

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Rose Tariaz, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Fr Colin Mason, Jeanette Bugieja, Fr Anthony Simari, Philip Witheriff, Val Dawson, Margaret Boyle, and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Ottavino Forner, Clem Reed, Giovanni Porreca, Greg Willoughby, Tom Waters, Emma Götz, Denise Anne Byrnes, Mary Herne, Elizabeth Neville, Syd Millyard, Emerita Manalad, Thomas Ward, Geoffrey McHugh, John Wosik



Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone who is not able to come to Mass, but wants to receive Communion, please tell Fr Lawrence

Support for the house of Welcome (HoW)

HoW works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW's Emergency Living Package program rose by 216%. If you can assist, please contact HoW: office@houseofwelcome.com.au or Ph: 02 9727 9290.



Mon. 26 July Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne

Joachim and Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. Churches dedicated to Saint Anne are found in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the middle of the sixth century. The feast of Saint Anne was kept in Rome by the eighth century, that of Saint Joachim from the fifteenth century. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

Happy Grandparents Day to all our parish grandparents.

Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

Catholic Mission has launched an urgent appeal to help vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Can you help? Please donate online via Catholic Mission website: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>.

Supporting our Parish

During these weeks of lockdown, our parish is incurring financial (as well as social/spiritual interaction) loss.

Special donations will be greatly appreciated.

Please ring the parish office for instructions re making any donation.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@svdneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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Check out what is happening in our St Mary's Primary School, visit our Facebook page:

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena – 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm

or by appointment

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 July 2021

**This weekend we pray especially for
Grandparents and the Elderly**

Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government Covid restrictions still apply until further notice. Under these rules Masses and other meetings are **suspended** during this time.

The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission.

People are not allowed to go into the church for private prayer.

Please let us all give a good example in following Government advice.

Please listen carefully to the news for updates.

Please think of those who may be truly isolated.

Keep in touch with them through phone, text messages or emails.

(They may appreciate some human contact or need some shopping etc)

**How about dropping the parish bulletin into their letter box when you are taking a walk?
Just contact the office and tell us how many you can deliver. We will have ready for pick up.**

For more information see our parish [website](#).



Sacrament of Confirmation

Providing we will be allowed,

the Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Sat.13 November

Tax Receipts

If you require receipts for tax deductible donations, please contact Michael Anderson 0414 889 731 or email mikeando1@optus.com.au

Praying the Word

Week of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

- 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. (R.)
- 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. (R.)
- 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.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

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.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

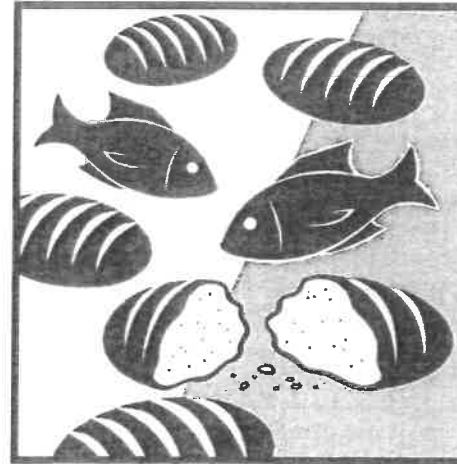
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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