

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C

First Reading Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory; this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
A Cardinal Role for Women?

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him. Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her!* Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about? Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church? The word 'cardinal' means hinge - 'hinge of the door' - an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope. That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church. We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 20th - St Apollinaris
Thursday 21st - St Lawrence of Brindisi
Friday 22nd - St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23rd - St Bridget

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For the celebration
of the Word and the
Eucharist

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after
Mass, and 1st Sat-
urday of the month
@ 9.30am

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 12th July, @
10am Meeting Room

Craft Group - 10am
Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good
News" Wednesday
after 9 am Mass

Adoration Tuesday
@ 4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after
Mass
Venue: Corrigan's
Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 18th July - Sunday 24th July

Tuesday: Adoration 4.30pm Mass 5.30pm
Wednesday: Mass 9.00am
Thursday: Mass 9.00am
Friday: Mass 9.00am
Saturday: Reconciliation 9.30am
Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Should a funeral mass arise, it will take the place of the
weekday mass

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE
ELDERLY 2022**

"In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit"

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

The theme is also an invitation to reconsider and value grandparents and the elderly who are too often kept on the margins of families, civil and ecclesial communities. Their experience of life and faith can contribute, in fact, to building societies that are aware of their roots and capable of dreaming of a future based on greater solidarity.

The invitation to listen to the wisdom of the years is also particularly significant in the context of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken.

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life invites parishes, dioceses, associations and ecclesial communities throughout the world to find ways to celebrate the Day in their own pastoral context, and for this purpose it will later make available some appropriate pastoral tools.

**Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions
JULY**

Elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Welcome back to our students and teachers for another term of learning. We wish you a fruitful term, full of sharing, community, and learning.



PRIEST VISITATION

If you would like me to come and visit you, please notify the office during working hours and leave your name and phone number. I will be happy to drop by and say hello.

Celebrating St. Mary MacKillop's Feast Day with Cuppa, Reflection and Prayer

on **Monday August 8**, 9-30am - 11am in Church Meeting Room.

BYO shared morning Tea

All Parishioners are welcome to join us.

menALIVE WEEKEND FOR MEN

What are you doing on the 13th/14th August? Men could benefit from a weekend for their faith. Featuring talks, personal testimonies, discussion and space to reflect. Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, 25,000 Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at over 450 events across Australia. A menALIVE weekend is being organised for Batemans Bay and Moruya, conducted by experienced leaders from menALIVE. If you have any enquiries, please phone Tim Cahill on 0428 288 927 or contact Bernie Basevi, Joe O'Sullivan or Roslyne in the Parish Office on 4472 4153

LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY

'Action and Contemplation are very close companions; they live together in one house on equal terms. Martha & Mary are sisters.'

(St Bernard of Clairveaux)

This quote from St Bernard of Clairveaux, the saint after whom our Parish Church is named, relates directly to the Gospel this weekend and its message.

The Gospel recounts the visit of Jesus to the home of Mary and Martha and the contrast between Martha attending to all the practical household matters and Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him. A frustrated Martha asks Jesus to urge Mary to help her. His reply - *'Martha you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her'*.

**Is it really that simple? What is Jesus really talking about?
Could it be about the balance of action and contemplation?
Is there a right and wrong way to be?
Is one disposition preferable to the other?
Is life about Both - And rather than Either - Or?**

I found the following reflection by Rolheiser helpful

I know only of two kinds of persons: those with too much to do and those who do not have enough to do. I know no one whom I can look at with genuine envy and say: "He or she has it just right!" Everyone I know, myself included, is either over-pressured or is frustrated because they would like to be doing more. Balance ... to have just the right amount of work coupled with the right amount of prayer, to have a healthy combination of pressure and leisure, is a thing rarely seen.

Nonetheless, for what they are worth, **here are some principles for balancing our lives:**

- Make enough time for reflection, prayer and quiet but have enough family and disruption in life to make for healthy responsibilities and relationships with others
- Have enough solitude in life to make for enjoyment but enough dutiful work to identify you with the poor.
- Have enough of God's agenda to let you know that this world is not ultimate, but enough of the world's agenda to let you know that your task here is to help God shape the earth.
- Be enough at home to realize that your family is primary but be enough in the world to let you know that the world is your ultimate family.
- Have enough involvement in prayer and church groups to be considered holy, but enough concern about politics and justice to be considered radical.

Be enough Mary to sit, passively, at the feet of Jesus, but enough Martha to not escape from the everyday, mundane duties of life.

(www.ronrolheiser.com)

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

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**16/17 JULY
Church Cleaning
D & L May
(18-22)**

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
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Commentator
M Weatherall
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Minister
C Brownlie
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Skinner
Reader: L Page.
Eucharistic Ministers
L Rodwell,
A Scicluna
Computer Screen
T Jackson

MORNING

**TEA:
M & S Beashel**

**23/24 JULY
Church Cleaning
M deSmet,
J Maher (25-29)**

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
M Devine
Commentator
D Robinson
Reader
M Weatherall
Eucharistic Minister
J Wain
Computer Screen
K Conway
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer
Volunteer
Commentator
N Beatty
Reader:
A Skinner.
Eucharistic Ministers
L & N Page
Computer Screen
T Jackson

MORNING

**TEA:
L Rodwell & helper**

RCIA

We will be offering the RCIA program in August for anyone who would like to learn about our Catholic faith, who are not already baptised, or have been baptised in another Christian faith.

Should you know anyone who may be interested, we will have a brochure which is available in the Church Foyer. Please take them and given them to those you know who may be interested.



Remembering the Sick:

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, 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

The Sisters of Saint Joseph celebrate 150 years of the Congregations' presence in NSW since their arrival in Perthville on 16th July, 1872. The planning Committee is asking each Parish to pray for us during the weekend Masses this weekend. Thank you all for your prayerful support.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

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