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**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
5th August 2018**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

Fed by the Lord

In the First Reading, the Israelites, who are marching through the desert, are hungry and they are angry. God should have killed us in Egypt, they say; then at least we would have died with food in our bellies.



In response, God feeds them with bread from heaven. Manna falls from the sky during the night, and in the morning they can pick the manna up off the ground. It seems to have been a specially wonderful analogue to bread. Scripture says that it was small, and white and mildly sweet, like honey with coriander (Ex 16:31); and it was greatly sustaining too. Tolkien's Elven bread *lembas*, so prized for its taste and nourishment, must have been modeled on manna.



Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

This is a story to shake your head over. In my world, if you want bread, you have to go to the store for what you need, and you have to pay for what you get there too. And if you grumble against God angrily, you get a guilty conscience—you don't get bread falling from the sky. With or without stores and money, we get no Elven bread at all.

Why are these Israelites so lucky? Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

Here, by way of answer, is what the story makes clear. God is a God of history. He intervenes in human affairs in particular ways at particular times to provide for his people what will do them good at that time. The only ones who got to eat manna were those grumbling Israelites. And even they got to eat it only for a while. When they crossed the Jordan River, the manna stopped. All they got then was the parched corn from the previous harvest.

These thoughts can prompt a painful yearning. *Who would not want to be among those who got to taste that honey-sweet manna? Who would not want to have been one of the people hand-fed by the Lord?*



And, yet in God's love, every yearning has its fulfilment. We too are fed with the bread from heaven; and, in the Eucharist, we taste the goodness of the Lord, which is sweeter than wine or honey (Ps 19:10, Ex 16:31). ***We too are hand-fed by the Lord.***



Although God is a God of history, for each one of us it is true that we will want for nothing.



Eleonore Stump

http://liturgy.slu.edu/18OrdB080518/reflections_stump.html

8AM SUNDAY, 12TH AUGUST

We have been blessed with a visiting priest!
Mass will push through on Sunday at 8am next week!

9:15 SERVICES THIS WEEK

Communion Service in the chapel Tues-Thurs;
Mass with Marian College students on Friday.

All are welcome to join these celebrations and to spend some quiet time in reflection.



- ◇ The trees have been cleared! Road works should start soon.
- ◇ If anyone is interested in tendering for work at the Church project, you can email FAL Construction, info@falgroup.com.au
- ◇ If you have any questions about the construction, please feel free to ring Angelo Roia on 98991948, or email the construction committee: stmadsconstruction@gmail.com
- ◇ We will be organising a parish meeting at the end of August to talk about details of the project.
- ◇ PLEASE TAKE NOTE: On weekdays, the second entrance gates will be locked at 4pm each day. Anyone in the temporary car park will need to move their car before 4pm to avoid being locked in. A callout fee applies if Highland Security are required to come and let someone out.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

will be available next week. Please let the office know if you have recently changed your address or if you would like to join the envelope system.

If you would like to change from envelopes to direct debit, please fill in a form in the foyer and put it in the collection plate. Or you can download a form from tinyurl.com/stmadsccform and return it by email to stmads@yahoo.com.au.

Thank you for your generosity.



All are welcome to attend the next choir practice on Thursday, 9th August, at 7pm in the church.

It will be a great chance to learn our church hymns and meet a great group of people! See you there!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1027.75

2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1564

Loose = \$ 792.75

Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107

TOTAL = \$ 4462.75 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on Saturday, **1st September** at **4:30-5:30pm**

at the St Joseph Centre.

To book, please call the parish office on 96542260.

Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



Sacrament of FIRST COMMUNION



The **Information Sessions for First Communion** will be on **Tuesday, 7th August, at 4:30 and 7pm.**

Parents interested in enrolling their children in the program **MUST** attend one of these sessions.

This sacrament is offered to Year 3 and older who have already done their First Reconciliation.

For any queries, please feel free to contact Sally Coppini by email: stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Our diocese has set up a website by which you can give your feedback.

Visit: www.parracatholic.org/haveyoursay



We pray for the eternal repose of the soul of our parishioner, Ivan Ceccato, whose funeral Mass will be held on Friday, 10th August, at 11am. Our thoughts and prayers go to Lydia and family.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Ivan Ceccato, Joel Galayini

For the dearly departed

Helena Culligan and the deceased of the Culligan and Mulvihill families, Alfonse and Estela Juanengo, Vincenzina Americano, Ross Sattler, Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, Norman and Chahide Hajje, Shedly and Chahade Hajje, Hanna and Raymond Chiha, and Youssef Maait

For healing of the sick

Samuel Abella, Doris Mendoza Quiroz, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, June, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs, Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso, Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina, Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.





