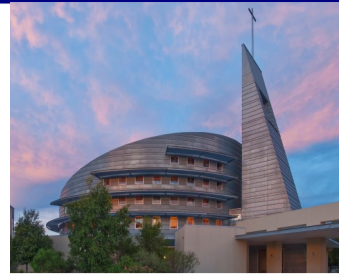




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



11th August 2024
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

11 August — St Clare

12 August—St Jane Frances de Chantal

14 August — St Maximilian Kolbe

15 August—The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am
followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month
10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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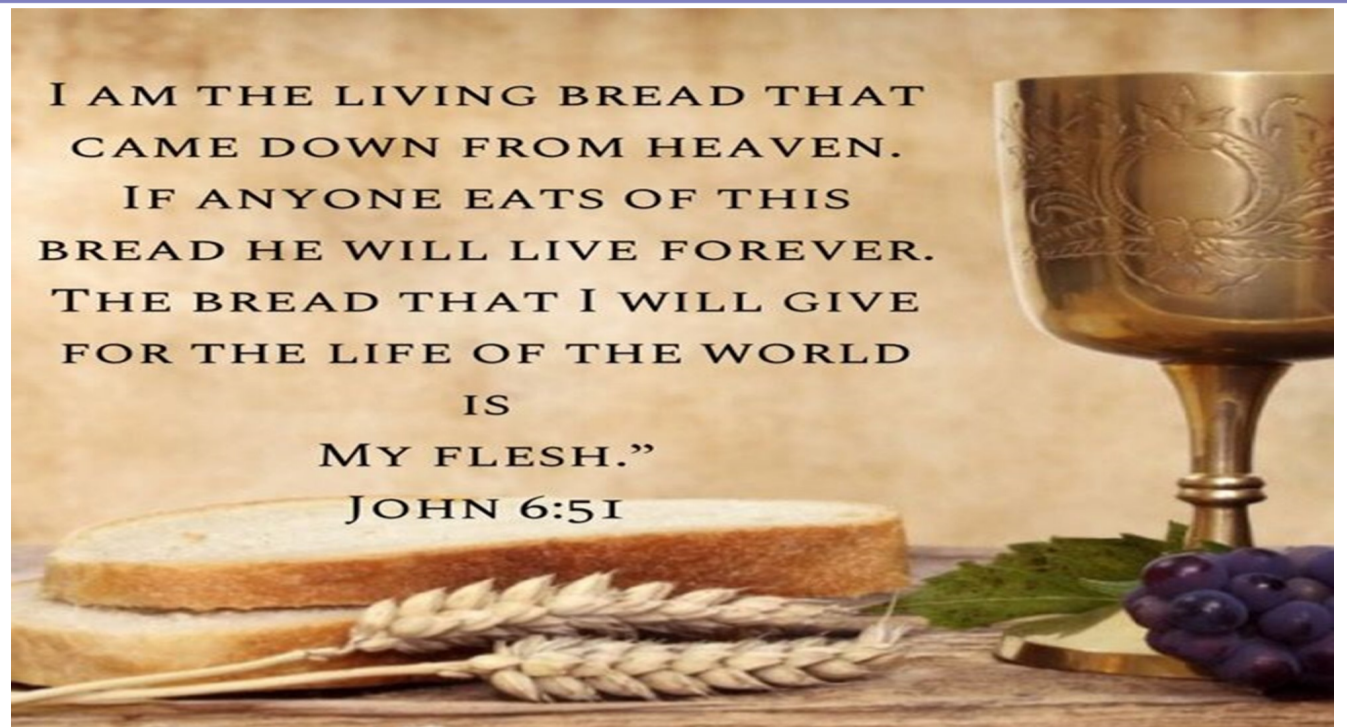
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On this Sunday, we continue to read from the “Bread of Life discourse” found in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father’s will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today’s Gospel reading.

Today’s Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus’ claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognise him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John’s Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognise that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.

In today’s reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

Parish News:

Feast of the Assumption, 15th August: To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption there will be Mass at 8.30am in the Church, Mass at Midday at the school and Mass at 7.00pm in the Church followed by Adoration.

