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26 June 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father,

you call your children to walk in the light of Christ.

Free us from darkness and keep us in the radiance of your truth.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 9:51-62 by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our

employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for the whole human family, and especially the people of Ukraine. May everyone on earth become an ambassador of peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are struggling to ease the global food and energy crisis. May the world community unite in their full support. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the churches of Africa. May they bear strong and vibrant witness to God's reign of justice, love and peace. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all seafarers. May World Seafarers Day (today) highlight the service they give and help assure them of safe and just working conditions. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who live in remote and isolated communities in Australia. May they not be deprived of the resources and services they need to flourish. () Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community. May we encourage one another to follow Jesus with all our hearts, even on the way of the cross. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased - Quentin Hopkins, Barry Waters, Ian Vardanega, Marilla Lowrey , . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord,
may this sacrifice give us a share in your life
and help us bring your love to the world.
Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

Parish Meeting: It will be great to come together on June 28 for our long overdue parish meeting. The meeting will be at 10.30am immediately following the 10 am Mass in the church. It will be good for teams to reconnect and for us all to get going with future plans.

As a parish we have so much to be thankful for and also much to do. The meeting will end with a cuppa!! Cathy, Margaret and Brian.

June Celebrations - The World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

Pope Francis is inviting families around the world to gather locally over June to celebrate and explore the theme of this year's World Meeting of Families: "Family love. A vocation and a path to holiness."

Plug into events and resources: Locally at www.marriagefamily.org.au

https://www.romefamily2022.com/assets/media/catechesi_2_en.pdf will take you to "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Nationally: www.family.catholic.org.au

Archdiocesan Celebrations of the World Meeting of Families 2022 will be held in locations in our Archdiocese

- Sunday 26th June Manuka for the Canberra region
- Sunday 10th July Cootamundra for the Western Deanery

Enquiries email lara.kirk@cg.org.au or text 0429 192 869

Thank you for donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. \$660.50 was raised through your generosity.

"Help Ukrainians Raffle", sponsored by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Tickets available from Wendy Hart either at Mass times or wherever you see her around town. Many prizes are on offer. See poster for details. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in the coming months. Reconciliation 13 August; First Eucharist 18 September and Confirmation 20 November. If you know of any children, who attend the Central School or home school, who might like to make these sacraments, please forward their parents and their names and contact details to the parish office.

Sr Joan Chittister in Conversation with John Warhurst: Thursday 23 June at 7.30pm – join online with Sr Joan Chittister OSB and John Warhurst (Concerned Catholics) as they explore issues crucial to Church renewal ahead of the second assembly of the Plenary Council in a few weeks. This is an opportunity to experience Sr Joan's prophetic vision for our Church. Register with garrattpublishing.com.au

"Save the date! Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin. Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected.

Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Save the date! Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

Counter Rosters: we are looking for teams of 2 (where possible) to count the collections and do the banking each week. Interested persons should speak to Br. Brian.

Readings for Mass: 1st: 1 Kings 19:16,19-21. 2nd: Gal 5:1,13-18. Gospel: Luke 9:51-62.

Readings for next week: 1st: Isaiah 66:10-14. 2nd: Gal. 6:14-18. Gospel: Luke 10:1-10,17-20.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Music/PP</u>
25 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
2 July	Geoff	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
9 July	James	Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
16 July	Felix	Helen P	Bobbie/Tommy G	Helen H

<u>Ministries of Service:</u>	<u>1 July</u>	<u>8 July</u>	<u>15 July</u>	<u>22 July</u>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaners:		Wendy M & Pauline		Bronnie & Felix

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Keep warm and take care of each other,

Helen Hart