

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A 9 Aug 2020
First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13
A reading from the Book of Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation
1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.
R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental an-

guish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen
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Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38
Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’
*The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

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The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to “the other side”, the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home. Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory. Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore. We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: “Do not be afraid.”

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The only way you're going to reach places you've never gone is if you trust God's direction to do things you've never done.”

— Germany Kent



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 11: 5.30 Mass
Wed 12: 9am Mass
Thurs 13: 9am Mass
Fri 14: 9.15am Mass
Sat 15: 9am Rosary
9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 16: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

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 Scicluna
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

ROSTERS 15/16 AUG

Church Cleaning
D & L May (17-21)
Welcomers
6pm K Conway
9am L Page
5pm L Favetta
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am A Skinner
5pm J O'Sullivan
Readers
6pm J Mackay
9am B Basevi
5pm M Devine
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm P Billington, A Rogers
9am C Connell, A Horsfall
5pm P Hamer
Computer Screen
6pm T Jackson
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
REGISTRARS
6pm P Billington
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm D & N Gorzalka

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

Peter's Leap of Faith

After Jesus, Peter was the only individual known to have attempted walking on the water at the Sea of Galilee. This followed the account of Jesus' walking on the Sea of Galilee, an event considered to be one of significance, recounting a moment of Jesus' self-revelation to his disciples and forms a narrative bridge between the Jewish and Gentile portions of his public ministry.



In Matthew's Gospel, the story followed the rejection of Jesus in his hometown of Nazareth (13:54-58), the death of John the Baptist (14:1-12), and the feeding of the five thousand (14:13-21) with similar rendering in Mark, and John. The event precedes the account of his healing of the sick at Gennesaret (14:34-36) and his confrontation with the Jewish authorities over the nature of tradition (15:1-9). The storyline presents a collection of miracles (feeding, walking, healing), forming a complex narrative which, when taken together, speak about both those like Peter, who recognised Jesus as the Christ and those who were prevented by doubts and vested interests from recognising the presence of the God-Son.

The account of Peter's walking on the water is found only in Matthew. In telling this event Matthew intends to say something of Peter and his faith. While it is easy to remember Peter for his fears, the sinking episode, and his “little” faith, his leap of faith is outstanding. Peter made history with his feeble faith. He attempted the unthinkable, with his petrified colleagues watching from the safe vessel.

Peter represents all who dare to believe that Jesus is the Saviour promised by the ancient prophets, who take their first steps in confidence that Jesus is able to sustain them, and then forget to keep their gaze fixed on him when faced with stormy temptations and uncertainties. However, from the depth of crisis, they can call on Jesus, and truly experience the total sufficiency of his grace in their needs. It is this type of “little Faith” of Peter which Jesus later identifies as the rock on which he will build his Church.

To make history like Peter, we are invited to face our fears by making the leap of faith. With a little faith, we can surmount so much. We sometimes give up even before we begin, doubting our capacities and capabilities. We give up trying for fear of failing. Sometimes, all that is required is that leap of faith like Peter. The only Faith that Jesus expects of his followers is the Faith which concentrates solely on Him. In other words, when we simply heed and trust him, we can survive great trials, aware of his abiding presence in our lives especially at this time of seeming doom and gloom due to the ongoing global Pandemic.

Fr Martins

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 Wed 26th 11am	Adoration —Friday 5.30 pm
Bible Study/Faith Formation —Wed 9.30am	Reconciliation —Saturday 9.30am
Craft Group —Thursday 10am--12pm - Cancelled	E-Activity Singalong Mon 1pm



St Bernard's Craft Group has been meeting on the church premises for nearly 20 years. Over this time the group has sewn and knitted many items that have been donated. We have also held Sunday market stalls to sell craft items made by the group, with money raised being donated to various charities within the area. Last year \$500 was donated to The Levi Project and knitted beanies were given to the oncology units at Moruya and Canberra Hospitals.

Recently our group knitted these colourful beanies. They are to be given to premature babies in the Maternity units at Moruya, Westmead, Cooma and the oncology unit at Canberra Hospital. We are currently not meeting due to Covid-19 but are busy making face masks so that everyone in our region can stay safe and limit the spread of the virus. Stay safe everyone.



Beanies knitted by Dawn Hennessy and Josie Catania.



Left to right: Catherine Smart, Noelene Hicks, Josie Catania, Carol Toms and Dawn Hennessy



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) the Church proclaims that when Mary's earthly life was over, she was raised into heaven, body and soul.

As with all that we believe about Mary, the teaching of the Assumption really comes down to what we believe about Jesus.

Jesus' incarnation and resurrection both show us that God seeks us out, makes us holy, and will raise us from the dead as whole human persons - body and soul together. Just as we were created with a soul united to a body, so we will be saved in both soul and body.

The Church established this feast in 1950, at a time when the world needed an affirmation of the dignity of the human person, body and soul. It came at the conclusion of two world wars, after the slaughter of so many in the middle of the most violent and bloody century in human history.

It is easy to compartmentalise the spiritual life from the daily life. Mary's Assumption into heaven is a reminder that our faith cannot be abstracted from our experience as embodied persons in the world.

If, like Mary, we can reflect God's holiness in our daily lives, we will also conquer death and be raised, body and soul, to the glory of heaven.

Let us strive to emulate Mary's faithfulness in body, spirit, soul and mind. You are invited to reflect on the lyrics of *Hail Mary Gentle Woman* by Carey Landry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RERoQ1biLdE&t=4s>

(Inspired by an article from the University of Notre Dame Indiana)

There will be a 9am Parish Mass on Saturday 15th August to mark the solemnity followed by the installation of a new statue of Mary in the Tabernacle Chapel.



PARISH MASSES

Mass continues with contact tracing and social distancing protocols with a limit of 100 people per Mass at any time.

The church is now a Covid-19 safe venue registered with NSW Health. Please do take the time to read the safety plan and follow all precautions. Thank you all for your understanding and co-operation.

MARY MACKILLOP'S FEAST DAY 8TH AUGUST

As we celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day we are called once again to reflect on her story and vision for living the Gospel. At the heart of this story is Mary's deep belief that she was held constantly in the embrace of God's love and it was from this place that she drew the strength to become a source of God's love in our world.

In her writings Mary often speaks of the need for courage. She drew upon this gift so many times throughout her life as she faced illness, persecution, condemnation, grief, loss and hardship.

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day ushers us into the **National Vocations Awareness Week**. Within this week the church provides us the opportunity to reflect upon the diverse vocations within the church community. It gives a special emphasis to the consecrated life and the ministerial priesthood.

We know her saying...

"Never See a Need without Doing Something About It."

We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

Mary and her dog Bobs



Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' letter "**On Care for Our Common Home**". You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428-625-110.

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 Odlum, 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, Anacortia Villanueva Sencio, Janette Gosman, Evert Ordelman

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove



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