

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

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

A reading from the second book of the 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 be-

lieve 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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13TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

YEAR A

Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
am Fridays after
Mass, and 1st
Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD
NEWS
Wednesdays after
9am Mass

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 11th July
@ 10am BB Library
All are welcome

Craft Group
Thursdays 10am

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after
Mass
Venue: Corrigans
Cove
All are welcome

Hospitality – any person may be the Lord!

Hospitality is a special form of attentive listening while answering someone’s call.

St. Benedict in his 6th Century rule for Beginners in Chapter 53 states: **‘Let all guests who arrive [at the monastery door] be received like Christ.’ For any guest may be the Lord, but the Lord may look very shabby!** Sometimes we need to pay close attention and look beyond appearances to see the contours of the Lord in the other person. Sue McPherson, a young Aboriginal writer, in her book *‘Grace beside me’* tells a story about her Nan:

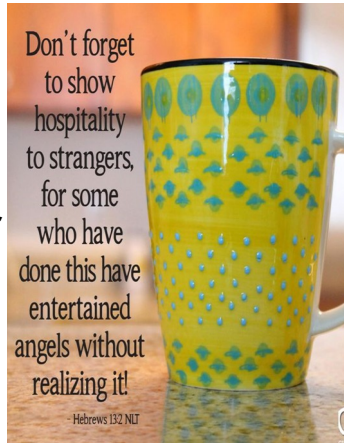
‘Every second Sunday after brekkie Nan baked up a storm, and then we’d go and spend time with Lefty. We walked through some large gates where we were searched and the wardens went through Nan’s food ... finally we were allowed into the prisoners greeting area where we waited for Lefty. We were the only ones, apart from Dad, who bothered to go. The first 10 mins were spent reminding Lefty what he had done wrong ...when Nan felt Lefty was feeling guilty enough she brought out the food. **All guilt was put on hold while we shared a laugh and ate the food Nan lovingly prepared. Nan baked extra for the other prisoners – she became Nan to all those boys.** Thinking back I wonder, does lack of support somehow make these blokes re-offend.’[*‘Grace beside me’*, 2012, pg. 93.]

One who welcomes - welcomes God Himself

The first reading from the 2nd Book of Kings speaks of a **childless woman, who shows hospitality to a stranger** beginning with providing a meal and later on building purpose built accommodation for him! **Her hospitality is awarded and blessed** by the stranger Elisha, with the promise of new life, a baby boy in the year ahead. One, who welcomes a man of God, welcomes God himself.

Jesus himself both gave and received hospitality during his busy public ministry ... at the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus is but one example. In today’s Gospel, [Matt. 10:37-42] **Jesus** from his discourse on Mission **affirms the importance of hospitality and points to its deeper significance.** **‘Anyone one who welcomes you,’ he says to his disciples ‘welcomes me and welcomes the One who sent me.’** Pope Francis reminds us: ‘that authentic hospitality is a profound Gospel value’ and Peter addressing the Christians in Rome says: ‘Make hospitality your special care!’ [Romans 12:21.]

Marie Weatherall





MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd July

Sunday 9th July

Monday 3rd: No Mass

Tuesday 4th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 5th: Mass 9am

Thursday 6th: Mass 9am

Friday 7th: Mass 9am

Saturday 8th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

Sunday 9th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

1 / 2 JULY

Cleaning

3-7 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator: P O'Kelly
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers Y Oerder, L Rodwell
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator A Brown
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers L Stevens, C Schor
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

8/9 JULY

Cleaning

10-14 M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J Anderson
Commentator: M Weatherall:
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers M Bridges M Devine
Computer Screen T Jackson

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer J McClelland
Commentator . A Skinner
Reader: N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page
Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel, L Foran

PARISH SICK LIST

The PARISH SICK LIST will be updated every month. If you would like to include someone's name on the SICK LIST, please email or phone the Parish Office before the end of the month.

Many thanks

Pastoral Care Rosters and Bulletin Reflection Roster will be sent out mid July –

Please ensure Marie W receives any dates you are not available by the first week in July.
Many thanks.

Enquiries: Marie 0405 028 057.

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will take place in the home of Carolyn and Ken Evenden on Tuesday July 11 at 10am – 11 am
All Welcome.

Enquiries:

Carolyn: 0400 021 119

PLEASE NOTE: Tuesday Mass is at 5pm

No 9am Mass.

ADORATION WILL BE @ 4PM

ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE—EDEN—2023

The Catholic Parish of Pambula invites you to join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 19th August**.

Archbishop Christopher will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.30am on Saturday 19th August and travel to Eden by private vehicle.

A summary of the program for the day:

• 11.00am (optional) Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Refreshments will be available at Church.

• 12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests

1.00 pm Lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula. An occasion to share fellowship with other pilgrims.

As we are organising lunch, it would be appreciated if you could advise if you are attending so catering can be arranged, please book in via our website [Catholic Parish Pambula](#) or on the following link [Archbishop's Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage](#) If there are any special dietary requirements, please make these known to us. You can contact either Sue Heffernan (0405 251 947) or Bernadette (0429 774 119)

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St Vincent de Paul News

St Vincent de Paul needs people to join our Conference Team.

We are serving more people then ever and need help.

Perhaps you can spare some time to help continue our good works in Bateman's Bay.

Enquiries:

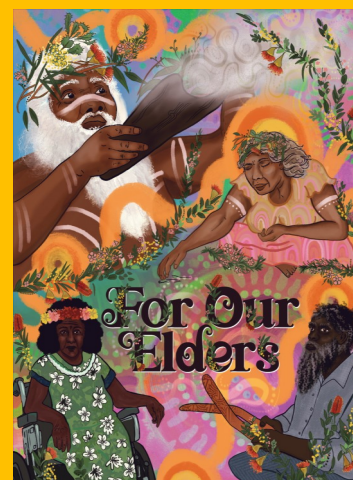
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NAIDOC Week 2023

2nd -9th July

We're proud to announce that the 2023 National NAIDOC Week theme is **For Our Elders**.

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.



St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. **Amen**

Remembering the Sick:

Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, 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, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

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: Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell



The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead.

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

JULY

For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



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BBECET Meeting to pray for our young people will be held on Monday 3rd July, 5-5.30 pm at the Anglican Church. *All are welcome*