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# **Today's Readings**

1 Kings 19:4-8 Elijah is in the wilderness when God provides him with food for nourishment to continue his journey Ephesians 4:30-5:2 A call to follow Christ "by loving as he loved you".

John 6:41-51 Jesus says that the bread he gives "is my flesh, for the life of the world".



19th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** Year B 18th/19th August 2018

# In a nutshell

The prophet Elijah is weary of life, and wishes he were dead.

An angel comes twice and encourages him to eat. That food strengthened him for his journey to God.

When Jesus describes himself as living bread from heaven that brings eternal life, he is reiected. And yet he is the bread of life.

He is our strength and support for our journey through life.

# "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."

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the "living bread". After he was gone, they would still have God's word, and they would have his "living bread" for nourishments. They could smell, share, taste and swallow bread - an earthy reminder that Jesus would always be with them and was the bread that would take away all hunger.

Some of us will have experienced the ritual of making bread in our homes: the gentle kneading process: the earthy smell of the bread baking; the delight of the fresh, warm bread, shared. The baking fills the home with a generous love. Bread is a staple of our lives, just as Jesus is central to our lives. Today's Gospel focuses on what nourishes and sustains us. Today we get the sign in the breaking of the bread that the spirit of Jesus is with us always when we are dedicated to the teachings of Christ and to building life-affirming relationships. Our Eucharistic lives are also accompanied by special meals with family and friends, reaching out to those who are vulnerable to share food, and liturgies that celebrate what it means to share bread with one another and to serve one another. We could prepare for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September, noting the importance of fruitful harvest and a stable climate. The celebration of life has everything to do with food. Food is at the centre of human community-making.

The challenge is there for us today. Let us expand our belief in the one whom God has sent - listen to him, follow him, deepen our relationship with him. Each of us is called to follow Jesus and we will be filled with the food that is far more than daily nourishment. The deep food of everlasting life that Jesus gives to us will revolutionize each of us and will inspire us to work for the common good in our world, and that includes sharing bread with those who are hungry. However, we experience many hungers - the hunger for meaning, the hunger for peace, the hunger for contentment. Wealth can satisfy for a while but it can never give us real peace. Fame can satisfy for a while but can never give a lasting sense of meaning to life. Even material success can only give momentary contentment. It is in God alone that we find lasting satisfaction for all our hungers.

The Living Word 2018

# Raise your voices

Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

**Response to the psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Readers

Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator)
August 11th: St Brigid's Year One families

Sunday 7.00 am
August:
Peter Frost (Coordinator)
George and Nicholas Attard
Sunday 9.30 am
Adele Cornale (Coordinator)

August 12th

**Church Cleaners** 

August: Paula O'Connor (and other volunteers)

**Money Counters—Parish Office** 

August 12th: Group 2 August 19th: Group 3 August 26th: Group 4 August 30th: Group 1 **Ministers of the Eucharist** 

Saturday Vigil Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
August 11th Anne Wright, Sr. Gabriel

**Sunday 7.00 am** Peter Frost (Coordinator) **August 12th:** Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson,

Gary Keating.

Sunday 9.30 am
August:

Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale,

Sunday 6.00 pm
August:

Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
Paula O'Connor, Andrew
Poidevin, Denise Haylen

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar

**Altar Flowers** 

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

Gardeners

Susan & Kevin Bradley

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass

Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass

August 11th: St Brigid's Year One families August 12th: Maureen Fitzsimmons & Elaine Haigh

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

**Recently Deceased:** Michelle Digiorgio, Fr George Connelly (former long-time PP at Clovelly!)

Fr Dominique Pradiers msc, Fr Paul Ryan, Doreen Crawley, John Buchanan,

Paula Railz, Carmen Schembri.

Other Deceased: Michael Todd, Noeline Joseph, Fitzpatrick Family, Kit & Bill Saunders,

Bethany & Bill Bird, Molly & George Green, June Hutt, Paul Hudson, Joan O'Keefe, Brother Dan Geary msc, Sr Patricia Murphy OLN, Fr Doug Smith msc, Paul Kelly, Noel Hudson snr, Bonnie Trimmer, Jack & Alma Sadiey, Bill Jack, Bill Knight,

Dale Black, John Vonwiller.

Anniversaries: Isabella Scarf, Austin & Patrick Byrnes, Peggy Crawley, Edmond Lynch,

Domenico Benusi, Tony Cunningham,

Sick: Asta Stoppa, Peter Tosti, Barbara Smith, Patrick Herlihy, Trish Shadwick,

Vincent Schembri, Justin Wood, Esteban Ovelar, Maximilian Naum, Geoffrey Karpin, Robyn Hutton, Alan Power, Fr Frank Perry msc, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc, Paul Miller, Chris Schneider, Sr Kath Conlan, Gloria Dunn, Brigid Scarlett, Ellie Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Tony Kelly, Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, Steve Elias.



# Wedding Celebrations

Next Saturday, 18th August we celebrate the marriage of Chris Amblat & Jennifer Wilcox, we wish them both love and happiness for their future together

# St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

**Morning Tea** Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass

Weekday Masses
Reconciliation
Sacrament of Anointing
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20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month

By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month

Marriages By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance

Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am to 3pm

(phone 9315 7562).

# This Week at St Brigid's & Beyond

This Saturday **5pm Vigil mass** - Welcome to all the Year One families from St Brigid's school, who will be leading our liturgy tonight. Thank you to all who have prepared this.

This Sunday 9.30 am mass - Family mass including children's liturgy followed by morning tea.

The First Holy Communion sessions are underway; if you don't have a communion workbook contact the Parish Office asap.

## Diary Dates—

- \* **Tuesday 14th August—***no* **9.30am Mass** as Fr Phil will be at a Pastors/Principals meeting.
- \* Wednesday 15th August— 9.30am Mass—Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.
- \* Wednesday 22nd August—9.30am Grandparents' Mass, celebrated by St Brigid's School.
- \* Saturday 1st September—Compulsory rehearsal for all children preparing for First Holy Communion at 3.30pm in the Church—they will then attend 5pm Vigil Mass with their families.
- \* Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September—First Holy Communion will take place during 5pm Vigil Mass and the 9.30am Family Mass. We have 54 children for First Communion, so please keep these families in your prayer.
- Sunday 16th September A team from St Brigid's will prepare and serve lunch at St
   Canice's Kitchen.

  Fr Phil

"If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love; then our communication will be touched by God's own power"
(Pope Francis)



# Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to those who contributed last weekend. Any envelopes this week can be placed on any collection.

# MSC Survey of Spirituality of the Heart

Many people have expressed that desire to know more about the spirituality that energises MSC and parishioners.



# Is there something more you would like?

So that we can develop resources to help you understand more, we have designed a survey, first distributed last week.

The survey will take just a few minutes to complete and will help us to find out how much people know about Spirituality of the Heart and what they would like to know. Please take a moment to complete the survey in the foyer, and place in the basket.

(this is an anonymous survey - do not add your name).

Fred Stubenrauch on behalf of the MSC Parishes Committee (fstuben@gmail.com)

# Volunteer with Palms Australia- Teachers always required!

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The parish and school community of Hatubulico have requested two volunteers: a Secondary Teacher/Mentor and a Community Development Mentor.

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