

***Reflection by Greg Sunter***

This passage continues the extended discourse on the Bread of Life. The passage shows the crowd bristling at Jesus describing himself as the 'bread that came down from heaven'. They dismiss his claim because they know his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. How could he have come down from



heaven if they are aware of his parents on earth? It must also be remembered that Jewish tradition held firm to the idea of God as one God only, with no offspring or personified manifestations. For the Jews of Jesus' time, the very idea of Jesus being the Son of God was completely blasphemous. But this gospel is a Christian document, written at a time when the Christians and Jews were emphasising their differences.

Jesus replies to the complaints of the crowd through an extended image. He depicts the intimate relationship that exists between himself and the Father. Later, this discourse will be drawn on in the argument about the divinity of Jesus and that he is 'one in being with the Father'. Those who are drawn to Jesus and his message are – perhaps unknowingly – drawn by the Father and by listening to the teaching of Jesus they are in fact drawing closer to the Father. It is a somewhat complicated image that Jesus paints but at its heart he emphasises the intertwined nature between Father and Son. Refuting the concern of the crowd, Jesus again describes himself as the living bread that has come down from heaven. Unlike the manna the people ate in the desert that sustained them physically for a short period of time, the living bread of Jesus will sustain those who believe for all time.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### Monday 13 August

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church
- 7.30pm PFC Meeting - Library

#### Tuesday 14 August

- 9.30am Scripture group – Library
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 7.00pm Liturgy Committee - Library

#### Thursday 15 August – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- 8.00AM MASS ONLY
- 9.30AM Wednesday Friendly Group – Hosp.
- 7.00pm Italian Assumption Mass – Church

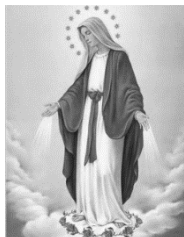
*Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time Raymond Parkinson, Johnny Ting Gui Hua, Patrick Boyle, Joseph Lee, Jose Lay, Antonio Lay, Madalena Nheli, Rosario Coco and Freda Hill and the recently deceased Harry Pieper, Leony Tamemage, Belen Catay and Dorothy Neylan*

#### From the Office

Please note that Fr Alex will be away until 26 August. Thank you.

#### Feast of the Assumption

Next Wednesday 15/8, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on the EKKKA public Holiday. Please note that there will only be an **8AM mass**. In addition to the 8am mass, the Italian community will also be celebrating the feast later that night at 7pm.



The Parish Office will also be closed on this day. Thank-you.

#### Parish Picnic Thank-you's

Last Sunday we held our bi-annual Parish Picnic, it was a great success and many turned out for the delicious brunch!

A big shout out to St Martin's and in particular Geoff (Principal), Berny (Music Teacher) and her choir, Con (Groundsman) and Jen (APRE) for giving up their time to help us have such a great day. The choir students performed a few songs for us much to the delight of their parents and our parishioners. Well Done!

Another massive thank you goes to the PPC and volunteers in particular Francesca, Brad, Shayne, Carmen, Raph, Lesley and Fred. The day could not have worked without you all!

Our next Parish Picnic will be held in 2020 and will hopefully be bigger and better than this year!

#### Holy Infant Orphanage Thailand

For the Feast of St Dominic, an amount of \$4811.30 was transferred to Holy Infant Orphanage. Thank you to everyone who donated money or bought items from the stall. Fr Alex was pleasantly surprised with the amount raised.

#### Kid's Mass 5.30pm 19 August

All primary-school aged children of the parish are welcomed to take part in ministry - reading, bringing up the gifts and collecting. To let us know you're interested, register online at [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au) using the code LUR6G. For more information contact Shelly in the parish office on 3398 2977.

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#### Wednesday Friendly Group

Join us in the Hospitality Area after 9am mass on Wednesday for a morning tea and a chat! We hope to see you there!

#### Parish Expo Follow-up

Following the Parish Expo weekend, we would like to remind everyone who may be interested in joining a ministry or a social group to contact the office for more information. You can do this by calling 3398 2977 or you can email the secretary at [carina@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:carina@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### Last Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Loose	\$741.35
Planned Giving	\$3,062.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,803.90</b>

#### Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.

## St Mary of the Cross – by Greg Sunter

This week on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August, we celebrated St Mary of the Cross or Mary Mackillop. Please enjoy a reflection by Greg Sunter about the gospel of the day and Mary Mackillop.

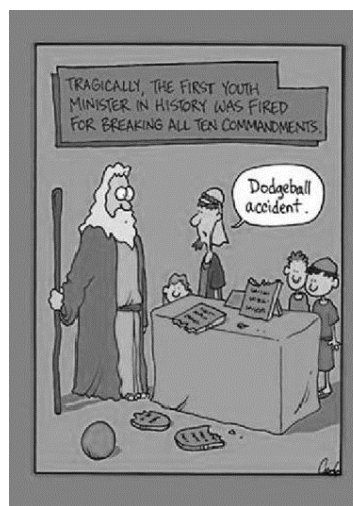
*“A “one hit wonder” from 1989 was the song by Bobby McFerrin, Don’t Worry, Be Happy. It was a laid-back, a cappella song that still frequently appears in film and television soundtracks. In some ways, the song became the catchcry of a generation who were overwhelmed by the pace of change that was occurring in society, technology and the world in general. A glance at today’s gospel may leave the reader thinking that Jesus, too, is basically saying to us, don’t worry, be happy. But the message of Jesus is not as simplistic as that. Instead, he says to us, set your hearts on God’s kingdom first and on following God’s will for justice in the world and, then, don’t worry, be happy. It is not the same throwing of one’s hands into the air as the 1980’s song. It is not an abandonment of responsibility. Jesus says to us, trust in God, work to bring about the kingdom in our lives and in our world and only then leave the rest to God. This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today’s gospel is, “Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.” (1891) surely this is a more energising and empowering motto for life than don’t worry, be happy?”*

### Historical Context – Mary MacKillop

*Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn’t tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!”*  
Liturgy Help



## SOMETHING FUNNY



## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### STAYING ACTIVE AND MOBILE

When: Tuesday 21st August

Where: Join the Carindale PCYC  
27 Narracott Street, Carina

Time: Arrive at 9am – 11:30am

9:15am Heartfit - gentle to moderate exercise using weights.

9:45am Thai Chi- relaxing class to help prevent falls.

10:30am Chair Yoga- suitable class for seniors with injuries

10:30am Zumba – gentle dance class suitable for seniors that is fun at the same time! Afterwards join the PCYC – Carindale for free morning tea.

R.S.V.P. Friday 17th August 2018

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