



**SUNDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> August  
2021 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time –  
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**Saints of the week:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August: St Dominic, priest. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>: St John Vianney, priest. Friday 6<sup>th</sup>:  
The Transfiguration of the Lord.**

**AS YOU ARE AWARE, BECAUSE OF COVID RESTRICTIONS, THE CHURCH IS  
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE ROSTER AND MASS TIMES ARE  
ONLY TO KEEP TRACK OF THE USUAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH**

If you require the assistance of a priest, please contact Fr. Gustavo to 9649 3855

<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	Vigil Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00am, 10am
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b>	Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am
<b>ROSARY:</b>	Tuesday Saturday 8.30am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday 4.15pm and by appointment
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:</b>	Saturday 4.15pm
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment
<b>WEDDINGS:</b>	By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)
<b>ANOINTING MASS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday in March, June, September & December
<b>PARISH SECRETARY:</b>	Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm

(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

**This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired**

## **REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine, Manuel Ruz, Delphine, Joanne Dwyer, Maurice Joseph Menzies, Hilton Enrique Ramirez, Julia Passanante

**Anniversaries:** Norman Gilbert, Carmen Reves Sanchez, Juventino Delgado, Joaquin Leopoldo, Caludio Delgado, Sergio Milani, Vivian Zerafa, Teresita Mora, Salud Tungul, Gabriel Lardisabal Snr, Josie Tungul, Simon Doumit, Antonio Teodoro, Robert Putland.

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**We pray for:** Nicole Milagros, Joe Martin, Sybil Simon, Carmeline D'Souza, David D'Souza, Cornlius D' Souza, Claro Tungul Snr, Daniel Tungul, Catalina Tungul, Arturo Bonifacio, Virginia Bonifacio, Eugenio Ongcal, Rosita Ongcal, Joshua Koelmeyer, Frank Koelmeyer, Chrisby Koelmeyer, Day, Goodwin & Stafford Family

**We also pray for our sick:** Marija Barclay, Judy Melville, Tom Ladler, Jessica Tu, Tristan Schuyler Simeon, Anthony Fabin, Mereen Browne.

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### **2<sup>st</sup> Week (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**5:00pm** 1<sup>ST</sup> READER/RESPONSE: Theresa Di Paolo, 2<sup>ND</sup> READER/ PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Jerome Vandenbosch, ACOLYTE: Tony Allan

**8.00am** 1<sup>ST</sup> READER/RSPONSE: Mark Wang-Shi, 2<sup>ND</sup> READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL – Barbara Mucha, ACOLYTE: Ruben Baluyot

**10.00am** 1<sup>ST</sup> READER/RESPONSE: Joseph Anasi, 2<sup>ND</sup> READER/PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL: Sesalia Anasi, ACOLYTE: Cheston/ Sione Anasi

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**TRADITIONIS CUSTODES (POPE FRANCIS)** With a new Apostolic Letter pope Francis continues promoting the ecclesial communion among the faithful in the liturgical life. New observances for the celebration of the Latin Mass. To read the Letter go to this [link](#); while Archbishop Anthony Fisher in full communion with the Holy Father granted temporary permission to those priests competent in offering Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal to continue to do so. Then, the Extraordinary Form Mass will continue to be available in the Archdiocese of Sydney (for the moment, subject to covid-19 restrictions). The Archbishop of Sydney asks those celebrating (or attending) Mass in the Extraordinary Form to consider carefully and respectfully the reasoning and instructions of the Holy Father.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING UPDATE ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (except Choir members)** It is a requirement that all volunteers obtain and provide a Working With Children Check Number. This can be done through Service NSW or please visit the Kidsguardian website. If you require assistance, we are happy to help. Once this number is provided to us, by law, we are required to do an independent check on the Kidsguardian website **which requires your date of birth**. Your date of birth is not provided on the WWCC print out that is sent to you. Therefore, you must provide your date of birth to Fr Gustavo or the parish secretary to be entered onto the form which will be used to update our records. We thank you all for taking the time to do this very important task as there are heavy fines related to breaches. We would appreciate everyone coming forward asap so we can update our records. All your personal details are kept confidential and safe in the parish's files.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** A group of young parishioners are being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation sometime ahead in the year. **Please keep them in your prayers.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** For mass intentions you can visit our [website](#) and fill the form or address directly [here](#) or call to parish phone 9649 3855 or email to [cathpara@tpg.com.au](mailto:cathpara@tpg.com.au)

