



17TH SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME YR B

25 JULY 2021

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
open our eyes to see your hand at work
in the splendour of creation, in the beauty of human life.
Touched by your hand our world is holy.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,
and to experience the joy of life in your presence.
Amen.*

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

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



REFLECTION on the Gospel of John 6:1-15 by Greg Sunter

Living the Gospel – Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for Pope Francis. May he be blessed with lasting health of body, mind and spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for grandparents and the elderly. May this World Day of Prayer for them highlight the gift they are to families and the whole community. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the children preparing for First Communion: that they will receive the support of their families and parish. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for the countless people around the world burdened with constant food insecurity. May nations work together to deliver them life-saving nourishment. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all peoples facing widespread COVID-19, including Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Fiji. May we all gain access to the resources and support they need. (Pause) Lord, hear us

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach, that they may be supported by their families and communities. (pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased, including Father Brian Maher, Gorany Kite and our own deceased relatives and friends: may they be made welcome at the banquet of everlasting life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING BLESSING

*Lord,
as we celebrate the memory
of the death and resurrection of Christ your Son,
may your gifts bring us closer to our eternal salvation.
Amen.*

Hello St Bede's Parishioners,

The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the lockdown. We can have Mass but all people are required to **wear masks**. If you have a mobile phone, please be sure to **check in via the QR code**. Social distancing, hygiene requirements and recording attendance procedures are still being observed. **Please try to arrive in good time** as all these regulations and requirements will take time.

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Araluen Stations of the Cross: 3.00pm First Friday of every month. All welcome.

Social Justice Meeting: Sunday 1 August in the church at 10.30am.

Ecumenical Service at Braidwood MPS: 1st Saturday of the month at 3.00pm.

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Special Mass on Sunday 15 August at 10.30am.

As we celebrate the first World day for Grandparents and the Elderly let us pray for and with them.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life and
for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even until the end of the age. Amen

Blessing on a long life

God of mercy,
You have given your children the gift of long life,
And they ask for your blessing.
Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence.
As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy.
As they look to the future, May they persevere in hope that does not fade.
To you be praise and glory for ever.
Amen.

Vinnies needs winter clothing!

Vinnies shops and our emergency support services remained open throughout the COVID-19 emergency last winter in Canberra. Because Vinnies was one of only a few services open, our stocks of winter coats, jackets and blankets were wiped out. Donations may be left at your local Vinnies shop.

The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner Postponed: will host a dinner at the Southern Cross Club Woden on **3 September** to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, [Sr Margaret Beirne](#) RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Cleaners: We have returned to a monthly schedule for the duration of the church closure. Hopefully it won't be for too long. **16 July:** Margaret and Barbara. **13 August:** Helen P and Judith.
20 September: Rod and Pauline.

Please note the ceremonies happening in the church when cleaning will be required beforehand will be advised at the beginning of the newsletter.

Readings for next week: 1st: Ex. 16:2-4,12-15. 2nd: Eph. 4:17,20-24. Gospel: John 6:24-35.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	PowerPoint
24 July	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
31 July	James/Les	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
7 August	Geoff	Geraldine	Rod/Bobbie	Helen H
14 August	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Please let me know as soon as possible if you won't be attending, so other arrangements can be made.

COVID-19 Links for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Mass Online Link: <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Take care and keep safe and warm,
Helen Hart