



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

01 AUGUST 2021

FIRST READING

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

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 heart's 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 in 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 heart's 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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

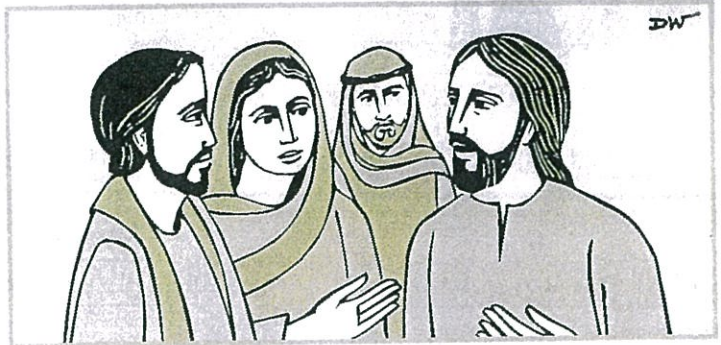
RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. 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

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

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

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.

■ 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

Jn 6: 24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

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.'

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to
quickly forget how we have been blessed. The
people of Israel wasted no time in complaining
to Moses about having been brought out of
slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they
had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the
plagues sent as signs that God was working
through Moses. In a similar fashion the people
who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered
from sickness, and then feed the multitude,
will demand a further sign from Jesus in order
that they would believe in him and trust in
him as the bread of life!

There is a tremendous tension in these
readings between the patience and generosity
of God on one hand, and on the other, the
ways in which we can fail to appreciate and
accept what God is offering us. In time the
people in the desert tired even of the quail and
manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries
were unable to accept that he was the bread
of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger
and needs.

As Paul knew all too well the process of
conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to
leave behind our old selves, that is, that which
does not answer our most heartfelt needs and
engender life. Even though we may recognise
that Jesus is the source of our life it can still
be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus
within us because of old patterns of acting
and perceiving.

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Mass Times

Regular Weekday Masses

Weekend Masses

(Please see opposite page for any changes)

Monday	9:30am	Saturday	4.00pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	6:45am	Saturday	6:30pm	Kalgoorlie
Wednesday	6:45am	Sunday	8:00am	Boulder
Thursday	6:45am	Sunday	9.00am	Kambalda
	9:30am (Boulder)	Sunday	10:00am	Kalgoorlie
Friday	6:45am	Sunday	12:30pm	Norseman (2nd & Last Sunday of Month)
Saturday	9:30am	Sunday	5:30pm	Boulder

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesdays 5:30pm Holy Hour including Rosary, Adoration and Benediction

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays during the Novena and on Saturdays 11.30 to 12 noon. Also, upon request.

Choir Practice

Tuesdays at **4pm** at St Mary's Church, Kalgoorlie. **New Members Welcome**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Endurance Test

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the promised land of eternal life. The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading. We have to see these times of hardship as a call to trust God more.

As Paul reminds us in this week's Second Reading, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made. Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies.

Food is the most obvious of signs—we need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him. The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence. These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well.

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THEO VALLENDUUK RIP—FUNERAL

The Funeral Service for the late Theodorus “Theo” Vallenduuk will be held on Wednesday 4th August at 1pm at the Goldfields Crematorium Chapel.

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Milagros and the rest of the family.

FATHER’S DAY FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for donations of prizes for the Raffle or Items that can be sold as Gifts such as Food (savoury and sweet), Home Made Crafts, gift cards, potted plants etc. Donations can be left in the basket at All Hallow’s Church, Boulder or St Mary’s Church Kalgoorlie.

All funds raised will go towards the costs of the Annual Seniors’ Christmas Lunch in the St Mary’s Parish Hall in December.

FR RENALD VISIT TO THE GOLDFIELDS

Fr Renald will be back in Kalgoorlie-Boulder for a few days this week and there will be a special supper with him on Monday 2nd August at 7pm at All Hallows’ Parish Hall, Boulder. Please bring a plate to share.

WEEKLY CHARISMATIC FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAYS 7PM

ALL HALLOWS’ HALL, BOULDER

For more information,
contact Joseph on 0431 665 477

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

KAMBALDA COMMUNITY DAY MASS

SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 9AM

ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH, KAMBALDA

Next Sunday will be our first Community Day Mass for the year; which will be at Kambalda. Mass will take place at 9am followed by Morning Tea.

The dates for our other Annual Community Day Masses are as follows:

Coolgardie	Sunday 19th September
Southern Cross	Sunday 24th October
Norseman	Sunday 14th November

Due to the Community Day Mass, there won’t be a Tea ‘n’ Toast or Morning Tea after the Morning Masses at Kalgoorlie and Boulder on 8th August.

SATURDAY MORNING CHILDRENS’ PROGRAM

SATURDAY’S AT 10AM

ST MARY’S CHURCH, KALGOORLIE

Run by the Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Mother Teresa), the morning begins with Rosary, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by a Catechism lesson finishing at 11.30am.

It’s a great way for kids to learn and grow in the Faith!

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS 2021 CENSUS JOBS

Adecco Recruitment are wanting to employ temporary/contract Census Field Officers within our Parish areas. These employees will play an important role in helping people to lodge their Census forms for the Australian National Census 2021. These roles pay 2021 \$25.41 per hour (incl 25% loading and super). If you would like to apply or need further information, apply now:
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