

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A  
SUNDAY 05 JUL 2020

**First Reading** Zec 9:9-10  
*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:  
‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks to be God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1  
*(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*  
1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.  
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.  
3. 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.  
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.  
*(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

**Second Reading** Rom 8:9.11-13  
*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*  
Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual,

since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.  
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.  
*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks to be God**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
See Mt 11:25  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

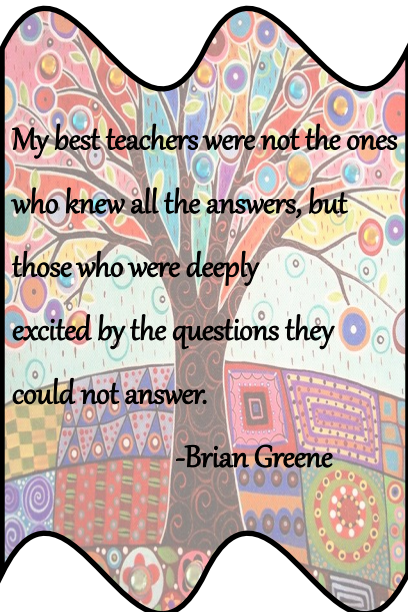
**Gospel** Mt 11:25-30  
*I am gentle and humble of heart.*  
Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.  
Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’  
*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass

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**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate  
In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes “Adam”. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind, or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being. St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptized, and therefore tells us who are baptized:  
“The Spirit of God has made his home in you.” Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.  
We could pause for a moment to pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.  
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



My best teachers were not the ones who knew all the answers, but those who were deeply excited by the questions they could not answer.  
-Brian Greene



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 07 :** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 08:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 09:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 10:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 11:** 9am Rosary  
9.30am Recon  
6pm Mass  
**Sun 12:** 9am Mass

ROSTERS 4/5 July

**Church Cleaning**  
B Favetta/J O'Neill (6-10)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm Sr Marie McAlister  
9am J McClelland  
5pm L Favetta  
**Commentator**  
6pm J Quigley  
9am A Jackson  
5pm C Nicoletti  
**Readers:**  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am T Jackson  
5pm K O'Sullivan  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
6pm: J Wain S Beashel  
9am: K Corbin, C Connell  
5pm: D Gorzalka  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm J O'Sullivan

ROSTERS 11/12 JULY

**Church Cleaning**  
D & L May (13-17)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm B Wilson  
9am C Connell  
5pm D Ebejer  
**Commentator**  
6pm P Billington  
9am A Brown  
5pm M O'Neill  
**Readers**  
6pm H Blake  
9am A Skinner  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
6pm: A Rogers, M Bridges  
9am: V & C Burns  
5pm: L Favetta  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm T Jackson

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - A



Childlike Wonder

Children receive and give love spontaneously. We hear Jesus **exclaim** in today's gospel that God has revealed 'things' to 'mere children'. Wouldn't it be wonderful to become so like children that we could really 'hear' God's message? A message of love, peace and forgiveness.

One thing I think we find difficult is to believe that God loves us no matter what. If we can trust in that belief how simple our lives would be. We find ourselves often trying to measure up so that God will love us. **“Come to me all who labour and are heavily burdened .. I will give you rest”**. We need to stop analysing ourselves and God, and simply rest in that love.

One burden that we sometimes carry is the need to always be right! If we let go of that burden it is amazing how we become comfortable with making mistakes and hence **‘not knowing’**, and being open to new insights and discoveries.

We are given encouragement in the reading from **Zechariah!** It is a joyful one! Jesus has conquered the earth and **Romans** tells us that ‘the Spirit of God’ lives in us! Can we just simply sit with that and rejoice!

In today's readings we are assured that Jesus and the Father are one! A beautiful relationship that is offered to us through the Scriptures. We are offered that relationship with the knowledge that to **‘know’** God entails a communion of love, creating deep intimacy. That is the main **message** that Jesus exclaims about to His Heavenly Father.

So today, let us try and embrace the childlike qualities that open us up to new discoveries and revelations – play, wonder, exploration, experimentation and questioning. God is ever longing and waiting for us to respond to **Grace** and **Truth** in childlike wonder!

God bless.

