

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B

First Reading 2 Kings 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 Ephesians 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 Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel John 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 Fr Michael Tate  
A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd. Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human

generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world. Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles’ testifying to the Resurrection ‘with great power’.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken ‘with great power’. We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,  
You have called me to life  
and gifted me in many ways.  
Through Baptism You have sent  
me to  
continue the mission of Jesus by  
sharing my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to  
Your call each day.  
Help me to become all You  
desire of me.  
Inspire me to make a difference  
in  
others’ lives.  
Lead me to choose the way of  
life You have planned for me.  
Open the hearts of all to listen  
to Your call.

Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that  
we may have listening hearts and  
the courage to  
respond to You.

Enkindle in my heart  
and the hearts of others the  
desire to make the world a  
better place by serving as  
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,  
Brother or Deacon.

Amen



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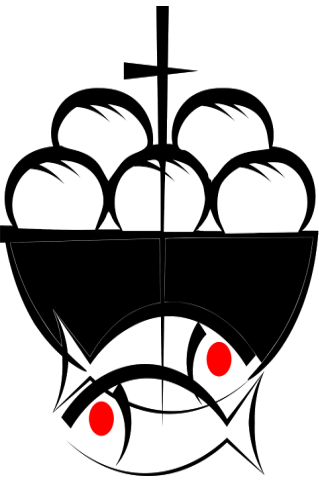


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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
1PM Every second  
and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30  
am Fridays after  
Mass

Wrap With Love  
Wednesday 31st July,  
1pm CMR

Enjoy the Good News  
Wednesdays after  
9am Mass

Craft Group 10am  
Thursdays Church  
Meeting Room

ADORATION  
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB  
Thursdays after Mass  
Venue: Corrigan's  
Cove

SEVENTEENTH WEEK in ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

We have often heard about Jesus feeding the 5000 because he cared about their physical comfort but have you ever wondered about the motivation of these people who trudged for miles without thinking of their own physical needs?



Fr Cizek, a political prisoner in Soviet Russia between 1940 and 1963, wrote in his book ‘He Leadeth Me’ about the faith of many Russians during that period. After he was released from the mines in Siberia in the 1950’s he was moved from town to town and landed in Krasnoyarsk where the Catholics petitioned the authorities to allow him to be their priest and to reopen their church in spite of the repercussions that they may have incurred.

Of them he wrote: “For them faith was a way of life; it was the centre of their life, of their day, and of all their actions.”

Two countries, two eras and these people shared such a thirst for their God.

How do I compare with these people?

When I attend mass how much attention do I give to the Word of God or the homily? Am I aiming to improve my life or simply to fulfil an obligation? How much time do I give to consideration of these words during the following week? How much attention do I give to my reception of the Eucharist?

Jesus continues to give us the bread we need, but our bread is the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. This itself is a miracle that occurs in every Catholic Mass. Do I really thank Jesus for giving Himself to me each time I receive the Host?

Perhaps I need to spend time daily with Him in reading a small section of the Bible and ask Him to guide what I need from that? Can I afford to give Him 15 minutes daily?

Deidre Herring





Mass  
Schedule

## MASSES THIS WEEK Mon 29th July—Sun 4th Aug

**Monday 29th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 30th:** No Mass  
**Wednesday 31st:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday 1st:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 2nd:** Mass 9am  
**Saturday 3rd:** Mass 5pm  
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30  
**Sunday 4th:** 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

**27/28 JULY**  
**Cleaning**  
29/7-2/8 M deSmet & J Maher

**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer M de Smet  
Commentator J O'Sullivan  
Reader: M Weatherall  
Eucharistic Ministers J Wain  
Computer Screen K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer Volunteer  
Commentator A Skinner  
Reader L Page:  
Eucharistic Ministers M & C Lowe  
Computer Screen T Jones

**MORNING TEA:**  
N. Beatty

**COUNTERS**  
T Priest/P Wilden

**3/4 AUGUST**  
**Cleaning**  
5-9 B Coffey/M Paine  
**5.00PM MASS**  
Welcomer: J Anderson  
Commentator P O'Kelly  
Reader: J O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers C Brownlie  
Computer Screen M O'Neill

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer T van den Broek  
Commentator B Basevi  
Reader: D Herring  
Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page  
Computer Screen T Priest.

**MORNING TEA:**  
Filipino Community  
**COUNTERS**  
T & A Jackson



**You're invited to  
A Parish Bbq  
to celebrate the Annual  
Parish Feast Day  
after Mass on**

**SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST**

Please bring along a plate to share.  
All are welcome.

**Mass on 18th August will be at 10am**



**Feast of St. Mary MacKillop**  
will be celebrated on Thursday August 8 with 9am Mass.  
After 9 am mass we are having a **Cuppa with shared morning tea and Reflection** in the church meeting room .  
*All welcome to attend.*  
Facilitated by Carolyn Evenden and Marie Weatherall.

### **WHY NOT ATTEND?**

***CLAIM THE DATE:***  
***Invitation to attend a morning session***  
***'I hear but do I really listen!'***  
***facilitated by Patrick Fleming, Clinical Psychologist***  
***on Monday August 19, 2024***  
***9-15am for 9-30am start – 12 noon.***  
***Cost=Free; BYO shared morning Tea. All welcome.***  
***BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL by Monday August 12***  
***Marie W 0405 028 057.***

**3 August | MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE |**  
Please join Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Parish of St Peter's Pambula, in commemorating Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

***St Vincent de Paul Volunteers needed:***  
Our local Conference is looking for volunteers who may be able to give a few hours every month to interview companions who need assistance. You would always be on with an experienced member who will guide you. Why not just turn up to our Conference Meeting on the first Monday of the Month in the Church Meeting Room at 2pm and get to know about this Vincentian Ministry or phone **Gary: 0429 774 101 or Marie 0405 028 057.**

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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### **Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024**

Lord, faithful God,  
You who created us in Your image, You who  
never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season  
of life,

Do not abandon us, take care of us,  
And grant us, once again,  
The ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word  
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us  
with Your tenderness  
And teach us to say:

"I will not abandon you!"  
To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
And may we not conform to the sadness of  
loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with renewed  
hope,

And make the World Day for  
Grandparents and the Elderly  
A day without loneliness, and a day  
abundant

With the first-fruits of your peace

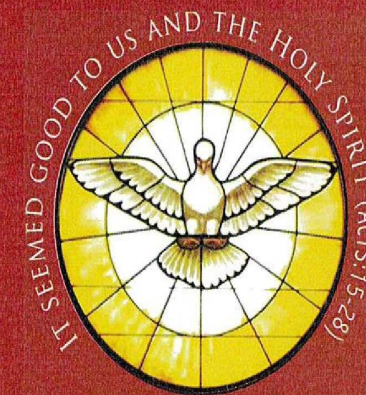


### ***Remembering the Sick:***

Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, 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, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, 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:** Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Claire Dickens, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Kathryn King, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



## **YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit**

### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE**

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

## **Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions AUGUST**

### **For political leaders**

We pray that political  
leaders be at the service  
of their own people,  
working for integral  
human development and  
for the common good,  
especially caring for the  
poor and those who have  
lost their jobs.

  
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