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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 12th August 2018

I am the Living Bread

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the "Bread of Life discourse" found in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. Recall that we have been reading from this chapter for the past two weeks and will continue to read from it for another two. Last week, the crowd asked for a sign that would show that Jesus came from God. Jesus replied by saying that he is the sign and the bread of life sent by God. At this point, our Lectionary omits six verses in which Jesus predicts the unbelief of the crowd and further develops his connection with God the Father. In these verses, Jesus says that he was sent by God to do the Father's will. Jesus promises that those who look upon the Son with faith will find eternal life. Some of these themes are repeated in today's Gospel reading.

Today's Gospel begins with a report that the Jews complained about Jesus' claims regarding his identity. They knew his family, and

they knew he was the son of Joseph. They could not comprehend what Jesus meant when he said that he came down from heaven. Jesus responds to the complaints by saying that only those who are chosen by God will recognize him as the one that God sent. This is a recurring theme in John's Gospel, that God has chosen those who will have faith in Jesus.

In the verses that follow, Jesus talks more about his unity with the Father. He is the one who has seen the Father and, therefore, knows the Father. Those who listen to God will recognize that Jesus is the one sent from God. Those who believe will have eternal life. Jesus concludes with the central element of our eucharistic theology. He promises that the bread of life will bring eternal life to those who partake of it, and he tells us that the bread of life will be his own flesh, given for the life of the world.



In today's reading, we hear Jesus say again, as he did in last week's Gospel, that he is the bread of life. We also hear Jesus add that he is the living bread. Both of these statements help us understand better the gift that Jesus gives us in the Eucharist. We celebrate this gift of Jesus each time we gather for Mass. We believe that receiving Jesus in the Eucharist will lead us to eternal life.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see
that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me
he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Wednesday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption
of Our Lady

Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8am, 10am and 6pm

AROUND PERTH

Mass in

St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday

8am - Weekdays

(except Wednesday and Saturday)

7am - Wednesday; 10am - Saturday

Sunday Mass in

Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in

St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am,

5pm (Polish) & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
of the souls of Phil Boyle,
Gad Rafael and Marvik Santucci
and for all those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time.

Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen

FEASTDAYS

Monday 13th August
St Pontian and St Hippolytus

Tuesday 14th August
St Maximilian Kolbe

Wednesday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8am, 10am and 6pm

Thursday 16th August
St Stephen of Hungary

Collection

Thank you for your generosity -
last Sunday's collection amounted to
£235.95.

Second Collection

Last Sunday's second collection,
in aid of the Bishop's Mensal Fund,
amounted to £112.95

L'Arche in Perth

On Wednesday 15th August,
L'Arche Community are holding another
of their open meetings, exploring
the possibility of setting up a
L'Arche Community here in Perth.
This is being held in St Matthew's
Church from 5.15pm -7.30pm - all
welcome.

Italian classes

Please note that weekly Italian classes
will resume on Saturday 18th August
at 4.15pm in the Church Hall - all welcome
- beginners to native speakers.

New Term

Please keep our staff and pupils in
your prayers as they begin a new year
this week. We wish them every success
as they embark on their next steps.



“The Church encompasses with
love all who are afflicted with
human suffering and in the poor
and afflicted sees the image of
its poor and suffering Founder.
It does all it can to relieve their
need and in them it strives to
serve Christ.”

Lumen Gentium, para 8

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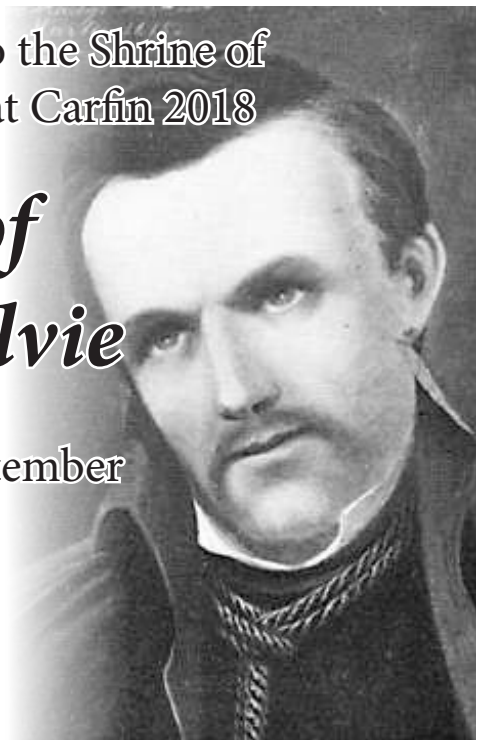
National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of
Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin 2018

In honour of
St John Ogilvie

3pm, Sunday 2nd September

Principal Celebrant
Archbishop Tartaglia

Homilist
Bishop Stephen Robson



ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass