

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year A

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13
A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is

the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation Psalm 129:5
Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water.
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.

‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Tate
Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to ‘the other side’, the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home. Buf-feted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory. Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly in-different. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostal-gic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tra-dition with a capital ‘T’ overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experi-ence of the Church over two mil-lennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore. We could pause for a moment, re-solving to row with courage be-cause we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: ‘Do not be afraid.’
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**NINETEENTH
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**
Wednesday 30th August
1pm CMR All welcome
- Parish Feast Day**
Sunday 20th August
11.30 am All Welcome
- Craft Group Thursdays**
10am
- ADORATION TUESDAYS**
@ 4pm
- COFFEE CLUB**
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

...‘Be Still and Know I am God’ (Psalm 46)...



"Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for God." - St. Augustine
"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

TRUST...in God...through relationship...PRAYER

Last week I had the privilege of paying tribute to a dear friend, Monsignor Peter Jeffrey who was celebrating 60 years as a priest - a wise, faith-filled and generous man. He is a great homilist and I draw on one of his reflections for this weekend when the Gospel recounts Jesus asking Peter to walk to him...across the water! The wise words of Monsignor Peter:

‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!’ Taken in a literal sense, the story of Peter attempting to walk on the water may not seem very relevant for us. But taken symbolically it has great relevance for us. At some time or other, every disciple of Jesus is faced with very trying circumstances, very difficult decisions, very great sorrows, very powerful temptations, or prayerfully seeking to discern his or her vocation in life. At those times it is as if the Lord is asking us to ‘walk on water!’ At the same time as he did for Peter, Jesus stretches out His hand to uphold us. To some extent, the whole life of a disciple is a kind of ‘walking on water’, in so far as it implies walking in faith relying on our relationship with Jesus. He says to us frequently on our journey of life, if we look to Him, “Courage, it is I, do not be afraid”.

How do we continue to stay centred on our relationship with God? As we see from the example of Jesus in the Gospel – step aside to pray – ‘he went up into the hills by himself to pray’ (Matt: 14:22). This seems simple and for some people indeed it is which is wonderful. For others of us despite the best of intent, it can be challenging. Ron Rolheiser OMI offers some thoughts:

‘What is problematic, however, is that many of us can’t find a lot of time for silence and solitude. Despite good intentions, most of us can’t find the time to take time away from everything for solitude and prayer. Pressures beset us from within and without and we simply do not pull away for a time of silence and prayer.

Is it impossible to make progress spiritually and to stay healthy psychologically without substantial daily periods of silent withdrawal? Jesus said to Peter when he declared that he was the rock on which he would build the Church ‘you have given yourself in love, “others will put a belt around you and lead you where you would rather not go!”

All true prayer, formal or other puts a belt around us and takes us where we would rather not go. God is found in silence and solitude and the saints are right in suggesting a time of silence and prayer every day. Sometimes, though, and perhaps for many of the years of our adult lives, duties of state, circumstance and the only edict that can never be idolatrous—the demand to respond in charity—conscript us to a life of prayer that has very different contours but the same results.

This week we celebrate the feast of the Assumption. Mary was responsive to God’s call in her life as was St Mary MacKillop whose feast day we celebrated last week. We give thanks for the generous ‘Yes’ of these two women. Perhaps a help for us all in finding time to be still is Mary MacKillop’s Little Brown Book – short and to the point...**‘There where you are you will find God’ (1874)**
Phil Billington



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 14th August

Sunday 20th August

Monday 14th: No Mass

Tuesday 15th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 16th: Mass 9am

Thursday 17th: Mass 9am

Friday 18th: Mass 9.15am

Saturday 19th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

Sunday 20th: Mass 10am

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Come along and join us for lunch and help us celebrate
St Bernard's Feast Day



WHERE: St Bernard's Church

WHEN : Sunday 20th August

TIME : 11.30 am

An Aussie BBQ, and
Philippino lunch will be provided,
preceded by morning tea and coffee.

ALL PARISHIONERS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS

WELCOME !!!

A Gold Coin Donation would be appreciated

Please note: Mass on that Sunday will commence at 10am
instead of the usual 9am

GATHERING:

Bridging Aboriginal and Christian Spirituality

will take place on *Tuesday August 22nd*, 10am-3pm in
the Church Meeting Room. **Guest Speaker**—Loretta
Parsley, First Nation's Elder and facilitators Carolyn
Evenden &
Marie Weatherall.

COST: Free

Morning Tea is provided
BYO Pot Luck Lunch to share.
All are welcome.

Booking is Essential: by Tuesday August 15th
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Loi has requested that the PPC be reformed in
our parish.

The PPC will be a body reflecting the life of the parish
providing advice and support to Fr Loi.

In 2023 the PPC will be made up of the following:

1 rep from the Pastoral Care team
1 rep from the Liturgy team
1 rep from the Finance Committee
1 rep from St Bernard's School
1 rep from Carroll College
Parish Priest
PPC Chair.

We are asking for 2 additional members from the parish to nominate to join the
PPC. Their roles will be Social Justice Coordinator and Social Coordinator.

Meetings will be held once every 2 months and will last for 1 hour.

If you would like to nominate for one of the two roles above
please give your name to Fr Loi before August 14 with the
first meeting to be held in early September

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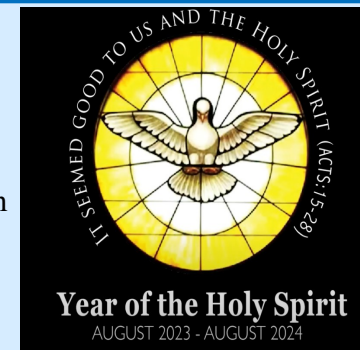


Remembering the Sick:

Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin,
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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: Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak,
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



Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

AUGUST

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth
Day in Lisbon will help
young people to live and
witness the Gospel in
their own lives..

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