**PLAN GIVING:** Thank you to all of you who are part of the Plan Giving for the church, may God bless you a hundred-fold. Just to remind you that the new envelopes are ready to pick up, please contact Fr. Gustavo to collect them from the church, or if you prefer to be delivered to your address send us a [message](#) and we will do for you. If you want to join to the Plan Giving, please do not hesitate to [contact](#) us and we will give you all the details.

**COVID UPDATE** Churches will be closed to the public until at least midnight on Friday 27 August 2021. We keep praying for you and your families. "The Lord invites us to begin anew, and never to lose hope"

**SIGN THE NO EUTHANASIA PETITION:** Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. Please sign this petition in the following [link](#)

**SAINT JOHN OF GOD CHURCH Weekly Collections** Dear parishioners, as you know our beloved church is sustained by your great generosity. I want to remind you about the Weekly Collections:

**First Collection** (Pastoral Revenue): Money collected from the first collection supports the needs of the parish priest and presbytery expenses; gas, electricity, water bills and housekeeping. If you want to donate by credit card, please contact the parish office through [email](mailto:cathpara@tpg.com.au) (cathpara@tpg.com.au) and we will provide you with all details, while an online donation system for the church is in progress. *God bless you for your generosity!*

**Second Collection** (Planned Giving): Money from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings and pastoral programs, liturgical needs, altar bread and wine. Likewise, if you would like to join the planned giving by card or envelopes, please contact the parish office. *God bless you for your donations!*

**The lockdown has impacted the income of the parish collections. Considering the big drop in income for the clergy remuneration fund, Parish Priest's stipend is reduced by 40% effective from 11 July. Please kindly consider joining our Plan Giving by card or cash in envelopes.**

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER VOLUNTEER REQUIRED** We need someone to support the Parish Administrator to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable in our parish community. The ways in which the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) could support and assist the Parish priest are: - Providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the Parish who work with children. - Raising awareness of Safeguarding in our Parish. - Creating Risk Assessments for parish events/activities. – Responding to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements. – Monitoring the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols.

If you are interested, please contact [Fr. Gustavo](mailto:cathpara@tpg.com.au) (cathpara@tpg.com.au)

**A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



### Sunday Readings:

#### **First reading Exodus 16: 2-4,12-15**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons

of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

#### **Second reading Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

#### **Gospel acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;*

*No one can come to the Father except through me.*

*Alleluia!*



### John 6: 24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should

believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:  
'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** We are living in a world desperately wondering what has gone wrong with its dreams. All around us there is a preoccupation with hunger for material goods. The media assure us that the longings of the heart can be satisfied by the artificial securities and delights of the consumer society. Satisfaction is short lived however. New needs are created as soon as old ones are accomplished, emptiness sets in and the search for happiness begins all over again.

The words of Jesus present to us another way to follow in order, to satisfy our hunger. The hunger of love, the hunger of acceptance, the hunger of kindness, the hunger of honesty, ultimately and deep down the hunger to live, but to live in fulness, because our hearts are hungry of Eternal life. As saint Augustine once said: "Our hearts are made for you, O God, and they cannot rest until they rest in you.". And Jesus is offering to satisfy our needs of love, acceptance of peace, of hope, etc. He wants to give us non-perishable food, the bread of Eternal life, his Body. And he did, in the institution of the Eucharist, He made his Sacrifice an perpetual source of salvation and this is what the Church has guarded throughout the time.

Today, that our current situation does not allow to come and receive the sacramental bread of eternal life, let us receive wholeheartedly in spiritual way: ***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***



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