

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the Church: For the Church, for all who are fed by the Living Bread that we may show a likeness to the ways of Christ. For our bishops, especially Bishop Genevieve Blackwell. We pray for Bishop Peter Hollingworth. For the growth, strength and confidence of our Parish and for the community for which we are a church. For our neighbouring parishes in Preston, Fitzroy and Collingwood. For Kate Proud to be consecrated bishop to assist in Melbourne.

For the World: For all governments who fight against famine and disease. For nations affected by heat and fire in the Northern Hemisphere. For refugees. For peace on the Korean Peninsula and in the Middle East. For the Muslim and Christian communities of Myanmar. For the governments of the USA, Turkey, Iran, Russia, North Korea, Israel, Palestine, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. For the Australian governments and Parliaments.

For the Community: For families, neighbours and friends. For the work of the Royal Commission into banking, superannuation and financial services. For the homeless and all seeking access to community and public housing. For our hospitals and nursing homes. For the safety of women in public places and in the home. For our agricultural community facing drought conditions.

For the Sick: Our prayers are asked for: Jill, Ann, Dorothy, Joseph, Martha, Gary, Ron, Jeffrey, Jan, Vera, Joyce, Jude, Trish, Russell, Jenny, Cliff, Tom, Glen and Gavin.

For the Departed: We give thanks for the life of Graham Bride (priest) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Harry Williams, Fanny Faith CHN, Albert McPherson (priest), Hugh Montgomery, Neil Francis.

JOHN CHAPTER 6

This is a chapter in which a single theme can clearly be discerned. Jesus is the Bread of Life: he feeds the hungry multitude; he patiently unfolds in the course of a carefully constructed sermon how he is himself the spiritual food of mankind; and though many of his disciples are offended and forsake him, he wins the enthusiastic allegiance of those who are most close to him. The discourse is not merely a development of the implications of the feeding of the 5000 with which the chapter opens; on the contrary, that is really brilliant use of traditional material as an opening gambit for discourse which is fundamentally an exposition of an OT text—the story of the manna in the Wilderness in Exod. 16. The meaning of that chapter, universally regarded in ancient times as the writing of Moses himself, can be summed up in the words 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat' (verse 31). The whole chapter is built on these words, repeating them again and again with subtle variations, until the final verse (58). And the point of the whole argument is that they have a deeper meaning than the historic event of the giving of the manna. They properly refer to the one who has been sent from heaven, and this is none other than Jesus himself. And, whereas the manna was merely for physical sustenance during the desert wanderings, Jesus supplies the means of eternal life. This is the Christian interpretation of Scripture, which the Jews of chapter 5 reject. However, this Christian interpretation does not come like a bolt from the blue, but has been prepared for by the Jewish tradition of exegesis of the manna miracle, which had already been interpreted in terms of the Wisdom of God and his gift of the Law. This tradition is essential to understanding the argument of the discourse, and provides the strongest proof that John was well acquainted with rabbinic teaching.



Prayers and Readings for THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Year B – O. S. 20)

19 August, 2018

9.30 am, 11.00 am, 5.00 pm

Introit Hymn:	145	The king of love my shepherd is
Psalm:	111	
Gradual Hymn:	513	Bread of heav'n on thee we feed
Offertory Hymn:	535	I am the bread of life
Doxology (St James)	525 v. 4	Praise to you eternal Saviour
Dismissal:	569	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
	Sermon	The Vicar.

Opening Sentence

Jesus said, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.'

Prayer of the Day: Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

"All who eat my flesh and / drink my blood; live in me and I in them," says the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer for the week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3 – 14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. 11 The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

THE PSALM: 111)

Response: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

1. Alleluia! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them.
2. His work is full of majesty and honour, and his righteousness endures forever. He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
3. He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He showed his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
4. The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast forever and ever; they are done in truth and equity

5. He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it. His praise endures for ever.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5: 11 – 31 *My brothers and sisters,* Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' 15 Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, 20 giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

'All who eat my flesh and drink my blood ; live in me and I in them,' says the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

John 6 :51 – 58

At that time, Jesus said 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' 53 So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.'

THE POST COMMUNION SENTENCE

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DIARY FOR THE WEEK

19 August 2018 – 26 August 2018

<u>13th after Pentecost</u>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist – St James
	11.00 am	Said Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's
<u>Thursday</u>	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist – St James
<u>14th after Pentecost</u>	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist St James
<u>All Saints 158th Anniversary</u>	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist – All Saints
	5.00 pm	Holy Eucharist – St Paul's

PARISH NEWS

We welcome all who share with us in our service today. If you are new to our Church, please sign the Visitors Book in the Narthex/porch and introduce yourself to the welcomers on duty. Coffee is served after the Service in the Narthex at St James, in the Meeting Room at All Saints and before the service in the Church at St Paul's. Please join us.

Next Sunday's readings – 14th after Pentecost

First Reading: 1 Kings 8: 1 – 43	Psalm: 84
Second Reading: Ephesians 6: 10 – 20	Gospel: John 6: 56 – 69

OIL FOR REFUGEES

We are collecting cooking oil for refugees in 2018 to support the work of David Spitteler and his team at The Asylum Seekers Centre in Dandenong. Oil may be left in the narthex at St James and at All Saints.

NEW EDITION OF SAINTS ALIVE

The July edition of Saints Alive is available in the All Saints narthex today. Please collect your copy.

THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN

Copies of the August edition of the Diocesan Newspaper are available this morning.

ST JAMES MISSION ACTION PLAN

The Mission Action Plan (MAP) for the church of St James is available on the table in the Narthex. This document is required by the Diocese for the vision of the church and for other purposes. The MAP was adopted by the St James Vestry at the August Meeting. The MAP for All Saints Church has been in place for some time and is available on the website.

ALL SAINTS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

All Saints will celebrate our 158th anniversary next week on 26 August. All are invited to join us for this service and for lunch to follow.

SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS – PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION

A copy of a petition related to public housing is in the narthex at All Saints today. Please read and sign it if you wish to support the proposal. The Darebin Community Friends of Public Housing continue to hand out information at Northcote Plaza on Saturday mornings and meet at 3.00 on Saturdays in the All Saints meeting room. Our support in providing hospitality to this group continues to be greatly appreciated.

PROGRESS IN MAJOR WORKS AT ALL SAINTS

We apologise for the condition of the grounds and the path. After excavation it is necessary to allow the ground to settle, ideally with some rain, before any resurfacing or replanting. During this time parking is unhelpful as we will have to level the ground afterwards. In addition, some investigation of the main sewer may require some extra digging and scaffolding will shortly be erected for roof-works, making any work on the surface pointless at this stage. After these improvements, we will be able to restore the surface of the drive, replant and re-path the area.

VICAR ON LEAVE

I will take a brief period of leave from September 6 to September 20. In that time there will be no Thursday celebration of the Eucharist and the Sunday Eucharists will be celebrated by The Revd Philippa Wetherell.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New envelopes are always available in the narthex at All Saints and St James. The vestries encourage members to use these for regular giving to allow accurate budgeting. Please give prayerful thought to your giving to the parish.