Counters	August 4 / 5 Karleen & Sandra		August 11 / 12 Lenore & Brendon	
NEXT WEEK August 11 / 12	SATURDAY 6 PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM	SUNDAY 6PM
COMMENTATOR	C. NEANDER	N. POKARIER	G. EGERT	*
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HOSPITALITY	T. KILLIN E. O'REILLY	L. DOWNEY	P. PRINGLE	B. SCHLECHT
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POWERPOINT	PAUL	GENE, GILBERT	DI, OLIVER, JUNE	SYDEL

Mass Times WEEKEND: <u>Saturday</u> 8 am; Vigil 6 pm;

<u>Sunday</u> 7 am, 9 am, 6 pm.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30-5.30 pm.

WEEKDAY: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am.

ADORATION: Thursday 8 am.

PRAYER GROUP: each morning prior to Mass.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL: Friday 3rd September 2018.

**NEXT ANOINTING MASS**: Friday 3rd September 2018, at 10am (no 8am mass on this day). **NEXT MASS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY**: Sunday 19th August, 2018 — 9am mass.

Friends of St Augustine meeting... held in the Priory dining room... August 8th (to avoid Ekka

holiday) at 6.30pm in the Priory. Phone Ray 3892 1682 for apologies.

## **QCMF INVITATION**

Parishioners are reminded that St James Church and Hall will be used as venues during the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival (Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August).

Car Parking

Car parking restrictions will apply at the following Mass times.

Friday 8am, Saturday 8am Sunday 7am & 9am:

The Car park in from of the church and the priory will be **OPEN** for all Masses and will **CLOSE** approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of the final morning Mass. The car park in the school grounds, behind the church will be **CLOSED**. Saturday 6pm & Sunday 6pm: All car parks will be **OPEN** as normal.

DATE CLAIMER...Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September is the date Peter Arndt, Executive Officer, Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, has chosen for the discussion on the Bishops Social Justice Statement in St James Hall: 7pm for 7.30pm start. Hopefully, the Archbishop will launch it again this year.

Date claimer: Celebration of 35 years of Passionist Family Groups on Saturday 15 September 2018. It promises to be a great evening with our guests Fr Brian Traynor, Fr Ray Sanchez, Paul Traynor and Tim Horlock. <u>Celebrating 35 Years of Passionist Family Groups in</u> <u>Queensland</u>. The QLD Family Group Team would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has been part of the Family Group Movement in QLD and Northern NSW for the past 35 years. Fr Brian Taynor, Fr Ray Sanchez, Tim Horlock and Paul Traynor will be celebrating with us. Venue: The Fort, Fort Rd Oxley. Date: Saturday 15 September: 4pm till late. (Please bring a plate to share). RSVP – elainestrati@gmail.com Elaine 0414187458

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## From the Outside of the Window

This week's gospel reading continues the exploration of John Chapter 6 that began last week where Jesus multiplies the loaves and the fish. The account of Jesus' feeding the crowd is a re-enactment of Moses' feeding the Israelites on their journey out of Egypt when they were fed by the *manna* each morning. When the manna came down for the Israelites in the wilderness, it did not last more than a single day. If people collected too much, what they did not eat became mouldy.

In the Gospel today, Jesus contrasts that food which lasted only a day, with a deeper type of nourishment, what he calls, 'food that endures to eternal life'. According to Dr Mary Coloe PBVM, an associate Professor in New Testament at the Australian Catholic University, states that "whenever John uses the term 'eternal life' he is not speaking of ordinary human life lasting forever; for John, eternal life is to participate in the life God lives in eternity, it is sharing in the life of God". This is the deeper nourishment that Jesus is offering, a new quality of life. 'I am the bread of life; and whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst".

Thus, Jesus in comparing himself with 'bread from heaven' is simply using a metaphor for God's gift of Jesus to the world. Jesus has come to offer life to the full and so he speaks of himself as bread that leads to fullness of life forever.

In sum, the gospel today teaches us: do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life. There are many signs in our society of people's deep hunger for something. This hunger and thirst can be side-tracked into addictions that appease the hunger temporarily. The questions we should ask ourselves are; "what do we hunger for? What really nourishes our deepest desires?" The gospel suggests that our deepest hungers can only be satisfied by attention to things of the Spirit.

Please pray for one another, Dn Dang OSA

P.S: Fr Joe sends his regards to you from Vietnam.

