

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A 2 Aug 2020

First Reading Is 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

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

1. 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.

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.

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

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

Second Reading Rom 8:35.37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord

*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

*The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

© The scriptural quotations are published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and used by permission of the publishers.
The English translation, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

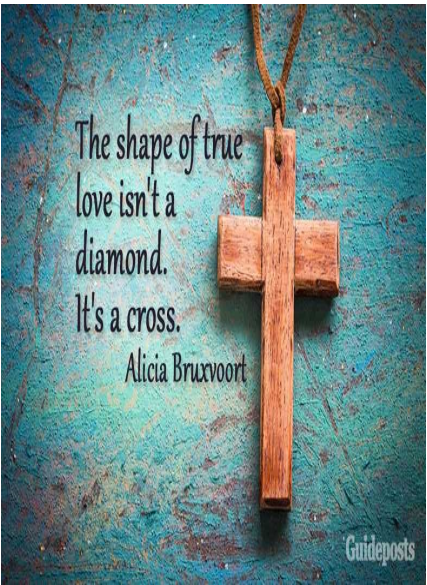
REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those

who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding. Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others. Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

© Dianne Bergant CSA

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



ST BERNARD'S PARISH
BATEMANS BAY
2 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536



P. O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536.
Tel: 4472 4153
E: batemansbay@cg.org.au
Website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay
Office Hours: 10am to 2pm
Tuesday-Friday

Priest: Rev. Martins Aloga
Deacon: Don Nguyen
Sr. Marie McAlister 0429383333
Secretary: Roslynn Trompp
Finance Admin: Anne Jackson
PC Co-ord: Marie Weatherall

Principal: Mrs. Jo Wain
St. Bernard's Primary School
Batehaven
Principal: Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan
Carroll College
Broulee

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 04: 5.30 Mass
Wed 05: 9am Mass
Thurs 06: 9am Mass
Fri 07: 9.15am Mass
Sat 08: 9am Rosary
9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 09: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 1/2 AUGUST

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (3-7)
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am C Connell
5pm M de Smet
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am L Page
5pm M Devine
Readers:
6pm P O'Kelly
9am N Beatty
5pm K O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers, M Bridges
9am K Corbin, M Trojkovic
5pm J O'Sullivan
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
Registrars
6pm J Wain, J Barbaro
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm Volunteer please

ROSTERS 8/9 AUGUST

Church Cleaning
J O'Neill/B Favetta (10-17))
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am J McClelland
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm H Blake
9am A Jackson
5pm K O'Sullivan
Readers:
6pm P Billington
9am A Skinner
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers, Sr Marie
9am C Schor, A Seicluna
5pm M O'Neill
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan
Registrars
6pm Weatherall
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm Volunteer please

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

At our recent Chapter (we Srs of St Joseph) chose the quote taken from this Sunday's Gospel, 'Bring Me What You Have' to live into.

In many ways these words speak to all of us... Jesus had sought a lonely place to retire, to mourn his cousin, John the Baptist's death. But the crowds found him and he ministered to them. I am sure that

many of us have sought a place of peace and quiet to reflect on all that has happened to us this year. We may have found it difficult to do so and are perhaps exhausted from facing each new event. Do we realise that all Jesus is asking of us is to 'bring what we have' not anything extra... Jesus just wants us as we are. Do we realise this?

I feel that **St Paul's reading to the Romans** this week is the most comforting and powerful reasons why we as Christians, are privileged to know this – and are able to call on it whenever we are in need. **'Nothing** can come between us and the love of Christ...' It is Paul at his most **passionate!**

This love is our **choice**. We have to choose to be loving. We have to deliberately, consciously, intentionally choose to stay connected, through the practice of our Faith, to the **Source of Love** which is the **heart of God**. Cf *Richard Roh*

In the First Reading God through Isaiah **invites** us, actually **pleads** with us to come to the sacred meal, which he offers for free, no stipulations. The Psalm praises God generously and with the Second Reading, turns our eyes to the feeding of the five thousand in the Gospel.

This miracle was a preparation for the greatest miracle which Jesus performed at the Last Supper... this miracle that represented Jesus's sacrifice on Calvary; one that **is food for the soul** and feeds all people till the end of time.

We need to really reflect on our Readings today as they are filled with such nourishing food which is life giving and refreshing for our souls.

