

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee—or of Tiberias—and a large crowd followed him, pressed 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 his 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.



Jesus was always concerned for the human needs of people as well as the spiritual. In today's Gospel he knows his concern that the people have nothing to eat and he is anxious to remedy that. In other episodes we see him healing the sick, comforting the grieving, reaching out to the lost and outcast, to sinners. In the prayer he taught us, he used us to ask the Father to 'give us this day our daily bread'. This bread can refer to himself, the Bread of Life, that we receive in Communion, but it also refers to the food we need for sustenance each day. In this Gospel we also note the concern of Jesus that none of the food gets wasted as he urges the disciples to collect all of the scraps left over. Today we live in an age of incredible wastefulness, a throwaway society. Huge amounts of food are dumped every day. Today is a good day to consider our use of the resources of the earth. One of the paradoxes of life is how a little can go a long way, as the boy with the five barley loaves and fish demonstrates, while excess often leads to waste and leaves many hungry.

Extract from Gods word 2018, daily reflections

Northern Mission Incorporating

St Mary's Church BUNGENDORE
St Joseph's Church GUNDAROO
St Bede's Church BRAIDWOOD

ST GREGORY'S PARISH
St Raphael's Church Lowe Street Queanbeyan
St Gregory's Church Molonglo Street Queanbeyan

Sts Peter & Paul Church
HOSKINSTOWN
St Brigid's Church KRAWARREE
St Patrick's Church MICHELAGO

PARISH TEAM

Fr Troy Bobbin PP
Fr Peter Day Associate Priest Bungendore /Braidwood
Deacon Chris Van Gessel
Part time Pastoral Associate Sr Chloe Forsyth DC

OFFICE TEAM

Office Staff: Lorraine, Rita, Rosa, Catherine
Youth Coordinators: Sarah, Jordan
Bungendore - Maureen, Mary
Braidwood—Br Brian Pastoral Assoc, Secretary - Helen

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL Principal – Ms Claire Frazer

"There are many rooms in my father's house"



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9am-3.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

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28TH & 29TH JULY 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:42-44 *They will eat and have some left over.*

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

C: 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.**

L: 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.**

ALL: 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 4:1-6 *There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15. *He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



St Gregory's Parish Queanbeyan

As a faith Community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

Please pray for our sick:

- Gywen McIntyre
- Cecil Mikola
- Sr Bernadette Walsh
- Maureen Keating
- S Vidovic
- Gary Robinson
- Phil Donoghoe
- David McCamley
- Gregory Walsh
- Charlie Morella
- Maria Melvin
- Jolan Bogsanyi
- Sr Antonine MC
- Regina Paredes
- Louis McFarlane
- Norman Humberdross
- Marie Lazaro
- Lani Albuera Cabahug
- Grant Crowe



Recently deceased

- Wayne Garlick
- Elizabeth 'Betty' Reid
- Corrado Menegon
- Sr Gabriel Cuzner ocdm
- Antionette Martin- Robertson
- Luigi Dal Molin
- Steve Maraczi
- John McDondal
- William Manwaring
- Peter Neale



Anniversaries

- Pasquale Pucci
- Patrick Flanagan

PARENTS PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF OUR QUIET SPACES FOR CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH. CHILDREN NEED TO BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES.

WEEKEND HOSPITAL VISITATION ROSTER

- 29th July Kaye Paterson 6255 9450
- 5th August Clare Hobbs 0400 638 434

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Little Sparks Children's Liturgy RESUMES THIS WEEKEND DURING 9AM SUNDAY MASS

YOUTH GROUP WILL NOW BE GATHERING FORTNIGHTLY, STARTING THIS WEEKEND.

Monday Craft Group: 10am—midday
Wednesday Prayer Group: 1.30-3pm
New Members are most welcome.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST 9.30AM SCHOOL MASS 6PM MASS NB: There will NOT be a 7am mass on this day.

OUR FIRST ADULT EDUCATION SESSION WILL BE ON SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST. FLYERS AVAILABLE AT CHURCH DOORS

Sacrament of Confirmation—Parent information night 7pm St Gregory's School Hall, Molonglo St. Commitment masses for Confirmation will be on the weekends of 5 & 6, 11 & 12 August. Please keep all the children preparing for confirmation in your prayers.

SURVEY – NEXT STEPS FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

To help inform where the Queanbeyan parish's Young Adult Group goes next, we want to get your feedback on what you want to see happen. As such, we would really appreciate it if you could either fill out the survey which is available near the baptism font (to be returned to the box with the adult education survey), or complete the survey on the parish website.

MINI PILGRIMAGE

I'm seeking expressions of interest from our parishioners in coming on a mini pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and St Mary's Cathedral with me.

Travel will be by mini-bus leaving at 7.30am on Wednesday 5th September and arriving home around 8.00pm.

