Please see
Online Mass
Schedule
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CatholicCare Sunday Appeal 2020

Sunday 9th August

You can break barriers

On behalf of everyone at CatholicCare thank you for supporting the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal in your parish this August. We truly can't thank you enough. CatholicCare has been part of the fabric of the Catholic community in Greater Melbourne, Geelong and Gippsland, helping those on the fringes of society for the past 85 years. As the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues, now more than ever, Victorian families are in need of our help as they struggle to make ends meet.

We understand that parish life has been profoundly affected by the social restrictions in place to help manage the spread of COVID-19. We truly appreciate the energy and support you are providing to us to help make this year's Sunday Appeal possible.

How can parishioners make a donation?

1. Online Donation - Make a donation through our website www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal

(Those who wish to have their donation counted towards a parish total, may include their parish name and suburb in the comments section)

2. Phone - Call (03) 9287 5513 and speak to one of our fundraising team.

3. Bank transfer - Directly transfer funds to CatholicCare bank account (Bank account details noted below). If a tax deductible receipt is required, please contact CatholicCare to provide your details.

Bank Details are: CatholicCare Bank Account:

Account name: CatholicCare

BSB: 083 347

Account Number: 171 551 421

Bank: National Australia Bank

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

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Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full. You can donate online at:

www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513.

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Sacred Heart Bulletin

The Sacred Heart Bulletin is available online and if you would like to have a copy emailed to you, please send an email to

sacredheart3072@gmail.com or call the office on 94803398 to be added to the email list.

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.



Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord 6th August

The feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36). After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John went up the mountain. There, Saint Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."

Last page: As individuals, as communities and as a world, we suffer all kinds of hunger – for food, for love, for peace. God is able and willing to satisfy all our hungers. But God is waiting for men and women who believe enough to give up their lunch pack, their "five loaves and two fish" which God needs to make the miracle possible.

Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

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Or: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31): Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am

Channel 10: Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am.

RAI: Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8:30am

Collections

1st Collection: \$385.00

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Feast of St Mary MacKillop

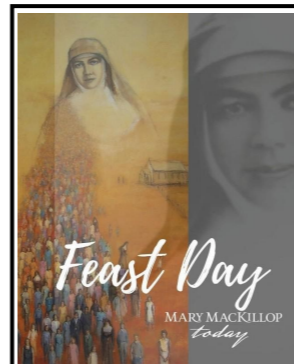
8th August

St Mary MacKillop knew what it meant to bear troubles joyfully. An industrious and educated young woman, she began teaching in her teenage years to support her family, even opening schools in her early 20s. She carried her love for teaching and serving the poor throughout her life. Co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), she almost lost her life's work and her religious community, standing up against a sexual perpetrator. Even in excommunication, she didn't give up her faith or joy.



In 2010 at her canonisation Pope Benedict XVI described Mary MacKillop's courage and joy in the face of troubles. He said, 'Despite many challenges, her prayers to Saint Joseph and her unflagging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom she dedicated her new congregation, gave this holy woman the graces needed to remain faithful to God and to the Church.'

As we face struggles in our lives, may we remember St Mary MacKillop's unwavering courage and let charity be our guide.



Thank you for your prayers

Mary MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop. If you'd like to learn about Mary MacKillop Today, please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2777

Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au

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In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

"Take fresh courage."

For the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation, please give generously this Feast Day to continue her legacy.

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Peter Bourke, Maria Crocco,
Nicola D'Orazio, Charlie Fragiaco,
Anthony Joseph, Stephen Meese,
Valerie Maguire & Bronislawa Slobodzian



Those who have died recently
Domenico Quattrone, Domenico Marasco and
Valda McIntosh

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Neither Death Nor Life

From: *Weekly Parables for Catholic Parishes*

Jesus never met a crowd he couldn't satisfy. If they were ignorant, he taught them. If they were sinners, he forgave them. If they brought their sick, he healed them. If they were hungry, he fed them. No one who yearned and brought their yearning to him was unanswered, not even the women and their children.

But Jesus didn't come to found a school, hospital, counselling practice, or bakery. He comes to bring abundant life to people who've gotten used to the half-life of a world in which evil has free rein. The hungry child can only experience God through bread. Jesus brings life to the world to match its need. Neither the finality of death nor the harshness of life can overcome the gift he offers. That's why the miracle of feeding a crowd of five thousand, as grand as it is, is dwarfed by the generations of people who've been fed by Jesus since.

What form would Jesus take, in order to come into your life and fill your need today?

Help someone to experience the abundant life of Christ. Tutor someone who wants to learn. Comfort someone in sickness or distress. Forgive a person who's wronged you. Feed the hungry. Clothe the poor. Visit the prisoner.

"There is no need to dismiss them.
You give them supper".

Resources for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please share these online resources with your families. The first resource contains the [Sunday readings](#). It is suggested that families gather to read the Scriptures aloud together.

The [family resource](#) is designed for families with young children.

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