



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)
3rd/4th August 2024

We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship
with Jesus Christ through *Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

John 6:24–35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John's report of Jesus' walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John's Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and rejoins them. In today's Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that that he gives in the Eucharist.

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/18thsundayinordinarytimesundayconnectionhtm/>

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Articles for the bulletin are most welcome. Articles should be into the parish office no later than Wednesday weekly.

Liturgies - Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday 12noon | Wednesday 7am |

Thursday 8am (Marist College)

Friday 9am

Anointing Mass - 3rd Wednesday monthly &

4th Tuesday monthly

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 8am

Anakie Community Hall:

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly



Tuesday, 06th August 9.30am

Topic: Bread Broken Together

17 Baker Street - All Welcome



We acknowledge the Kairi, the Wangan, and the Western Gangaloo Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands of which St Patrick's Parish is situated. We recognise their continuing connection to the land, waterways, and community. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Sick: Lotti Tauamoa, Kevin Bickhoff, Mick Burrigge, Dawn Meek, Marjorie Millard, Peter Mahony, Shelley Herwin, Nancy Mooney, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden.

Deceased: Michael Donnelly, Most Reverend Kevin M Manning DD, Shirley Whittington.

Anniversaries: Shirley Shirvington, Brett Brown, Peter Finch, Denise Kirby, Ken Vale, John McCosker, Patricia Hooper, Courtney Smith, Godfrey Turich, Aileen Turich, Elinor Bourne, John Brainting, Robert Bell, Martin Depaah Yeboah, Digger Daniels, Phillipa Aupouri, Eileen Brosnan.

Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support. The Parish Priests are available for special blessings (home, vehicle, occasions). Contact the parish office to make an appointment.

Church August Roster

Ground Maintenance: Bill, Glen, Bernie

Church Linen: Marsha

Church Cleaning:

09th: Marissa, Kellie, Tesa

16th: Susan, Juliana

23rd: Jackie, Loy, Marie

30th: Lorraine, Jessica

THIS WEEKEND 03/04 AUGUST

Sacristan:

6pm: Volunteer please **8am:** Peter Agius

Commentator:

6pm: Morag Hyslop **8am:** Loyola McKinlay

Readers:

6pm: Anna Wolff, Lisa Caffery

8am: Marissa Ryan, Stefanie Lorimer

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Rod Devlin, Margaret Smith, Anna Wolff

8am: Grainne Cullivan, Peter Agius, Natalie McCosker

Children's Liturgy:

6pm: Lauren Krause, Meaghan Tucker

8am: Mick & Helen Smale

Altar Servers:

6pm: Zoey and Sarah McKenzie

8am: Layla Creedon, Wyatt Gilhooley

Powerpoint Operators:

6pm: Donna Lennon **8am:** Lauren Krause

Holy Goods:

6pm: Kellie McKenzie **8am:** Bronwyn Brown

Musicians:

6pm: TBA, Kevin, Lorraine

8am: Peggy, Mark, Monica

The Rockhampton Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites all to their annual gathering for 2024 – Encounter School of Ministry Winter Intensive at Emmaus College, Rockhampton. Commencing Friday 23 August @ 6pm concluding Sunday 25 August @ 12.30pm. Registration Adults \$90-00, Students and Young adults 18 to 25yrs \$45-00 includes all meals.

This will be a powerful experience over 3 days that helps bridge the gap between the supernatural lifestyle of Jesus and the everyday experience of many believers, and a chance to hear from engaging and faith-filled speakers.

You can scan the QR code or click the below link for further information and ticket purchases. If you have any queries please contact Deirdre 0419 028 016.

<https://app.tickets.org.au/ESMbrisbane/EncounterWI>

The Good Shepherd Group Emerald contact: Yvonne Farrell 0428 821 926

A Change To Adoration

Friday, 5.30pm Adoration Prayer Gathering will cease from 30 August 2024.

Instead, commencing 27th August, Adoration will be trialed to the new date and time of Tuesdays, following midday mass. The Parish Pastoral Council made the decision at their July meeting and hope the change will be better suited and accommodate more people.

It is anticipated that Adoration will take an additional 30minutes to the midday mass which is also approximately 30minutes. If you have a query, please contact Fr Francois.



PLANNED GIVING

	April	May	June
Envelope	\$4063	\$5914	\$4475
Loose	\$4747	\$4610	\$3120
Average	\$2202	\$2631	\$1519

Please contact the parish office to join planned giving.



Containers For Change
July \$124.10

Thankyou for supporting
the Parish Fundraiser

Emergency Relief Roster August

Emerald Baptist Church
0455 374 675

Contributions can be made direct to the Parish Account
BSB: 034 210
Account: 002296
Name: St Patrick's Church Emerald
Ref: Initial|Surname

Dear Visitor,
welcome to Emerald.

Please take a St Patrick's prayer card wishing you every blessing for an enjoyable and safe journey.

Catholic Community Fair Saturday 2nd November 2024

Can you help with the fair?

Donate to the trash & treasure

Donate cent sale prizes

Donate to book stall

Consider sponsorship

Donate plants

Help at the Ham Wheel

Beer Rum
Wine Spirits
Soft drink Chips Nuts



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