



hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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**THE GENEROSITY OF GOD**

We begin today the first of a series of five Sunday Gospels taken from the sixth chapter of St. John, a long sequence around the theme of Jesus as ‘the Bread of Life’.

Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus puts a challenge to his disciples, ‘Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?’ The disciples are perplexed: why should this responsibility devolve upon them! All that is at hand is a small boy with five loaves and two fish.

But Jesus tells them to get the people to sit down, thereby creating the expectation of that they will be fed. For Jesus, it is not a question of ‘buying’ anything but rather of becoming instruments of the generosity of God. The disciples have to ‘walk’ in faith, taking the risk of being involved in an embarrassing failure. They must trust that, as with the Israelites of old, the Lord will once again feed his people.

We can perhaps think of ourselves, faced with similar challenges, as being like the small boy with his few loaves and fishes. Our meagre talents and gifts, placed at God’s disposal, and accompanied by faith, can be instruments of divine generosity beyond all imagining.

In a world faced with hunger on a global scale, the challenge of Jesus, ‘Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?’ remains. It is an economic question and a political question. The Gospel suggests it is also a religious question—one Jesus throws to us as he did to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

**FIRST READING**

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.” ’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16

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

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **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, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 4: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and



the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Jn 6: 1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two

# St Clement of Rome Church

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## Sacrament of First Eucharist

The children from our school will make the sacrament of First Eucharist on Sat 4th & 11th Aug at 5.30pm. Please pray for these children and their families.



## National Vocations Awareness Week 2018 5-12 August

The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly—pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly—talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord

### Thank you

As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his seventeen years of leadership and his fifty one years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst. May this example inspire many others to be 'Good Shepherds' to their brothers and sisters in priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray for vocations from our parish community.

### Constant in Faith

Archbishop Hart chose as his motto 'Constant in Faith'. For the past seventeen years he has shown us what it is to live this out. May his example, and our prayers and witness help many more young people to be future leaders of our Local Church in the vocations of married life, consecrated life or priesthood.

### Vocations are our responsibility

In one of his addresses in Broken Bay, Archbishop-Elect Comensoli reminded us that "a priestly vocation is a joint project of the individual, the faith community, and Christ" (August 2017). Let us pray for more vocations from our Local Church. May our prayers and witness inspire young men and women to serve in priesthood and consecrated life.

Most Reverend Denis Hart, D.D.,  
 Apostolic Administrator of Melbourne,  
 is pleased to invite

*Priests, Deacons and Parishioners  
 of the Archdiocese of Melbourne*

to the  
 Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass of the  
 Ninth Archbishop of Melbourne

Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD

### RSVP

**Clergy Only:** <https://www.trybooking.com/WXRT>

*If you wish to concelebrate please bring an alb. Stole and chasuble will be provided*

**Other Guests:** <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE>

*Note to Guests (other than clergy):  
 This booking is for entry to the Cathedral only and is not a reserved seat*

**St Patrick's Cathedral  
 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

**Wednesday 1 August 2018 at 7pm**

*The Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass will be followed by light refreshments at  
 Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.*

## MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

**Mass Times:** Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am, 11am (*Italian*) & 6pm (*Maronite Community Mass*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Sat 9:15am. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

**Reconciliation:** Sat 10am (and on request). **Marian Devotions:** Sat 8.40am.

**Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings:** By Appointment.

**Recently Deceased :** Aldo Cerato, Kevin Smith

**Death Anniversaries :** John Szabo, Antonietta Cerritelli, Alberto Cerritelli, Stephen Leong, Elisa Rapone, Rocco Rapone, Concetta Di Florio, Melina & Nicola Nocera, Porzia & Antonio Bevilacqua, Filomena Di Florio, Michele Castriotta

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH DIARY

Tue 31st July @ 4.30pm—Eucharist Classes in the Parish Office  
 Thurs 2nd Aug @ 7.30pm—RCIA Inquiry Night in the Parish Office  
 Fri 3rd Aug @ 10.30am & 7.00pm—Plenary 2020 in the Parish Office  
 Sat 4th Aug @ 5.30pm—Sacrament of First Communion 4R  
 Sun 5th Aug @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café  
 Tue 7th Aug @ 4.30pm—Eucharist Classes in the Parish Office

**Collections Last Weekend**  
**1st Collection (Thanksgiving)**  
 Actual — 2,010  
**2nd Collection (Presbytery)**  
 Actual — 1,058  
*Many thanks & every Blessing!*

## Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.

### FIRST EUCHARIST (ASRE)

Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 8 September 2018 @ 10.00am

First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 15 September 2018 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

### Plenary 2020

The document "Synodality in the Life of the Church" states that one of the most important task for the Church is to "consult the faithful". If we are concerned about the future of the Church, then Plenary 2020 gives us the opportunity to voice not only our concerns but share our stories, our faith and experiences in loving dialogue and full participation in the life of the Church beginning in Australia. If we believe fully in our one baptism then it falls on each of us to actively listen, participate and act in the shared mission Jesus calls us to.

We will be holding two further sessions for all the parishioners to pray, listen, share and act on Friday 3 August 2018 @ 10.30am and 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Please collect the printed handouts to begin your own process of praying, listening, sharing and acting. Prayer cards will be available soon. Please refer to the Notice Board for any updates.

### Music Ministry

Our Music Ministry has expanded with Sandra Webb offering to sing at the 9.00am Mass on a regular basis. Our 5.30pm Group under the leadership of Susanah Tan and Paul Sammut, is making every effort to sing fortnightly. We still need singers and musicians so we can plan and improve our liturgical services.

A workshop is planned for Sat, August 25th 2018 from 3pm—5pm with Bro. Michael Herry (fms) an accomplished composer and pastoral musician. All are welcome.  
 More details on the notice board.

## Liturgy Roster

	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
28/29 July	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	Francis Ng
	<b>COMMENTATOR</b> John Bruce	Mark Gregor
	<b>Reader</b> Linda Cultrera	Christine Landsberg
	<b>Special Ministers</b> Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
	John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Rene De La Cruz	Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Maria Papalia

4/5 August	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<b>COMMENTATOR</b> Linda Cultrera	Christine Landsberg
	<b>Reader</b> Jacinta De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<b>Special Ministers</b> Corinne Goh	Elsa Waters
	Cecilia Lam	Chris Zordan
	Reg Lecordier	Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi
		Gabriella Grande

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL EUCHARISTA
05/08	U. ROMANIN G. VARASSO	FAM. SOR. RATTI	T. RECINELLA L. CIAMPA J. FAGGION

### Saturday Marian Novena

Please note, Saturday 8.40am Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help will be on hold from Saturday 18th August and resume on Saturday 15th September 2018.  
 Thank You.

### Synodality in Practice

#### Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

This 14th National eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision and direction of the Catholic Church in our country.

This discussion is timed to coincide with the 2020 Plenary Council—the first such synod for the Australian Church in 90 years.

Date : Wed 8th August from 10am—3pm

Where : Mary Immaculate Hall, 4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe

Contact : Parish Office 9499 1515. Flyer on the Notice Board.