Gospel Reading  John 6:24–35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

In today’s Gospel, the crowd asks Jesus for a sign so that they can believe that he has come from God. This is a curious request, because Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people with just five barley loaves and two fish. How quickly they seem to have forgotten the wonderful thing that Jesus has done for them. Or, maybe they never recognized the miracle in the first place. Sometimes we don’t recognize the wonderful things that God has done for us. And, sometimes, we simply forget and ask for further evidence of his love and care. We pray that God will remove our blindness so that we can receive with thanks and praise all the wonderful things that God accomplishes in our lives.

Together as a family, name the wonderful gifts that God has given you and some of the remarkable deeds that God has accomplished in our world. Observe that it is important to stop and count our blessings because we can easily miss recognizing all of the wonderful things that God does for us. Read together today’s Gospel, John 6:24–35. Ask: Why are the people seeking out Jesus? (because he has fed them) What do they want from Jesus? (a sign that he has come from God) What does Jesus tell them? (He says that he will give them something greater and more important than the bread that fed their physical hungers; he will give them bread that will give them eternal life.) Recall that we have this gift from Jesus in the Eucharist. Pray together, thanking God for all that he has given to us, especially for the gift of eternal life and the Eucharist. Pray together the Magnificat.

Fr Sebastian

Thought of the week.....

Focusing on the on Bread of Life

Jesus has made himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, he is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that adoration.

~ Mother Teresa
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):**

Are you or someone you know interested in the Christian faith?

We continue to pray for Ana-Lisa Hon & Irawan Hon in preparation for their Rite of Initiation on the 2nd September.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith, please contact:

The RCIA team/Parish Secretary on 02 9604 8927 or email: admin@mibp.org.au

We pray for... Our sick: Neda Stapic, Dulcie Soans, Filip, Roman, Tony Surace, Marin Batistic, Tess Turner, Rita Zammit, Marcel Lapierre, Ana-Lisa Hon, Benedetta Peci, Nanette Cabardo, Teresa Skorup, Anita Guillemero, Tony Mockler, Mariam, Matthew Joseph, Marija Sipina, Edwina Borg, Amal Dass, Anita Marson, Maria Varkas, Bruce Furner, Loue Hermiz, Jim Proverbich, Gia Ribeiro, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Catherine Cordino, Rhea Mae Abrahams, Giuseppe Costa, Anthony, Luke Chau, Angela Vivona, Darren Mack, Mary Mahony (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the recently deceased: Catena Denardo, Sergio Chiumento, Philip Cauchi, Giuseppe Costa, Eunice Alvis, Phillis Korposinsky, Malgorzata Czapla, Bernarda Debono, Nicanor Gumabay Sr., Jean Buca, Natalie Ferraro, Toni Trimboli, Marcello Abrami, Anne Marie Sinatambou and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Stefano Collu, Juan Sepulveda, Damiano Ferreri, Vincenzo Bugge, Domenico Oliveri, Maria Luppina, Maria Attard, Mario & Maria Luca, Gaetano & Agnes Cordina, Ennio Cappuccio, Doris, Joseph Cassar, Victor & Joseph Busuttil, Peter Sanfilippio, Helen Zerafa, Anthony Habelrreeh, Carmelo Cristaldi, Elena Natoli, Salvatore & Grace Torri, Serafina and Nicola Froio, Dionisia Lustre, Cosimo and Cleria De Lorenzo, Maisano, Bradley Fenech, Jesmond, Spiro Nuner, Giovanna Dileo, Joseph Shembri, Mark Bakic, Nevenka, Cosimo & Maria Cavallaro, Franko, Stana Zovko, Francesco & Rosina Papalia, Antonio & Maria Licastro, Pasquale Ciri, Giusepina & Pasquale Marando, Usia Maria-Serferina Froio, Aida Zakhary, Stefano Colusu, Maryanne Tomachio, Jacob Dupre, Maria Badolato, Maria Florio, Nikola Marasovic, Helen Rizk, Giuseppe & Pasquale luca, Elisabetta Laria, Maria leroianni, Caterina Gerardis, Bertilla Soligo, Mar Antoniis Pisano, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Elsa Saligo, Don Smith, Daphne Watts, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Chang You Chiu, Lourdes Balgos, Derrick Mack, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Gloria Roache, Baby Cabardo-Oclarit, Anthony & Antonio Cordano, Vincenzo, Domenica, Carmelo & Connie Oliveri, Anthony Zammit, Sam Xuereb, Mario Manea, Manea-Melosso Lucia, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, all deceased in the families of Borg, Seraglio, Zammit family, Zovko, Skondro & Pavlovic, Mario & Beniamino Fuser & all Souls in Purgatory. May they rest in peace.

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**Perpetual Help of Jesus**

“The Lord gave them bread from heaven.”

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**Liturgy of the Word**

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time/B**

1st Reading | Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Responsorial Psalm:

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NEXT WEEKEND: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Session: 6 Aug—8 Sept.

Presentation of the Cross & Commissioning of Sponsors—8th/9th Sept.

Confirmation Masses—22 Sept at 3pm
23 Sept at 10am

### First Reconciliation 2018

The Parent’s information night for the sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will be on the 28th August at 7pm in the church.

Children must be at least 7 years old at commencement of preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We need volunteers/catechists for this sacrament, if you are interested, please contact 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.

### The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal

Charitable Works Fund Appeal this weekend. Donations of $2 or more are 100% tax deductible. This will enable the CWF to continue its work in our local communities, providing spiritual and practical support where most needed. Please donate generously. Thank you.

### The Feast of Australia’s First Saint: Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Wednesday, 8 August)

**Parish/School Mass at 9:00am**

**Parish Mass at 7:30pm**

Liturgical Ministers are needed to assist at the Evening Mass. If you can help, please write your name and contact number on the clipboard in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.

### The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Wednesday, 15 August)

**Parish/School Mass at 9:00am**

**Parish Mass at 7:30pm**

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### Altar Servers Formation

There will be altar server’s formation on the 31st August at 6pm in the church.

Children must have received the sacrament of holy communion.

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### Welcome into Our Community of Faith

Chiara Grace La Scala and Joshua Adam who will be baptised this weekend.

Next baptismal info evening will be on the 23rd August, 7:30pm at PM3
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**O Lord, your compassions and healing power never fail. We thank you Lord, for giving Luke Gia Luan Chau both relief from pain and hope of renewed health. We believe nothing is impossible in Your hands of power. - Anna Phan**

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