God bless



Sr Marie

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



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!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wrap With Love
Tue 11th Aug 10am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am--12pm - **Cancelled**

Adoration—Friday 5.30 pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am
E-Activity Singalong Mon 1pm

August 8th is the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and was to be our Annual Archbishop's Pilgrimage to Eden. Of course, with social distancing and the current threat that many communities are facing, the way we are travelling has changed. This year we will still celebrate this feast together, albeit virtually.

Archbishop Christopher will celebrate Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral at 12.15pm on Saturday 8th August. This Mass will be live streamed via the Catholic Voice site.

We will miss not seeing you all this year but live in hope that next year will be more of our old 'normal'.
God Bless

Fr Pale Leota & the Parish of Pambula

THE GIFT OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



The Feast of St Mary MacKillop on August 8 in 2020 marks 10 Years since she was canonised as Australia's first Saint. St Mary MacKillop has inspired generations of Australians even before she was canonised.

Why does Mary inspire us?

Her message is clear and simple – she was fearless in responding to God's call - she was, as we would say 'fair dinkum'!

Mary MacKillop is a saint of and for the people! Her life of witness and action is her inspiration.

One of Mary's best known sayings – *'never see a need without doing something about it'* continues to inspire children and adults especially in such challenging times.

We Give Thanks

In our Parish the Sisters of St Joseph have a special place in our hearts. We give thanks for countless women, inspired by their foundress, Mary MacKillop, who have dedicated themselves to establishing our school and ministering in our Parish community living the Josephite calling with such 'down to earthness' and commitment.

We Pray

St Mary of the Cross, you understood well the human journey we are travelling. Help us to imitate your trust in God, your courage and forgiveness in trials and misunderstandings, your respect for the dignity of all people, your hospitality and your love for all, especially the poor and neglected. Pray for us on our journey.

'Remember we are but travellers here'
Mary MacKillop 1867

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-mass-8-august-2020/>

DAILY INVITATION TO TAKE STOCK OF OUR LIVES

THE EXAMEN - St Ignatius of Loyola

Gratitude: *I give thanks to God for...*

Insight: *I ask the Holy Spirit for insight into myself...*

Reflecting: *Where have I found God today...?*

Noticing: *Where do I need God's healing and forgiveness...?*

Growing into God: *How do I need to respond to God?*

What is my action?

Gratitude: *I give thanks to God*

PARISH MASSES



Mass continues with contact tracing and social distancing
There is now a limit of 100 people allowed at Mass at any one time.

The Parish now has a Covid -19 Safety Plan which has been prepared and submitted to the NSW Government in compliance with Public Health Orders. The plan manages risk for all who attend the church and complies with Work Health and Safety laws. A copy is on the church doors.

Please take the time to read it through. Everyone's safety is our priority.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY AUGUST 4TH 2020 THEME: We are the Elders of tomorrow, hear our voice



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is the largest national day to celebrate our children. Children's Day is celebrated across Australia and is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every child.

<https://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au/>

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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

2nd 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>.

Remembering the Sick:

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

Death Anniversaries:

George Shacklock, Heather Roberts, Kevin O'Dwyer, Pamela Carriage, Robyn Moore, Guiseppe Ferrante, Gloria Harrison, Ray Duke, Des Beckhaus, Anthony Clift, Marie Stewart
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:
Eli Chatfield, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Sencio, Janette Gosman

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

VENUE: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma

District Funerals

Mark Hewson JP
Funeral Director
Phone 02 4472 8886

Moruya 02 4474 3555
Narooma 02 4476 3888

INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS

1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay

Buy fuel any time



OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY

Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee

100% BEEF BURGER
248 Beach Road
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

0478 146 837
02 4472 1802

ST BERNARDS
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENROLLING
NOW

Ph 4472 4446
Member of the Eurobodalla K-12
Catholic Schools' Community

CARROLL COLLEGE

ENROLLING
NOW

Ph 4471 5600
Member of the Eurobodalla K-12
Catholic Schools' Community

excell
Ideaspeople
— with a passion for print

P 4472 1599
E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au
www.excellprint.com.au
Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Ray and Anne Brown

COASTAL
CONCRETE & QUARRY
02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara
your vets
at Surf Beach

EUROCOAST
Veterinary Centre
4471 3400