*Masses for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary
on Wednesday, 15th August
will be at 9:15am
(with the primary school children)
and at 7pm.*



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH
FR VINCENT—16 NOVEMBER 2018**

If you are interested in joining,
please contact Susan Clark
P—90998035; M—0405429988;
E—susan@itravel-au.com

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

**POSITION VACANT:
CASUAL DICTAPHONE TYPISTS/TRANSCRIBERS**

Office at Norwest. Would suit ex legal secretary. Good command of English language and typing speeds required. May suit mum with school-going children. Resume please to maychris1954@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING!

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PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN, ISRAEL AND EGYPT—NOVEMBER 2018

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Land of the Prophets with Zion Tours, November 2018, with optional extension to Petra, Jordan. Dates 15th-27th November. Check out this affordable, all-expenses included, value-for-money tour at ziontours.net.in for highlights. For more information, contact Merle Fonseca +61405314058 (What's App.) merle.fonseca@gmail.com. Limited places available.

OPEN DAY - WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2018

TANGARA School (Reception to Yr12) 10.00am-12.30pm,
Principal's Presentation 11.00 am ph:9680 4844
REDFIELD COLLEGE (K to Yr 12) 12.00pm to 2.30pm,
Headmaster's Talk 1.00pm ph:9651 0381

IFM REFLECTIVE MINISTRY PROGRAM

This enjoyable program aims to enrich those involved in service/ministry of Catholic communities – excellent chance for learning and further shaping of faith and purpose. Ten Tuesday evenings and two Saturday mornings are spread out across August 18 to Dec 1 – presenters' inputs, journaling and application to ministry – group size about 35. See ifm.org.au or call the IFM team 9296 6369

SAVE THE DATE - LITURGY CONFERENCE 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom. To register your interest go to: <https://parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/>
Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA: 17 AUGUST

Sydney Philharmonia - Chamber Singers: TALBOT Path of Miracles -
Tickets via www.sydneypilharmonia.com.au – More details at: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEK: 20 - 26 AUGUST

Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'. We are challenged by the message of the Holy Father to consider how we can welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees in our own Australian context. For more information please visit: parracatholic.org/socialjustice

CREATING A SAFE CHURCH: 31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting two days of presentations by Fr Hans Zollner SJ addressing the most significant issues facing the Catholic Church today with respect to harmful behaviour, including the theological and spiritual implications arising from the abuse crisis and their impact on victims and survivors, together with members of the Church. Fr Hans is regarded as one of the leading ecclesiastical experts in the field of safeguarding of minors and on areas concerning sexual abuse both in the Roman Catholic Church and beyond. More information and registration via parracatholic.org/safechurch

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Secretary:
Lisa Echevarria

Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5.30pm
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy
10am Mass during School terms

Weekday Communion Service
until 17 August

9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays

Playgroup –Tue 9:00am
at St Joseph Centre during school terms

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses

Weddings: By appointment

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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- ◆ The big men fly: Soccer tournament a smashing success
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- ◆ Maronites honour Mary
- ◆ The pill is violence
- ◆ Movie Review: *Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again*
- ◆ Wilson resigns: McCarrick scandal scorches US Church

Deliver yourself to the inspirations
of the Holy Spirit; make yourself as
a tool that offers no resistance to
the handling of the artisan.

-St Madeleine Sophie

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo

Music Coordinators:

CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

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	5:30pm Sat	8:00am	10:00am	5:30pm	
THIS WEEKEND	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	John & Maureen Burford	
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington		Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Maait	
	MUSICIANS	Bev & Pat	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	
	COUNTERS	(7 Aug) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, John & Betty Hourigan		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
	FLOWERS	Denis Secco, arr'd by Mari & Maureen		ALTAR LINEN	Maria Baldi
11/12 AUG	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Fran & Rocco Scardino	Nicole Foxall & Joseph Spina	
	ACOLYTE	Vince Luca	Neil John	Phillys Hannah	
	READERS	Paul Cashman Mary Sammut	Gerry McArdle Catherine Diekman	Ann & Mark Lee	
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Colleen Dunlop Maria Aiossa	Tricia Spencer Kathy White	Sandra Tabone Roslyn Earl	
	JUN MINISTERS	Tara & Sam Coddington		Christopher Kang Kerstin Grima	
	MUSICIANS	Lisa & Craig	Joan & David	Bobby & Doug	
	COUNTERS	(14 Aug) Sandra Tabone & Michelle Romeo		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Sally Coppini
	FLOWERS	From the Ceccato family		ALTAR LINEN	Sonali Arnold