

GOSPEL

Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS NURTURES US

Have you ever experienced a time when you needed to rest, restore yourself and, perhaps, even reflect on the direction in which your life is moving? Today's Gospel can speak to this experience. Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, steps ashore from a boat and discovers a troubled crowd in need of healing. It is evening, a *lonely* (literally, 'a desert') place and the crowd needs to eat. Figuratively, this crowd represents how we might feel at times, in need of care, comfort, healing and sustenance. The disciples have the solution. They want *him* to send the people off to purchase food from the local villages. But Jesus surprises the disciples with another solution: *they* are to find the food that is necessary. The Greek text can also be interpreted, 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!' This gets to the heart of the issue. The disciples retort that they don't have what is needed (either physically or personally?) to satisfy the hungry crowd, only five loaves and two fish, representative of the average food allowance for one household in the ancient world.

Jesus gets the crowd to sit down (literally, 'recline'—the dining posture in the Greco-Roman world) on the 'grass' (but isn't this a desert?) takes the meagre offering of the disciples, prays a eucharistic blessing over the loaves and fish, then gets the disciples to distribute to the crowd. They eat, are satisfied, and there remains enough leftovers, twelve baskets full, for the future. Our deepest need for spiritual restoration and nurture is met in today's celebration of Word and Eucharist. Jesus nurtures us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

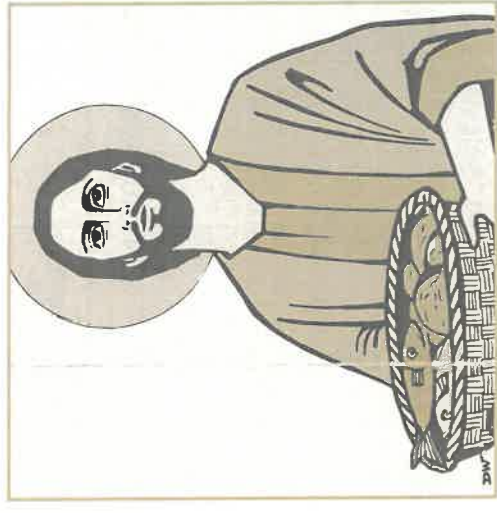
Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you / and you give them their food in due time. / You open wide your hand, / grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus: our Lord.

■ **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!



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28



Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 4am; 3pm; 4pm

Wednesday: 4am

Saturday: 7am; 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Archbishop's Campaign. COURAGE!

DO NOT BE AFRAID (Matthew 14:27)

Let us support the Archbishop's campaign To help sustain ministries to those in need. Please check flyer and envelopes in the foyer of the church. God bless your generosity.

Come and Join. SPC Bible Study

SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316.

1st Friday Vigil 7 August 2026, after 7pm mass to be concluded with the mass at 12:00 Midnight.

Parish Renewal Program. Discover

The rich biblical foundations and deeper meaning of the Holy Mass. Sunday, 23 August, 3pm-5:30pm in the church All welcome.

Next Week: 9 August 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Tony Cordina, Peter Gagliardi, Carmila Mizzi, Frank Jones, Eduardo Salvador, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Rosa Sebastino, Domenico Morda, Zaren Zammit, Alfred Barbara, Ernesto & Joselito, Jonathan Anthony Rumsey, James Edwin Rumsey, Michael Rumsey, Sheila Jennings, Giuse Dinth, Grace & Francis Vella, Emmanuel Vella, Consolacion Serrano, Anto Dominkovic, Charlie & Maria Camenzuli, Joseph Huy Van Nguyen, Hernando Abaya Jr, Ramona, Wenceslao Catayong, Sebastian, Mary Camilleri, Agapito Brizuela, Chris Williams, Peter D'Souza, Claro Jaramillo Sr, Manuel Jaramillo Sr, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Dorica Amamangpang, Eugene Laughlin

SPECIAL INTENTION: Winifred Mendis, Emanuel & Sylvia Cremona, Annabel & Chris Frank, Joe & Carmen Gauci, Alzira & family, Elroy & Kenrick

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Baby Marina

THANKSGIVING: Emil James Milan, Denis Thuess, Phanxico Xavie, Raquel Lezama, Krihika & Kripa, John & Maria Arambulo

THIS WEEK: 2 August 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Perly C	James J	Mario N	Julie Ann M	Gloria T	Frances R
1st Reader	Gynn D	Richelle C	Dulce T	Shiela D	Vernon A	Jeslie M
2nd Reader	Diana T	Susan C	Divina N	Teresa Tan	Kirk D G R	Samantha D G
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teo C	Kurt C	Rukmal M	Froilan M	Marvin D	Joe C
	Antonietta C	Richelle C	Roland B	Lidia L	Jacqueline R	Ric M
	Alister R		Cedric B	Joe M	Tomlette S	Michael D
			Ferdinand T	Maria Mizzi	Candida D S	Jeslie M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
	MMF with LHIM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	Arielle Mary Ann	Samoan DVM
Choirs					CFCA	

NEXT WEEK: 9 August 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Carina F	Richelle C	Dulce T	Roger S J	Nelissa D	Annika D
1st Reader	Manoj L	Jeslie M	Kathleen T	Anna C	St Lawrence	Zaylee D
2nd Reader	Jennifer S	James J	A Huang	Rency C	Primary	Sophia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joan S	Stefan P	Wynna D	Cathryn D	Jacqueline R	Gloria T
	Antonietta C	Kurt C	Shirley T	Don C	Vernon A	Ric M
	Delia J		Ferdinand T	Marilou S J	Kirk D G R	Diana T
	Ernesto Co		Marcelline A	Eva O	Patrick B	Marvin D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MMF with LHIM Sisters	Arielle Mary Ann	
Choirs					Lea Lapid	CFCA

CENSUS 2026. Be counted as Catholic
For the Australia's national Census to be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. Thank you.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

WEEK . Let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

SPC Bible study group. We warmly invite you to join the SPC Youth and Young Adults Bible Study group. Come along for prayer, Scripture reflection and meaningful discussion in a welcoming and supportive community. We look forward to journeying faith with you.
Contact: Parish office 03 93633132 or Email: deerpark@cam.org.au

St Lawrence Feast Day Pilgrimage
You are invited to a "Walking Pilgrimage" On Sunday, 9th August 2026. Meet at Deer Park Station at 11:20 am, walk to SPC Parish arriving in time for 12pm Mass. Please Check flyer in the foyer of the church.

Feast. The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday, 6 August

Solemnity. St Mary of the Cross, virgin
Saturday, 8 August

A VOCATION VIEW

If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day.
Who will speak loudly of justice today?