

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of

my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

R.Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 20th - St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr.

Wednesday 21st - St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor.

Thursday 22nd - St Mary Magdalene, Feast.

Friday 23rd - St Bridget, religious

Saturday 24th - St Sharbel Makhluaf, priest



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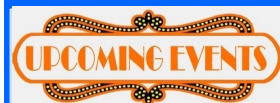
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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist



Singalong- postponed due to Covid restrictions

Cenacle Prayer - Tues at 4.45pm Church

Enjoy The Good

News - Wed after Mass

Opal Mass - Every 1st Wed 10.30am

Glen Mass - Every 2nd Wed 10.30am .

Goodwin Manor Mass Every 3rd Wed 2pm

Maranatha Mass - Every 4th Wed 2pm

Craft Group-Thurs 10am -12pm

Adoration- Fri (16/7) (23/7) 5.30pm

Liturgy Team Meeting - Thu 22nd, 4pm

Charismatic Prayer Group - First Friday every month after morning mass.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop -

Postponed due to Covid19 regulations date to be advised.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

Caring for each other as the Good Shepherd cares for us

Today as we pray **Psalm 22** I am reminded of the many times as a Pastoral Carer I have prayed this Psalm with people, while holding their hand, in hospital, palliative care and aged care. Often these individuals would say the Psalm with me or mouth the words or listen as I prayed it. In praying this Psalm I always felt the presence of Good Shepherd with us in the room, inviting us to a deep sense of trust, reassurance and healing with **beautiful images of:** ‘fresh and green pastures’; ‘restful waters reviving my/our drooping spirits’ while giving ‘comfort’ and acknowledging ‘surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life’. Many times I witnessed a sense of deep calm and peace overcome the person and/or that of the family. Hopefully in praying this Psalm today and in the week to follow you too will feel the presence of God caring for you and your family and reassuring you in uncertain times.

In the Gospel [Mark6:30-34] the **disciples are back from their initial missionary adventure and Jesus invites them to have a break** –“you must come away to a lonely place by yourselves and rest for awhile’. But this is short lived, by the time they arrive the crowd are waiting for them in the lonely place ... so much for a break!

Jesus sees the situation differently he is moved with ‘pity’/ compassion for these people ‘without a Shepherd’. By not sending the crowds away from their much needed place of rest and recovery, Jesus is revealing to his own, the very thing they are looking for from him: **an apprenticeship in the tenderness of God for his people...then can be no breaks or holidays from love.** In this lies Jesus’ message to us in our caring ministry and/or shepherding of others.

In the Eucharist we taste the presence of Jesus in a moment of rest and thanksgiving so we can go out once again with renewed energy to reach out to those who need it most.

Marie Weatherall

The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol is available on our website to read. Please bring your mask when you come to Mass and observe the practice of hand sanitising and social distancing. Holy Communion only under the species of bread and is to be received only in the hand.

Thank you for your co-operation. We hope to create a safe environment for everybody.



Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JULY

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 20h: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 21st: 9am Mass
Thurs 22nd: 9.00 am Mass
Fri 23rd: 9.15 am Mass
Sat 24th: 9am Mass /Rosary
9.30am Reconciliation
6pm Mass
Sunday 25th: 9am Mass 5pm
Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

17/18 JULY 2021
Church Cleaning
D & L May (19-23)
Welcomers
6pm C Brownlie
9am T van den Broek
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm P O'Kelly
9am B Maynard
5pm L Miller
Readers:
6pm M Bridges
9am L Page
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm H Blake
9am N Page
5pm A Horsfall
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm J O'Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm M Vidovic & Zdenka
9am M & S Beashel
5pm M Devine

MORNING TEA

Is not on due to COVID19 regulations.

24/25 JULY 2021
Church Cleaning
M deSmet/J Maher/N Spaven (26-30)
Welcomers
6pm D Robinson
9am J McClelland
5pm M de Smet
Commentator
6pm B Maynard
9am B Basevi
5pm N Gorzalka
Readers:
6pm P Nolan
9am A Brown
5pm L Miller
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Y Oerder
9am G Norris
5pm J O'Sullivan.
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill.
REGISTRARS
6pm P Jobes
9am G Norris/B Basevi
5pm D Gorzalka

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LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



Pray Always

The following reflection is from Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI who is facing a serious cancer operation this week – it is timely for us all and a response to this week's Gospel.

One classical definition of prayer defines it this way:
“**Prayer is lifting mind and heart to God.**”

That means lifting up, at any given moment, exactly what's there and not what, ideally, might be there. It would be nice if we always felt warm, reverent, altruistic, full of faith, chaste, hopeful, connected with others and nature, happy about who we are and what life has dealt us. But that isn't the case.

We all have moments and even seasons of doubt, anger, alienation, pettiness, boredom, obsession, and tiredness. Our thoughts are not always holy and our hearts are not always warm or pure. It's at times like this we need prayer and what we need to take to prayer is, precisely, those bitter thoughts and unholy feelings.