Sicklist: We are updating our newsletter sicklist. If you would like your name or a loved one's name to continue to be included, please either put a note in the collection bag or contact the Parish office on 4341 1073 or woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Thanks.

Sit n Chat: There will be no Sit n Chat meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 16th September.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St John Paul II: On Saturday 17th August Fr Sam French, Director of Vocations, is organising a small diocesan pilgrimage for the men of Joseph House and for young people aged 18-35 from across the Diocese. The day will begin with 9.00am Mass at St John the Baptist Church followed by a BBQ breakfast before embarking on a prayerful walk to St Patrick's Church, East Gosford.

Maintenance Works Programme: The volunteers list for assistance with the maintenance works programme has disappeared. Could you please register your name again on the list on the table in the Gathering Area. Apologies for the inconvenience. Envelopes are available for donations. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office for direct deposit details.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday, 11th August during 9.15am Mass.

Cleaners for 16th August: Rose Kissing, Mimi Lambert, Maria Owen, Elena Egan.

Readers for 17th & 18th August:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Rutherford, Jane Rutherford, Marie Andrews

Sunday 7.30am—Veronica Jordan, Joel Bajo, Phoebe Glacken

Sunday 9.15am—Don Matheson, Maryrose Barlow, Therese Carroll

Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith, Lorena Lalor, Sherrisse Collard

Servers for 17th & 18th August:

Saturday 5.00pm—Paul Cavanagh, Vincent Cavanagh

Sunday 7.30am—Paul Nolan, Jenny Fitzgerald

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Hanaa El-Khatib, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Darrin Patterson

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

Parish gardeners: Calling all parish gardeners: our horticultural consultant Jeremy Smith will be attending at 9.00am on Saturday 31st August to carry out maintenance

and further planting in the Church gardens - particularly the native garden - in preparation for Spring. Help with the work would be appreciated from anyone who has a couple of hours to spare on that day. Bring your gardening gloves and tools.

St John the Baptist Men's group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7pm-8pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 19th August. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Parish Census Form: Welcome to all new parishioners. You can now collect a blank Parish Census Form from the Gathering Area of the Church. Please place completed forms in the Census Forms box or email to woywoyparish@bbcatholic.org.au. If you have submitted a form in recent times and your details haven't changed there is no need to complete another one.

El Shaddai: The El Shaddai group meet every fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 24th August from 12-4pm in the Leo Mahon Room.

Maureen D'arcey: Could Maureen D'arcey please contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073.



Central Coast Philharmonia Choir: There will be a performance of Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, 17th August at 7.30pm. Tickets available www.trybooking.com/CQTQJ.

Homelessness Fundraiser: There will be a special collection this weekend to support CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese. There are envelopes available in the Church. Please give generously.



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 **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Reading 1: Kg 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

Responsorial Psalm:**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

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. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. When the poor cry out, the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their distress.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. They are happy who seek refuge in God.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**Reading 2: Eph 4:30 – 5:2**

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

Alleluia:**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

R. Alleluia!**Gospel: Jn 6:41-51**

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven, " and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**Taste and see
the goodness of
the Lord**

Keep us in your Prayers—pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Jack Lalor, David Vidler

Anniversary: Tirso, Renato, Angelita & Matilde Carpio, Anthony Caruana, Fae Casey, Mary Dolan, Margaret French, Joseph Grech, Francis Brian Morrison, Kevin Nankivell, Sally King

Remembrance: Agapito, Rosalia, Lucia & Cristobal Colomo, Rosalia Nollo

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Lola De Souza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford, Michael Searle, Mary Lucas, Maxine Tinkler, Lindsay Clark, Jack Rogan-Clark, Helen Tiltins, Shirley Brinkworth, Iris Drewett, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Van Mitchell, Chris Burt, Brian Searle, Sean McDermott, Gemma Tracey, Mark Richmond, Jai Kurt, Jodie Fleming, Alana Rose, Michael Juelg, Dr Richard Scolyer, Trevor Hailey, Joss Mitchell, Marie Day, Oakley Mitchell, Jessie Mitchell, Olive Drewett, Matt Mitchell, Sophie Jordan, Damian Gauci, Paulene White, Shaunagh Casey



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

For political leaders

We pray political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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