

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

1ST AUGUST 2021

## First Reading

Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

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 hearts 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 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 hearts 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.'

## The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

## Second Reading

Eph 4:17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

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.

## The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.*

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.'

# IONA-MARYKNOLL & KOOWEERUP

## PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP

Parish Office: Iona - 0456000990 Kooweerup - 59971510

Parish Website: [imkcatholicparishes.com.au](http://imkcatholicparishes.com.au)

### Parish Team

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Andrew Greco (Principal)

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Bec Kollaris (Principal)

St John the Baptist Primary School, 5997 1653

Chris Dortmans (Principal)

### Safeguarding

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

Anne Nunn (KWR) Marlene Dalziel (Lang Lang)

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### Mass Times This week

|               |                                |                               |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday 2/8    | Kooweerup                      | 8.00 am                       |
| Tuesday 3/8   | Iona                           | 9.30 am                       |
| Wednesday 4/8 | Iona                           | 9.30 am                       |
| Thursday 5/8  | Kooweerup                      | 9.15 am                       |
| Friday 6/8    | Nar Nar Goon                   | 9.30 am                       |
| Saturday 7/8  | St James NNG                   | 6.00 pm                       |
| Sunday 8/8    | Maryknoll<br>Kooweerup<br>Iona | 8.00am<br>9.30 am<br>11.00 am |
| Liturgies 8/8 | Lang Lang                      | 9.00 am                       |

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 NNG  
1st, 4th and 5th Sundays 9.00 to 9.20 KWR

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledges the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles,

Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

### The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021

will be launched online on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

**Cost:** FREE

**Registration:**

[www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

**Program:** Available from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021

### Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of

Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)



# Parish Events

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Susan Kelly, Pope Francis, Martin Sayers

**Anniversaries :**

**Recently Deceased:**

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

## OUR OFFERINGS TO OUR PARISH LAST WEEKEND

Iona: Stewardship—\$705.00 Presbytery— \$

KWR: Stewardship—\$ Presbytery - \$

If you would like to donate online, please use CDFpay via the Parish website.

**Collection baskets for Parish Priest support & planned giving are available at all Church exits.**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION 7TH/8TH AUGUST  
CATHOLIC CARE—ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**



This weekend In the Iona-Maryknoll parish we welcome

**Jedda George O'Connor, son of Thomas and Tegan  
And**

**Krew Bailey Vogels, son of Tim and Karla**

Into the Christian community  
and life of Christ

**..may the flame of light received today  
be kept alive and shine and glow for  
others to see and to use..**

**..to be a light of Christ for all.**



## Baptisms

Parents who would like to have their child Baptised, please contact the Parish office—minimum 6 weeks notice please.

St James' : All weekends during 6.00pm Mass

St Joseph's: 1st Sunday of the month during 11am Mass

Holy Family: 2nd Sunday during 8.00am Mass

St Mary's : 3rd Sunday during 8.00am Mass

St John's KWR: 4th Sunday during 9.30am Mass

Baptism Co-ordinator KWR Carmelina 0401911092

Email: carmelinadecesari@gmail.com

## Parish Reading Rosters

| 31ST JULY<br>1ST AUG | READERS     | MUSIC /<br>LEADER | SPECIAL<br>MINISTER |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| NNG                  | THERESE V B |                   |                     |
| KWR                  | SUE V G     |                   |                     |
| IONA                 | KAREN       |                   |                     |
| MKNOLL               | DES         | KERRY             | JO                  |
| LANG LANG            | MARY        | MICK              |                     |
| 7TH /8TH<br>AUG      | READERS     | MUSIC/LEADER      | SPECIAL<br>MINISTER |
| NNG                  | MARY        |                   |                     |
| KWR                  | EILEEN      |                   |                     |
| IONA                 | LEONIE      |                   |                     |
| MKNOLL               | SHARON      | KERRY             | MASS                |
| LANG LANG            | MICK        | MARLENE           |                     |

## Eucharistic Ministers for the Sick

| DATE | IONA-<br>MARYKNOLL | KOOWEERUP |
|------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1/8  | JO/KERRY           |           |
| 8/8  | LIZ                |           |

## Church cleaning/flowers

| MKNOLL             | IONA                          | NNG                           |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>AUGUST—GADY</b> | 8TH AUGUST—<br>RACHEL SCANLON | 25/7 TO 7/8<br>JENNY AND PAUL |
| SEPTEMBER—<br>ANN  | 15TH AUGUST-<br>MARY SAYERS   | 8/8 TO 21/8<br>MARYCLAIRE     |

## PRAYER GROUP IONA

Meets every Thursday morning at 9.30am at Iona.  
FOR DETAILS CONTACT: MARY SAYERS: 5629 5339

## FRIENDS OF JESUS DISCUSSION GROUP KWR

2nd Tuesday of the month 1.00pm at the St John's meeting room. Next meeting **10th August**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US, ALL WELCOME**

# Parish Events/Information

## **PARISH OFFICES**

**Iona-Maryknoll** parish office is located behind St James Church. 60 Nar Nar Goon Rd Nar Nar Goon Open, Mondays 9.00 to 2.00 and Friday 9.00 to 1.00—Sharon (parish Secretary) Ph. 0456000990

Email: [ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au](mailto:ionamaryknoll@cdsale.org.au)

**Kooweerup** Parish office is located at the Presbytery. 166-168 Station Street Kooweerup (facing Salmon St)

Contact Anne Nunn. Phone 59971510 Mob. 0457971265 Email: [kooweerup@cdsale.org.au](mailto:kooweerup@cdsale.org.au)

**IONA-MARYKNOLL PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** Des Wynne (Chair), Gady Noonan (minutes) Frank Rovers, Leo Garvey, Sharon Sparks, Ray Hearn and John Van Boxtel

Next meeting: TBA

**KOOWEERUP FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Members—John Hester, Enzo Buccheri, Harold Keily, Peter Feltham  
Parish Finance committees advise the Parish Priest on financial policies and matters of the Parish.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Iona-Mknoll reps: Sam Franz, Miriam Pace-Bonello Therese Ventura. KWR reps: Harold Keily, Peter Gallagher, Peter Damon, Bernie Hance. Minutes secretary—Sharon Sparks

Ex officio members: Andrew Greco, Chris Dortmans, Bec Kollaris **Next meeting August 26th @ NNG 7.00 pm**

**HALL HIRE:** For hire information of our Parish halls please contact - Iona hall— Liz Harrison. Mob. 0437759844, Fr Pooley Hall Maryknoll— Sharon Sparks. Mob. 0411500364.

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meets on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We wish to thank everyone who has donated items and made contributions to our recent appeals, especially the students and teachers at St Johns, St James and Columba schools, also individuals who made the appeals so successful. Our store pantry is getting very low, we would appreciate if people can contribute some items for the pantry that we can use to supply those in need of our support. Items needed are non perishable foods such as caned soup, 2 minute noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereal, long life milk and dry biscuits. Thank you in anticipation. Peter Kerr

## **Parish Assembly – Sunday August 15th **SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS BEING EASED****

Please note that the new date will be Sunday 15th August after the 11.00 am Mass in Columba Hall, Iona.

It will begin with a shared lunch followed by the actual meeting which will begin at about 12.45pm and conclude with afternoon tea.

## **Gospel Reflection By Deanne Bergant CSA**

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasise this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours.

Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him.

Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life. © Dianne Bergant CSA

**Dianne Bergant CSA** was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.