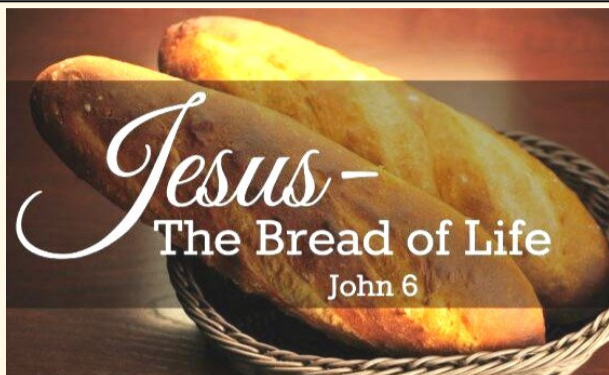


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We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera people, the traditional custodians on whose land we live and worship

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B
28 July 2024



Contemplating the Bread of Life

'Contemplation is to receive', wrote St John of the Cross.

"By nature, we are contemplative beings. In many

cultures, however, the human tendency towards independence and self-sufficiency can be a strong obstacle to 'receiving' for many people. The contemplative nature yearns to know what is real, what is true, what is good. – ultimately what is of God." (Brian Gallagher, Communal Wisdom).

Over the next five Sundays we will be reading from chapter 6 of the gospel according to John. This chapter is known as the Bread of Life discourse and is one of the central themes of Jesus' revelation of God in this gospel.

It is a wonderful opportunity for us to contemplate the reality that we receive Jesus as Word and as Sacrament. I encourage you to spend time regularly over the next five weeks to ponder this chapter and contemplate Jesus as the 'bread of life'.

with every blessing
Deacon Andrew

Mass Times this week

Sunday 8.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday 5.30pm St Pius X, Salisbury
Thursday 9.00am, St Brendan's, Moorooka
Friday 9.00am

"Do not cast me off in my old age"

In his message for the Day of Grandparents and Elderly for this Sunday, 28 July, Pope Francis emphasises the importance of valuing and respecting the lives of

older individuals. He notes that growing old is often seen as a sign of blessing in the Bible, but also acknowledges the struggles many seniors face with loneliness, abandonment, and social isolation. The Pope encourages us to recognise the value and wisdom that comes with age, citing Psalm 139:13, which speaks of God's presence in the womb, and God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant.

God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).

Pope Francis urges us to rediscover the taste of fraternity and work towards creating a more just and compassionate society that values the contributions and dignity of older adults. He reminds us that even in old age, we can be certain that God will not abandon our life and encourages us to cherish and honour those who have come before us.

Source: Majellan House Media.



Birthday Bash



A lovely morning tea after Friday Mass to celebrate Lucia's birthday.



Last week's giving

21/7/24: \$1,190.00

Giving options

BSB: 064-786 A/C 100026690
or Giving App code



Parish Events

Men's Breakfast

27 July, Saturday at 8am at Golly Gosh

Rosies Outreach

28 July, Sunday at 2pm. Meet at Majellan House.
New volunteers welcome.

St Sebastian's Parish celebrating 100 years in April 2025

Fast fact # 18

1957 – Opening of St Sebastian's School Library, October 7
1958 – First Lay Teachers appointed (cost of 17 pounds per week)

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involve in its activities, ministries & services.

The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

Parish Safeguarding officer: Lucia Olaya



Parish Finance Report

Thank you for your ongoing financial support to the parish especially following changes to the Mass schedule in 2023.
Your commitment enables us to continue gathering as a Eucharistic community and outreaching within our community.

We are pleased to report that the parish is operating at a cash surplus and a number of important maintenance needs have been attended to over the last 18 months.

A summary of our income and expenses for Jan to June 2024 shows:

	\$	%
Collections and giving	38,881	50%
Rent	18,148	24%
Interest	17,734	23%
other income	2,355	3%
Total Income	77,118	
Office	4,312	7%
Property	17,537	30%
Clergy	14,546	25%
Staff	14,546	25%
Diocesan levies	5,113	9%
other expenses	1,471	3%
Total Expenses	57,525	
Cash Surplus	19,593	
Depreciation (estimate)	15,500	
Net Suplus	4,093	

More detailed reports for the six months to June 2024 as well as the audited financial report for 2023 are attached for you perusal.

Please feel free to contact Deacon Andrew should you have any questions.

Parish Finance Council

Ken Williams Angela Nicholas Megan Sindel
Fr John Fitz-Herbert Deacon Andrew O'Brien

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life *makes all things new*.

We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready *to be* the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt, exclusion and
silence of those within, and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be *in service* of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the *hands and feet* of the hope, joy
and mission of the Risen Christ.

We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ,
Amen.