All thoughts and feelings are valid material for prayer. Simply put: When you go to pray, lift up what's inside of you at that moment. If you are bored, lift up that boredom; if you are angry, lift up your anger; if you are tired, lift up that tiredness; if you feel selfish, don't be afraid to let God see that.

To “pray always” invites us rather to live our lives against a certain horizon. It doesn't necessarily mean to stop work and go to formal prayer, important though that is at times. The point is rather that we need to do everything within the context of a certain awareness.

Our relationship with God is the same. We need to “pray always” by doing everything out of that kind of awareness. Moreover, when we do spend time in formal prayer, we need, like children do, to tell God exactly how we feel and invite God to deal with that.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel points out how, in prayer, the great figures of scripture did not always easily acquiesce to God and say: “Thy will be done!” They sometimes fought bitterly and said: “Thy will be changed!”

That can be good prayer. It lifts mind and heart to God.

www.ronrolheiser.com (14 July 2021)

INAUGURAL WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

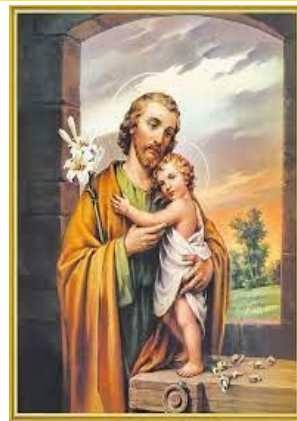
This day has been chosen to link with the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Our Lady's parents, on July 26.



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Prayer to St Joseph

*Loving Joseph:
Teach us to love
courageously with
the heart that is
free and just.*



With the update of the lockdown in Sydney, Fr John Iacono won't be able to come to support the Masses and other sacraments for our Parish during the next two weeks. Therefore, Fr John Walter who has been very helpful in supporting the Parish will continue to look after the Masses and others sacraments. Please keep our priests in your prayers. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on **4472 4153**.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL JULY MEETING DOT POINTS

- The Parish Pastoral Council want to thank the parish community for reverting quickly to the Covid protocols. Everyone has been diligent in using the QR codes or signing in. The mask-wearing is an additional requirement and is well-supported. **We want to remind everyone that sitting in alternate pews, maintaining social distance and receiving communion only in the hand are all measures designed to keep everyone safe.** We all look forward with hope to the day that the pandemic is over.
- In January this year, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly, who are so important to our communities and our Church. This new **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated every year on the 4th Sunday in July. That is next Sunday, **25 July**, so we look forward to welcoming grandparents of all ages and those elderly at heart to all masses next week.
- The **Alpha course** is an exciting ecumenical initiative which focuses on understanding and developing our Christian faith which will be delivered here at St Bernards. The course will commence on Tuesday 17 August and will run on Tuesday mornings every fortnight until the end of October. Come to one, two three sessions or all! Covid permitting, there will be a morning tea followed by a short presentation and discussion at each session. Each talk explores a different question around faith and is designed to create a conversation. The sessions are free and everyone is welcome. Encourage others to join you.

Please, engage with any PPC member on parish matters important to you.

ORDER OF MALTA: Frank Testa has sent a message advising that the Order of Malta cannot come due to COVID restrictions, They assure us that we continue to be in their prayers and they have asked for our prayers as well for those dealing with “life in lockdown”, and that this terrible pandemic is controlled soon. He is still in contact through phone and email with some of the families that they have been supporting in the parish, and will continue to do this until they can return in person.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, at the start of the new financial year, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Remembering the Sick:

Eileen Hogg, Lois White, Teresa Humphrey, Catherine Mylott, Rita Condon, Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, 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 Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Michael Guymer, Lynette Nunan, Dawn Latta, Doreen Walker, Mary Sellick, Kevin Smith, Filomena Favetta, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Joyce Karlish, Hazel Elliot, Evert Ordelman

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Fr Brian Maher, Tony Walsh, Frank Rosin, Guiseppe Nibali, Maree Killmier, Harold Fox, Patricia O'Mahony, Jade Hammond, David Bushnell, Chris Walsh, Pauline Effenev, Francis Mines, Anna Ordelman, Susan McNamara, Liberata & Francisco Desabella, Elaine Jane Ceruzi, all souls in Purgatory



COFFEE CLUB

Thursdays after
Mass.
All are welcome.

VENUE: Corrigans Cove

COFFEE N CHAT

Pastoral Care Team Meeting:

Focus:

‘Refreshing our Journey
with Mary Mackillop’
**Tuesday August 3,
in the Church Meeting
Room 10-15am – 12-
30pm followed by Pot
Luck lunch.**

Participants are asked to
bring a plate to share for
lunch; morning tea will be
provided.

Facilitators: Sr Marie &
Marie Weatherall.

All Welcome.



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