SPOTS ARE FILLING FAST SO Please indicate your interest to the ladies at the Parish Office by Friday 3rd August to assist us with planning. Father Troy

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meeting on 1 August, at Country Heir, Monaro Street at 12 noon. Please notify Louise Dwight on 6297 9696 or 0419 694 796

ON THE HORIZON AT ST GREGORY'S

Plenary Council Prayer



Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

Thank you

Plan Giving Renewal Program

The money you pledge is more than just money, the church realizes that, it represents your blood, sweat and tears. A lot of effort and sacrifice goes into the contribution you make to the church, so thank you very much. We have come close to meeting our budget and with a few other changes such as reverting back to "the church cleaning roster". Please consider joining the cleaning roster and to help out your fellow parishioners.

Our plan giving renewal program is now complete for this year, **however** if you are new to the parish or you were away and you wish to join, please call the office anytime.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help clean our church. The roster will commence the 1st September. Each person who has volunteered to clean the church will be rostered on separately. If you would like to bring someone to assist you this is ok. The roster will be out in August.

Claim Christ for yourself and proclaim to all the nations

Mr Shane Dwyer, Director for the National Centre for Evangelization welcomed all delegates to Proclaim 18. In his opening remarks, he spoke of the facts that it is not a particularly easy time to be catholic. Even among those who continue to practice their faith there can be an air of confusion and disappointment: perhaps even anger. It can be hard to speak about sharing our faith in this context.

Yet this is what we came to do: to think and pray again about our relationship with Jesus Christ, what it means for us to be members of his Body, the Church, and to ponder what it might mean to call others into this life-changing and life-saving relationship. He ends by saying as we commence the 2018 proclaim conference let us keep in mind: it is God's desire to call all people to himself. For this Jesus Christ suffered died and rose again. For this the Holy Spirit has been sent to lead and sanctify us, our role is simply to make ourselves available for the work that God is doing in the World. He ended by saying, as he looks out into the audience of over 600 delegates there is some cause for optimism and hope.

Five members of our parish attended the Proclaim conference in sunny Brisbane last weekend to listen to four amazing keynote speakers. Those that attended will be reporting back to our Pastoral council. This information and the review of the last three years will be the data used to help us set our next three year's set of goals.

17-19 – August "Marriage Enrichment Weekend"

At the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wwme.org.au Contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

12 HOURS OF ADORATION

DATE: AUGUST 3RD

Come together as an Archdiocese praying for The Year of Youth, Vocations, Marian Procession, SHINE Student Gathering, Catechists, Youth Ministry in Schools, Parishes and Movements, Youth Ministers from 7am to 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka. **Website:** www.cg.youthministry.org.au

8 – September "Consultation for Women of the Archdiocese"

From 10.00am to 3.00pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Women are invited to share their story of faith with other women. It will be an occasion for women to name their reality, concerns and dreams for the Church in a safe and supportive environment.

It will be an opportunity for women to shape a response to the listening sessions for the 2020 Plenary Council. Register your interest: Jacinta (02) 62019861 or catholic.women@cg.org.au

ROSTER SATURDAY 4 AUGUST 5.30PM
ACOLYTE: W UNWIN
READERS: L WILSON J MIFSUD
Ministers of Communion: A Wilson, E Unwin G Wells, L Brewer
ALTAR SVRS: ROSTER PREPARED SOON

ROSTER SUNDAY 5 AUGUST 9AM
ACOLYTE: D CONNOR
READERS: P JACKSON M AMBRUS-BONAZZI
Ministers of Communion: E Berra, S Hunt, G & L Lasker, C Hobbs
ALTAR SVRS: ROSTER PREPARED SOON

MORNING TEA ROSTER 29 JULY
CONNOR/ STRUDWICK
5 AUGUST
COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Weekday & Weekend Masses		
Saturday	5:30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan
Sunday	9:00am & 5.30pm	St Raphael's, Queanbeyan YOUTH / FAMILY MASS
Sunday	8.30am	St Mary's Bungendore
1st Sunday of month	11am	Peter & Paul, Hoskinstown
2nd Saturday of month	5.00pm	St Patrick's Michelago
3rd Sunday of month	9am	St Joseph's Gundaroo
5th Sunday	12 noon	St Brigid's, Krawarree
Saturday	6.00pm	St Bede's Braidwood
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	5.30 pm	St Raphael's
Wednesday	7:00am	St Raphael's
Wednesday	9.00am	St Mary's Bungendore
Thursday	7am	St Raphael's
Friday	12noon	St Raphael's

1 st Wednesdays	10:00am	George Forbes House
2nd Wednesdays	11:00am	Warrigal (Kawaree)
4 th Wednesdays	11:00am	Queanbeyan Nursing Home
Fridays	11:00—11:55am	Exposition & Adoration, St Raphael's
Saturdays	4.30 pm—5 pm or by appointment	Reconciliation, St Raphael's
Sundays during 9am mass		Children's Liturgy Ages 3-9yrs
3rd & 4th Sundays	10:30am	Baptisms St Raphael's Church
(Sat)5:30pm / (Sun) 9am		Baptism Presentations, St Raphael's Church
By Appointment		Marriages
Mondays	10:00am—12noon	Craft Group, Parish Meeting Room
1 st Wednesdays	12:30pm	Cancer Support Group 6297 1912
Wednesdays	1:30—3pm	Prayer Group, Parish Meeting Room.
RCIA		ENQUIRIES BEGIN SEPTEMBER