

The Living Word

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 August 2026

First Reading Is 55:1-3

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.

Responsorial 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

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

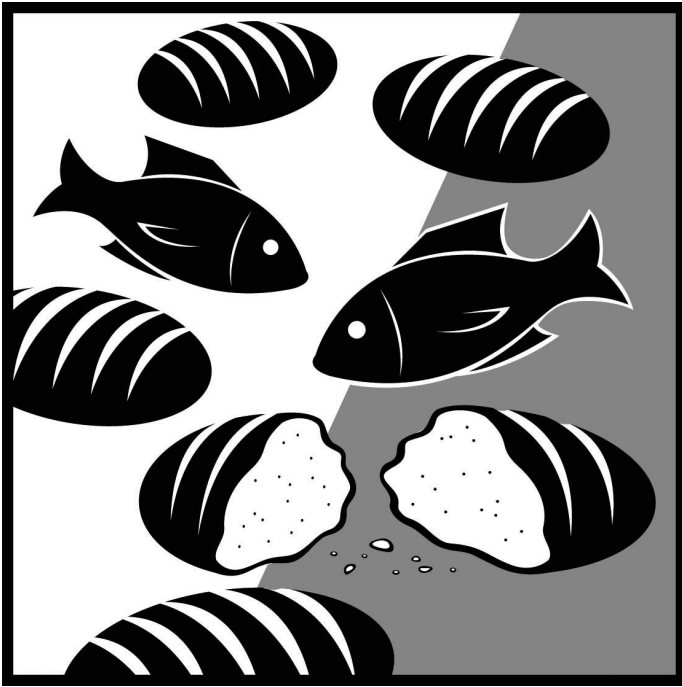
*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

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.

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Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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2nd of August 2026

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action. Thank you.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

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The Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The Archbishop's Campaign will commence next weekend. You are invited to reflect on what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal, recurring monthly gift in support of the vital ministries that serve our Archdiocese. From next week, you will notice campaign materials throughout the parish, including posters, envelopes with tear-off pledge cards and a banner on our website. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks; in the meantime, I encourage you to begin prayerfully discerning your support.

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

National Vocations Awareness Week

2 - 9 August 2026

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this 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.

TRAINING SESSION FOR MASS READERS

- Training for Mass Readers -15th August at 12 noon, St Patrick's Church, Kilmore.
(Please note: Change of venue—for those who have already been notified.)
This invitation is extended to any Mass Readers, who want to do a refresher course, you are also welcome to come along.

Synod Corner:

Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.



CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore
Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore
Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 1 Aug: ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 2 Aug: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 3 Aug: ST DOMINIC

No Mass
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #3, St Patrick's
Presbytery

Tue, 4 Aug: ST. JOHN VIANNEY

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 5 Aug: WEEKDAY, 18TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 6 Aug: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11.30am Funeral of Elva Jean Ring, St. Patrick's
Church
7 pm Baptism Preparation Meeting,
St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 7 Aug: WEEKDAY, 18TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 8 Aug: ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 9 Aug: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

We invite you to pray for:

- The Pope's Prayer Intention for July: Respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.
- For our parishes at this time, as they explore new initiatives of outreach and evangelisation and prepare to welcome seekers into the RCIA journey.
- As we prepare for the Melbourne Synod, that our synod may be a true moment of encounter, listening & renewal, where every voice is welcomed and our response to Jesus' call of 'I thirst' inspires our discernment.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>1/2 AUG</u>	<u>8/9 AUG</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	<u>1 Aug</u>	<u>8 Aug</u>
Reader	A. Leahy	J. Dixon
EMHC	C. O'Dwyer	C. Rowe
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	<u>1 Aug</u>	<u>8 Aug</u>
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	V. Barro
PowerPoint	TBA	TBA
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	<u>2 Aug</u>	<u>9 Aug</u>
Reader	P. Hutchinson	F. Thompson
EMHC	G. Pannuzzo	M. McGowan
EMHC	M. Hoban	V. Lawrence
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	<u>2 Aug</u>	<u>9 Aug</u>
Reader	TBA	S. Ranganathan
EMHC	L. Dunlop	K. Archer
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	C. Eid	E. Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Kim	TBA

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Elva Jean Ring

Anniversaries

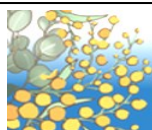
Jacob Scerri, Frank D'agostino, Suzanne Beard, Kitty Simpson, Stella Felice, Bernadette Carter, Richard Roy, Nell Zoch, Pat Dunlop, Stanley Daws, Terry Caddy, Margaret Canty, Thomas Donovan, Edward Dumaresq, Shane Ryan, Lorna Haine, Vaughan Clancy, Josephine Unwin, Andrew Jameson, Margaret Francis (Rita) Clarke, Stanley Leahy, Kevin Ryan and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.



Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop - 8 August



Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant our request, we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Source: <https://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au>)