



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God’s providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God’s providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God’s concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God’s love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28 July 2024

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.**

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

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Edwin Cutayar

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Pasquale Bruzzese, Nina Cutayar, Leo Alvares, Valerie Butcher, Sebastian Manickam, John Minh Ven Le, Elizabeth Ngai Thi Bui, Andrew Minh Quang Le

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 4th August 2024

**Christian Laguda
Bobby Hughes**

Please pray for these children & their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 29 July	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Wed 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola
Thu 1 August	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
Fri 2 August	St Peter Faber
Sat 3 August	St Dominic

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Good Works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE

**'GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY MASS'
27/28 JULY**

In conjunction with the Feast Day of Sts Joachim & Anne(26/7), the Grandparents of Jesus, and to Celebrate the “World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly” on 28 July, we pray for our grandparents and we ask for God’s continuous abundant blessings upon them.

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

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.
Amen.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION – 27/7/24

Congratulations to the Year 4 students who celebrated their 1st Eucharist on Saturday, 27th July. Please keep these children, their teachers and families in your prayers.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS (RCIA) Enquiry Period**

The Enquiry Period continues. There will be a third and final **Enquiry Night** on **Tuesday 30th July** in St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please pass this on to those you think who might be interested. For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103. Please remember our Enquirers and the RCIA Team in your prayers.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY - INVITATION

Young men interested in a vocation to the priesthood or would like to hear more about a vocation, are invited to join Archbishop Peter Comensoli at a Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College, 180 Drummond Street, Carlton on Saturday, 10th August from 10.45am-3.30pm. Lunch provided. RSVP by 2/8/24 at vocations@cam.org.au
Please speak with Father Anil if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL
2024**

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Peter's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$1,493.90 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!

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Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MCKILLOP

FEAST DAY - Thursday 8th August

Whole School Mass 9:15am. All Welcome.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.