

# Catholic Parishes of the Pioneer Valley Cluster

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*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

*11th August 2024*

*REFLECTION by Nick Brodie*

Pope Francis suggests that 'the bread of life' – Jesus – should never be treated as 'a side dish'. True faith in Jesus means recognising that he is the nourisher of our very being.

'We need bread to live', the Pope says. In identifying himself as 'the bread of life', therefore, Jesus wants us to see that he is essential. Through him we find meaning for our lives and nourishment for our souls.

We see in today's Gospel passage that Jesus wants his followers to understand that he is not merely a provider of bread.

The Pope encourages us to embrace our sense of amazement at this mystery. 'No one in this world', the Pope points out, 'as much as they might love another person, can make themselves become food for them.' Jesus is telling us something truly amazing: The bread he gives is his very self!

Interestingly, Jesus chooses to affirm this in response to squabbling within the crowd. They were arguing about Jesus, focused on where he came from. 'Perhaps we too might be scandalised', the Pope suggests, 'it might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life'.

But Jesus' followers are called to help, not hinder his eternal self-giving. As the Pope says, 'God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world.' We pray that through the Church, in the Eucharist, and in the life of every Christian, Jesus continues to feed the world.

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**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8** A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9 (R.)** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

**Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 6:41-51** A reading from the gospel according to John.

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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**WEEKDAY MASS**  
*Week 12th - 18th August*

**Tuesday**  
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

**Wednesday**  
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

**Thursday**  
Immaculate Conception, Mirani 8.00am

**Friday**  
Adoration - Holy Rosary Church, 8.30am  
Mass- Holy Rosary Church, Marian 9.00am

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Saturday**  
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

**Sunday**  
St Francis de Sales Finch Hatton 7.00am  
*Reconciliation: - Before Weekend Mass*  
**Regular Mass times :-**

**Holy Rosary Marian**  
Every Tuesday & Wednesday 6pm  
(Healing Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month)  
Every Friday 8.30am *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.* 9am Mass  
Every Saturday 6pm

**Immaculate Conception, Mirani**  
Every Thursday 8am  
(Healing Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 7am

**St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 7am

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Mt Charlton**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 4pm.

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**DIOCESAN VOCATIONS PRAYER**

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.



There are a couple of jobs being advertised for the Diocese of Rockhampton, our Property Manager, Ed Van Dyke, has tendered his resignation and will be finishing up with the Diocese on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Therefore, we are recruiting for a new Diocesan Property Manager.

We have also commenced recruiting today for a Pastoral Coordinator – Rockhampton Parishes, a new role.

You can find wording for the job ads here:

<https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/employment/>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77854364>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/77852278>

*Please Pray For:*

**The Sick:** Jim Scriha, Earl Neilsen, Eric O'Neill, Kacey Sanfilippo, Charlie Axiak, Joseph Agius, Nancy Curran, John Fordyce, Matt O'Neill, Mary Zammit, Mackenzie Koch (Rocky),

**The Recently Deceased:** (2024)

Annie Anderson, Athol Campbell, Charlie Grech, Carmel Robins, Charles Borg,

**Anniversaries that occur at this time:** (Dates are in front of names)

11/7 Sarino Ferlazzo, 1/8 John Breen, 17/8 George Lando,

**Remembrance Masses that have been requested:** Joe Zammit, Saviour Vassallo, Joan Busby (Rocky), Jan Webb, Michael Sarich, Stuart Sarich, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Charlie Caruana, Angie Caruana, Annie Scriha, Dale Axiak, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin,

*Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.*

*Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will remain in the bulletin for 30 days. Thank you.*

**MARIAN MARKETS: Next Sunday 18th August from 8am - 12pm. Please come along and browse the stalls and enjoy a sausage sizzle and our delicious homemade cakes and slices.**

**Ignite Conference: Rise Up!**

Ignite is a National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and groundbreaking way. Our diocese is taking a group which is open to all high school students and young adults. This year Ignite runs from September 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more details scan the QR code or contact Mick on 0433 897 973 or youth@rok.catholic.net.au.



**Mackay Franciscan Sisters of the Heart invite you to Our Lady of Victories Mass**

Friday 6th September 7pm - Procession, followed by Mass.

St Francis of Assisi Aged Care - 2 Dupuy Street, Mackay  
Outdoors. Supper to follow. Please bring Plate of nibbles to share.

*Churches of the Pioneer Valley Cluster*



*Holy Rosary*  
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*Immaculate Conception*  
44 Victoria St  
Mirani



*St Francis de Sales*  
8 Zahmel St  
Finch Hatton



*Immaculate Heart of Mary*  
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Mt Charlton