

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44
A reading from the second book
of the Kings

They will eat and have some left over.
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.”’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
1. 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.
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, who call on him from their hearts.
(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.
The Word of the lord

R. Thanks be to God
Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.
Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.
Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA
Today we are reminded of God’s providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.
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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 26th:
Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial.



Thursday 29th - St Martha, Memorial.

Friday 30th - St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor.



Saturday 31st - St Ignatius of Loyola, priest, Memorial.



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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 - postponed due to Covid restrictions
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 (30/7) 5:30pm

Wrap with Love: 11am

Enrolment First Eucharist: 5pm (28/7)

Charismatic Prayer Group - Friday (6/8) after morning mass.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop - Postponed due to Covid19 regulations date to be advised.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -YEAR B

Hunger has always been a terrible fear for humans. Those who have these experiences understand the fierceness and obsession of hunger and thirst. Jesus himself also experiences the same hunger and thirst during the forty days of fasting and praying in the desert before he began his mission. So, we can understand that when he saw the multitude of people gathered around him being tormented by hunger and thirst, he was moved. Moreover, Jesus was aware of His Divine power, he knew what he was about to do. However, he did not perform the miracle by himself but cooperating with others including His disciples, the boy who had five loaves and two fish, and the people to sitting in groups. In other words, Jesus taught his disciples to have a caring the heart like Him to sympathise with the hungry, encourage the child to generously give his food, and taught the crowd to practice solidarity.



This passage reminds me of the conversation that we had when we were studying about Jesus’ miracles in John’s gospel. The question that we focused on was: “how does this passage apply to our lives today?” when the discussion was getting a bit intense, out of the blue, one of my colleagues raised his hand and answered: “If this miracle happened in our time, Jesus would firstly send the disciples to form the different groups of people who have special conditions such as gluten-free group, lactose-free group, vegetarian group or even vegan group who cannot have fish or dairy products. Jesus then needs to ask the food professional to quantify the number of calories in each bread and each fish and choose the healthiest way to produce it.” We had a good laugh because we thought that he was joking.

However, later on, he invited us to look at the reality of the world today where there are many people who come from different backgrounds, different cultures; they have different struggles and require different needs. So, as the co-operators with Jesus on this event, how can we see these differences as opportunities for us to serve everyone as inclusively as possible? It seems like a big question for each one of us, but we can find the answer from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians which we hear this weekend. Paul advised us to “bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together.” Therefore, our job is not performing the miracle, but our job is to completely submit ourselves to God like the boy submitted all he had for the glory of God to be performed on others.

It is undeniable that pastoral ministry is getting more complex and demanding in this recent time. However, once we keep our heart and mind faithfully in collaborating with Jesus, our fruits in our ministry will be multiplied by the divine power of God.

During this week of praying for Grandparents and the elderly, it is an opportunity for us to show our gratitude and respect for their example of sharing their well-being and knowledge of life with us. In conclusion, I borrowed the last words from the message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the grandparents and the elderly: “I ask the Lord that, also through his example, that all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.”

Blessings,
Mark Ha

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

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 Jobs

9am G Norris/B Basevi

5pm. D Gorzalka

MORNING TEA

Is not on due to COVID19 regulations

31 JULY/1 AUG 2021

Church Cleaning

B Coffey/M Paine (2-6 Aug)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Connell

5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm D Robinson

9am A Skinner

5pm S Ebejer

Readers:

6pm Henrietta Blake

9am B Maynard

5pm L Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Weatherall

9am C Schor

5pm M Devine.

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm M Vidovic & Zdenka

9am P Jobs

5pm. M de Smet

MORNING TEA

No morning tea

COVID19

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



*Gratitude ~ Love ~ Respect
"I am with you always"*

Celebrating our Grandparents & the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly which we celebrate this Sunday. His opening words are especially touching:

Dear Grandfathers & Grandmothers & Elderly Friends

"I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time : the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods...

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing...this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing...if only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth" (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters...

"I am with you always" - may the Lord grant you, his blessing.

Franciscus

[Pope to the elderly: God sends his angels to console your loneliness - Vatican News](#)

We give thanks for our Grandparents and the elderly in our community today especially and may we continue to show our love and respect through our daily actions of care and friendship.

"I thank my God each time I think of you" (Philippians 1: 3-11)



The Updated Archdiocese Covid Protocol

It is available on our website. 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.

Thank you Father John

We would like to thank Father John for walking with us, ministering to us, supporting us and giving us your gentle guidance over the last few weeks. We are truly blessed as a Parish to have you here during Father Martins absence. Your generosity in sharing your time and energy is so very much appreciated.

Congratulations on the 59th anniversary of your ordination!



Gathering: 'Nourishing my/our Spirit' facilitated by Loretta Parsley, Aboriginal Elder.

Loretta will share her life, culture, connection to the Land, art, spirituality and how we can nourish our spirit.

Date: Tues Aug 17 at St Bernard's Church, 9am Registration for 9:15am start –12:30pm. Please bring a plate for Morning Tea.

Covid Protocol will be followed. Wear a mask.

Booking is essential: Marie W 0405 028 057 or Sr Marie 0429 383 333 by August 9.

CHILDREN OF THE BLACK SKIRT

In aid of Maranatha Lodge.

Saturday 18th September @ 2 pm

Ticket purchased by:

Email: purplehpowell@gmail.com

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YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Protector Joseph:

*Teach us to protect one another
and all that belongs to God.*



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:

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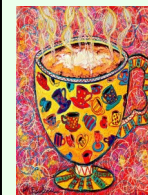
Remembering the Sick:

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

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Maree Gregory, 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 & Francis-co 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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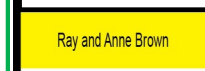
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