

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures, that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us. We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2,7,8; 1 Corinthians 10:10). The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert. Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary. Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm. At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1-2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26). This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4-5) comes to us with a renewed command -- to get up and continue on the journey we began in baptism, to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need -- as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert. So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10). Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die. But in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering -- loving Him as He has loved us, on the cross and in the Eucharist. (Hahn Scott)



St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is also a Solemnity and will be celebrated across Australia on 8 August at parishes across the country. But it is Sydney, where she founded the Mother House of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and Penola, South Australia where the Congregation she established with Fr. Woods began, that is leading roles in the celebrations.

**Saturday
and
Sunday
devotions
from 4 to
4.25 pm.**



Australia's first Saint and Co-Patron Saint of Australia was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2010.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Stn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15–5:45p: Sat: 4:15–4:45pm;

Sun 4:00–4:30pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME &

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS:

4:00 to 4:30pm

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

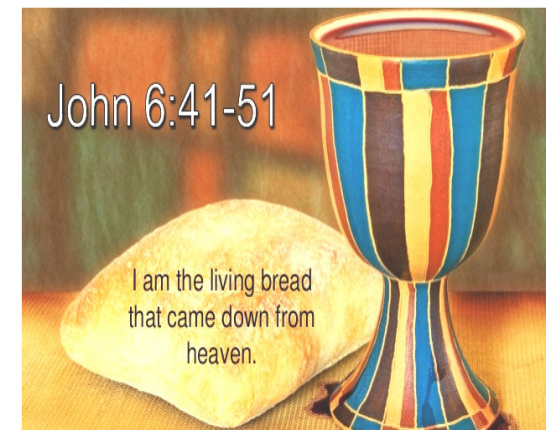
80% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



9th Aug 2015 (B)
19th Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2ND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5;2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: St John 6:41-50

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
"Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS. "Tim
Staples; Catholic Sacraments, videos";
"Catholic Answers", "Catholica"
www.vocationcentre.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS (8/08/15 to 14/08/15))

Sat 9:15am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sat Vigil: †George & Alice Haggar, †Antoinette Haddad & †Raymond Saggal

Sun 8am: †Jack Harvey

Tue: †Okbong Choi

Sun 9:30am: †Eileen Murray

Wed: †Okbong Choi

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Thur: Intention of Sisters from Hobart

Mon: †Okbong Choi

Fri: Intention of Sisters from Hobart

OUR SICK: Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Joseph Haggar and Southern Cross residents...

Happy birthdays to: Delwyn Tjahjadi (8th), Gennie Hage and Iris Smith (15th).

Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the **McDougall** family on the passing of their beloved mother, **Judith Anne**. The McDougall family were actively involved in the building of our new church. Our Parish also thank the family for their very generous donation towards our WYD2016 fundraising.

WYD2016 Raffle: **3 tickets for \$10** on sale in the church foyer.

PARISH / WYD2016 FETE: SUN 20TH SEPT: Please offer your kind assistance in the following manner:

- 1) **Financial sponsors** for stalls to buy supplies, prizes etc.
- 2) **White elephant stall:** Any donations of 2nd hand items will be gratefully accepted. No clothes or books please.
- 3) **Volunteers** who can assist on the day. THANK YOU.

Parish School News: 1) Class Mass: Fri 14th Aug: Yr 4. 2) Family Mass: Sat 15th Aug: Yr 2. 3) First Holy Communion: 1st Session and Commitment Mass: Sat 8th Aug from 4pm

Sat. 5th Sept: Come celebrate Our Lady's Birthday and venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon from 11am in our Parish. All are welcome!

New rosters for various Ministries for Oct 2015 to March 2016 are now being planned. Please ring the Parish Office if you wish to be considered as a Minister or to resign from your position.

15TH AUG: ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY: MASS AT 11AM

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit is now open for inspection. Please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292 for an appointment or for further details.

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) J Spora, P Tjugito (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) O Sarmiento, V Meyer(C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) Volunteers (R) N Jenner, L Jenner (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) J Chandra, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** G & F Hogan

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W. (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyre, R Wijaya (R) Sr Betty, J Yong (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Tjahjadi, Darlene T (R) J Lie, I Lie (C) T Chin (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells



The oldest feast day of Our Lady is the Assumption. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had levelled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as "Aelia Capitolina" in honour of Jupiter. For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples. After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centred around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived. On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it became our feast of the Assumption.



**BLESSED ARE
THE MERCIFUL**
FOR THEY SHALL
OBTAIN MERCY

Mt 5:7

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016



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WYD**

World Youth Day (WYD) is one of the biggest, and greatest, international celebrations in the world today! The first official World Youth Day was in 1986 in Rome, Italy. Since then, millions of young people have celebrated World Youth Days every 2-3 years across the world including Sydney, Australia in 2008. In 2016 World Day returns to the home of its founder Pope John Paul II, in Poland. John Paul II is known for his courageous trust and faith in young people, and his generous welcome. WYD16 in Poland will carry on this legacy under the inspiration of Pope Francis.

**Seventy
years
ago**



Winston Churchill once spoke of the secrets of the atom, "hitherto mercifully withheld from man." We can all lament that this terrible power of mass destruction has been revealed to the world and fear its ominous consequences for us all, including our children and grandchildren. But that is wholly different from saying that a great moral evil was committed when the first atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima 6.08 and Nagasaki 9.08.1945.