

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A**

First Reading
2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the prophet Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading
Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus..

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!!

Gospel
Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

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REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Tate

Christianity not a Cult

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

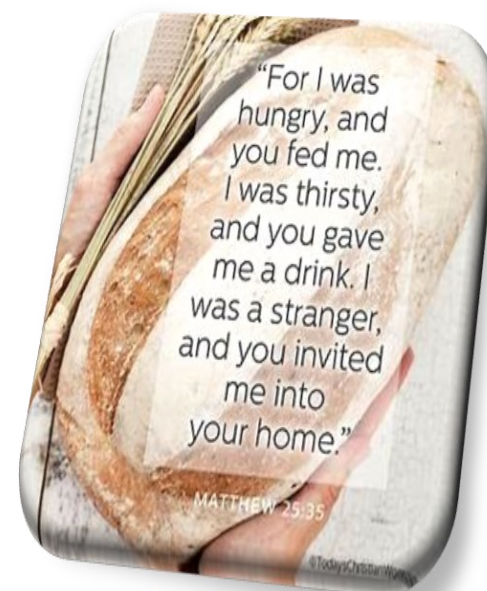
St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the adherents of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 30 : 5.30 Mass
Wed 01: 9am Mass
Thurs 02: 9am Mass
Fri 03: 9.15am Mass
Sat 04: 9am Mass /
Rosary
9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 05: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

ROSTERS THIS WEEKEND
27/28 JUNE

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (29/6-3/7)
Welcomers 6pm B Wilson
9am L Page 5pm M deSmet
Commentator 6pm H Blake
9am A Skinner 5pm S Ebejer
Readers 6pm C Jackson
9am A Brown
5pm Sr Marie McAlister
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK-
END
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



Life is about giving and receiving in the rhythm of breath. We breath in and out to stay alive. So too, with giving and receiving. We desire to give and hope that our gifts will be received. This is evident in the lived experiences of the bushfires, the ongoing global pandemic and in our liturgy of the word this weekend.

In our first reading, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless woman and her husband who lived in Shunem. The woman recognised the prophet Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her family and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." The promise was fulfilled by God and she received the prophet's reward (2king 4.8).

St. Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. By baptism, we are united to Christ, His death and burial, and we look forward to rising with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entree into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward.

Welcome was used by Jesus six times in the gospel this weekend in his great "mission discourse" in which he instructed the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of discipleship (Matt 10.37-42. The first half of the text, details the expected mission attitude of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behaviour expected of others towards them. This was after the invitation to them to rely on providence, re-assuring them that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receives the One who sent him; those who help the "little ones," the poor, the sick, and the needy will be rewarded (Matt. 25.35).

Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him or receive any immediate reward in return for our generosity.

We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves, time, and treasure to others. When we donate to charitable causes, care for the sick and those in need, accompany the less fortunate, listen to the lonely, we are truly giving of ourselves to others.

As individuals and as a community, we are called to look for opportunities to be hospitable and, of course, there are many ways we can express hospitality. Maybe through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile especially at this time of 'social distancing and isolation. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. And with all the challenges that life threw at humanity this year, without giving and receiving, life and living each day becomes unbearable.

Our generosity reflects and radiate the warmth of the very love of God who epitomises hospitality. The birth of Jesus reflects God's hospitality to humanity. The gift of the Eucharist expresses Jesus' hospitality to his disciples. Following Jesus demands attentive love of God, self and others in the spirit of hospitality, generosity and charity. We ask for the indwelling Spirit of hospitality as we continue to respond to the gospel.

Fr Martins



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!



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

WORLD SOCIAL MEDIA DAY JUNE 30TH Social media platforms are venues not just for socialising, but for raising awareness of local issues, becoming politically engaged and harnessing the power of crowdsourcing. This engagement can be limited where it does not cross over to the physical community.

Pope Francis invites us to "find ways to pass from virtual contact to good and healthy communication."

And every member of the Church has a distinct role to play. Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood.

To read more click below: https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2019-20.pdf

FAREWELL TO SEMINARIAN EDEN

MORNING TEA SUNDAY 28TH AFTER 9 AM MASS

Please join us after Mass as we celebrate together in appreciation of Eden's last day with us.

We remember his generous and cheerful contributions during the time he has been with us and best wishes to him as he returns back to the Seminary.

Good Luck!

AND

Best Wishes

There will be a leaving collection for Eden after Masses this weekend

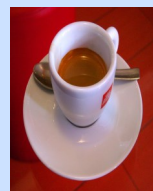
BUSHFIRE SUPPORT COUNSELLING

Catholic Care is offering a free counselling service to support all those impacted by bushfires. Sessions are available via tele-health 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

For the Weekend of 4/5 July 2020: Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal 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

Parish Coffee Club



You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

VENUE: Corrigans Cove, Batehaven

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

Dear Parishioners of St Bernard's Batehaven,

I would like to sincerely thank you all for welcoming me into your parish and making me feel very much part of your community over the past 7 months of my pastoral placement.

It has been a great privilege to get to know so many parishioners and to be welcomed into your lives during this most challenging year.

I have been so encouraged by the faith and resilience of the people of this community and you have all been such an instrumental part of my formation; for this I am most grateful.

Please continue to pray for me as I return to the seminary to complete my studies, be assured of my prayers too, and I look forward to visiting the Bay in my holidays to catch up again!

God bless, Eden Langlands

Thank You!

Parish Masses

The church is open for prayers every day and Masses in the Parish are ongoing. There is no need to book a spot at Mass. For those who cannot attend Mass Fr Martins and the Parish Pastoral Care Team will be available for Communion at Home. Call the office to arrange a time on 4472 4153



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your generous giving by direct debit and cash contributions through the Parish office. This is helping to sustain the Parish. If you would like to join the e-platform, the bank details are as follows:

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

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Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

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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

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