

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel we have the last part of chapter 6 of John's Gospel (6:60-69) which began with the feeding of the multitude and then after Jesus walked on the water, we have a discourse on the meaning of the feeding of the crowd. Jesus tells us he is the bread of life come down from heaven. The bread with which he fed the people is a sign pointing to Jesus and communicating his mission. Jesus himself is God's gift to us.

Most of the people found the statement of Jesus, "I AM the bread of life", 'intolerable' and offensive. Jesus reveals what God is like. God doesn't remain safely in heaven but in the person of the Son descends to 'pitch a tent among us' (Jn 1:14). Jesus is 'the holy one of God,' that is, the One who was 'with God in the beginning' (Jn 1:1-2) and who has now come 'down' as one of us.

Jesus gives his flesh for the life of the world in costly love. By being lifted up on the cross and by his return to the Father Jesus reveals his absolute union with the Father, the God of love. Jesus does not give people gifts. He is God's gift to us. In Eucharistic language Jesus invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. He tells us 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them'. We have life from him and are transformed by eating the bread of life to become the Body of Christ. Our mission is to share Jesus' mission by being God's gift to others. For many of his disciples, as well, this kind of language provokes a crisis. They decide not to follow Jesus any longer.

As background to today's Gospel in our First Reading (Jos 24:1-2, 15-18) Joshua summons the people of Israel. They are given the free choice of going over to fake gods or serving the God who set them free from slavery and accompanied them through the desert to the promised land. The people renew the covenant: 'We too will serve the Lord'. Today we face a similar choice. Our world today has new and old forms of idolatry – wealth, social status, ambition, lust and other addictions. Will we place our trust in Jesus and follow him- the way, the truth, the life? Will we eat the bread of life? Let Peter speak for us: 'Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'.—*Blessings, Greg*

PARISH FEAST DAY EVENT

The Saint John's Bible—Presentation and Viewing with Angela McCarthy
Saturday 28th August at 9.30am

**Come and
join us!**

In 1998, St John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. Come along and explore this work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition

with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium. Registration is essential for seating and viewing arrangements.

Please register your interest on the board in the foyer or contact parish office on 9276 8500 or email: secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au



Let's Celebrate Together—Parish Feast Day

Saturday 28th August at 6pm and Sunday 29th August,
7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am and 6pm



With the easing of COVID restrictions in WA, our parish is planning to come together and celebrate our 29th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church.



We are going to celebrate our Feast Day at all Masses on the weekend of 28th and 29th of August, followed by a meal in the parish hall. We ask that if you are coming, please write your details in the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We have dinner, breakfast, morning tea and lunch for you to join in. As it is a shared meal, please bring some savoury food to share. Please see the list of the suggested food to bring. Our parish will provide tea/coffee and juice plus a celebratory cake. We would love to see you at the celebration.



THANKSGIVING MASS

to celebrate the 80th birthday of Fr. Tadgh Tierney

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER AT 11.30AM



All are welcome to join Fr. Tadgh as he celebrates this milestone birthday and the 61st anniversary of his profession as a Carmelite.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MASS

BIRTHDAY LUNCH FOR FR. TADGH'S

80TH BIRTHDAY & 61 YEARS OF PROFESSION

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Saturday 11th September at 12.45pm

Join Fr. Tadgh for a joyful celebration of his life and service as a Carmelite. Meal and drinks provided. The celebration will have an Irish flavour, so please wear something green (or your best leprechaun hat or shamrock shirt!)



In lieu of gifts, we suggest you use the envelopes provided on the pews to make a monetary contribution to Fr. Tadgh. These can be dropped into either of the collection bags at Mass.

SEATING WILL BE LIMITED AND RESERVED



Unfortunately, while we would love the whole parish to come to the lunch, due to space and catering limitations seating will be set at a capped number. Therefore, you **MUST** book either through the Eventbrite app/website (search—Fr. Tadgh's 80th birthday lunch) or by contacting the parish office during office hours (9.30am - 12.30pm Monday - Thursday 9276 8500).

No reservation, no entry—sorry! This applies to everyone, including ministers & choir members - please do not assume that because you have served at the Mass, you will have a place at the lunch.

FROM POPE FRANCIS ON VACCINES AND THE PANDEMIC

“ Thanks be to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together.



Being vaccinated with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. *Laudato si'*, no. 231, cf. *Fratelli tutti*, 184).

Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a **better future**”.

APPEAL FROM Western Australian Catholic Migrant And Refugee Office (WACMRO)

As an act of neighbourly love according to the Gospel and social magisterium of the Church, WACMRO ask you to consider emailing the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, Scott.Morrison.MP@aph.gov.au or phone his Office on (02) 9523 0339 and ask that Australia:



- ◆ Grant permanent protection or citizenship to all Afghan people seeking asylum and refugee status currently living in Australia or in immigration detention.
- ◆ Declare an intake of 20,000 Afghan refugees (matching the Canadian commitment announced last night).
- ◆ Assist Afghan Australians with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are in imminent danger.

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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Merlyn Yorke and Girolamo (Gerry) Maio;

Anniversaries: Fr Alphonsus Folan, OCD; Br James Groth, OCD, Sebastiano Del Casale, Natalie Gianotti, Christine Ellis, Maria Tenaglia, Patrick Kinsville, Hung Nguyen-Le, John and Marjorie Bamford, Mariangela Rossi Sputoro, Maria Sputoro, Patricia Doherty, Teresina Dagostino, Louise Minella, Markby Moore, Betty Griffiths;

The Sick of the Parish: Angela Ornella Del Casale and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save”

HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE
Are you a musician or a singer? If so, your parish needs you. We are looking to building our music ministry as two of our choirs have moved on. Have a chat with Linda (0402 120 978). Thank you and God bless you.



PILGRIM STATUE
This week in the home of
Mrs Jackie Sbrocco
51 Fitzgerald Rd, Morley. Ph: 9276 4885

THIS WEEKEND —21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—21/22 August 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Paul Wachtel	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Erin; Mattha and Royce	Jamie; Mary and Elizabeth	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Valerie	Sjen and Nikita	Rod and Barbara	Marion O and Paul
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and Linda	Brian and Debbie	Magdalene and Errol	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Angela and Francisca	Sophie and Joshila	Rita and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 21 August @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

NEXT WEEKEND — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—28/29 August 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Chris Yapp	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Abigail	Madeleine and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Manuel	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	Chris A and Marian F	Joanne and Bernie	Mark and Josephine	Alan and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Josie and Carl	Patrick and Tanya	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Barb and Veronica	Pat and Marlene	Rennet and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 27 August @ 10.30am			

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