Sr Marie



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

**JULY**

### Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

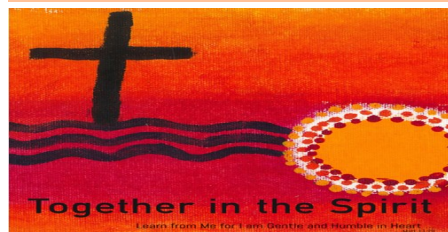


### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



## 2020 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY JULY 5TH



The ATSI Council, prayed upon and discerned for many months as to the theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - Together in the Spirit.

Whether we are able to come together physically in Churches, or via a digital platform, we feel enriched by the fact that, as Australians, we will be 'Together in the Spirit' on 5 July 2020.

The Gospel of the day calls for those of us that are weary, to share our burdens with God.

Communities around Australia, both First Nations and non-Indigenous, have endured bushfires, droughts and now a pandemic, it is only natural that our spirit also becomes weary.

With the new challenges presented in times like these, it is important that we continue to place our trust in God, and try even harder to embody the spiritual gifts of empathy, friendship and love for one another.



Join us at 11.30 EST on 5 July for the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass live from St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide.  
[www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

### Eden's Farewell

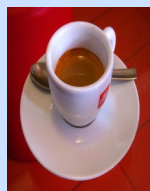
Many thanks for your generous support and contributions towards the farewell of Seminarian Eden. The sum of \$1,500 was raised and given to Eden from the parish. May God reward your generosity abundantly.

### BUSHFIRE SUPPORT COUNSELLING

**Catholic Care** is offering a free counselling service to support all those impacted by bushfires. Sessions are available via telehealth services. Please call 1800 068 698 to make an appointment. **The Baptist Church** is offering a free counselling service for people who are recovering from the trauma of the recent fires and the coronavirus isolation. For appointments please ring Pastor Rob on 0414 577 500

**Sea Sunday** is when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a National Appeal on 11/12 July for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to: [bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](http://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

## Parish Coffee Club



You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove, @ Batehaven

CROATION COMMUNITY MASS  
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SATURDAY JULY 4TH AT 11 AM.  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## 2019 PARISH FINANCE REPORT

INCOME	\$
Direct Giving	85,584
Donations/Bequests	4,035
Functions/Ceremonies	5,160
Sundry Income	5,803
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>100,582</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administration Costs	20,524
Motor Vehicle Expenses	9,600
Education Resources	2,424
Salaries & Wages	20,786
Insurances	16,323
Levies	4,411
Property & General Charges	4,647
Repairs & Maintenance	6,085
Furniture & Equipment	2,814
Presbytery Expenses	3,498
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>91,063</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>9,520</b>

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your financial contributions to the Parish during the last Calendar and Financial Year. Your generous and regular giving to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections through Direct-debit, Envelops and Cash donations has been of immense help towards the sustenance of our Parish and the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn.

The administrative cost, the ongoing maintenance of the church and the welfare of the Archdiocesan Clergy depends on your financial contributions and support.

Thank you for committing part of your resources to this course amidst the current challenges and uncertainties especially the bushfires and the global pandemic.

Again, many thanks for your generosity and I wish you all God's blessings and rewards.

Yours in Him,  
Fr. Martins

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection** Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786 Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** Supports the running costs of the Parish Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name  
Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCanberra>.

### Parish Masses New rules from July 1st 2020

From 1 July, churches in NSW are open for Masses under the four-square-meter rule. Provision of contact details and registration is recommended. Unable to attend Mass? Fr Martins and the Parish Pastoral Care Team members are available for Communion at Home. Please, call the office to arrange a time on 4472 4153

### Remembering the Sick:

Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

### Death Anniversaries:

Michael Guymer, Lynette Nunan, Dawn Latta, Doreen Walker, Kevin Smith, Filomena Favetta, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Joyce Karlish, Hazel Elliot  
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:  
Eli Chatfield, Leonard O'Hara, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Gwen Burrows, Sylvia Mayers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wrap With Love  
Tue 14th July 10 am  
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30am  
Craft Group—Thursday 10am--12pm  
Adoration—Friday 5.30 pm



Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am

E-Activities of the Week Singalong Mon 1 pm

<b>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma District Funerals</b> Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	<b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b> 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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