



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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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
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ST MARTIN DE PORRES
Catholic Parish
Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:
Old Missal: 588 New: 662



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B **29 July 2018**

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.

The Word of the Lord
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. (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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

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NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by completing this form and leaving it in the collection basket.

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

Phone No. _____

Address: _____

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME (Thanksgiving):

If you would like to join our programme please take a brochure from the foyer or call the Parish Office.

IN OUR PRAYERS

SICK

Iola Bevilacqua; Christine Cortez; Leanne Cargeg; Anna Giunta; Milagros Abelgas; Francesca Catania (Malta); Antonio Castro; Reynaldo Salvador; Maximino Salvador Jnr; Tom Lonergan; Elaine Groves; Giuseppa Bonanno; Rowena Melegrito; Buck Dela Cruz; Calixta Malalang.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ignatius Raymond (Monica Soccio's father); Maria Mejak (Clara Rizzi's mother); Josephine Carmuciano; Rolando Villar; Sylvia Savona; Eric Carmuciano (husband of Mary at St Martin's School); Sr Eileen Sheehy; Caterina Gazzara; Peter Murphy (Veronica Dovey's Brother); Charlie Bugden; Max Chester John Andrades; Domenica Palamara; Phyllis Geraghty; Gloria Aldana (Philippines) Lucia Lozada (Colombia); Ana Herb (Laos); Jane McLoughlin; Sofia Mure.

ANNIVERSARIES & REMEMBRANCES

Anna Vu Thi Can (1st); Joan Hart; Mary Vella; Giuseppe & Lucia Licitra; Thomas Nguyen; Duc Trang; Aurelio Cardillo; Frank Paporone; Placida & Eurelio Baylosis; Marie Britt; Anna Vu Thi Can; Thomas Nguyen Duc Tran; Giuse Do Sy Tinh; Anna, Grace & Salvatore Mazzurco; Frank Giunta; Caterina Tran Van; Zoran Romich; Giovanni Martello; Paul & Sofia Perconte; Adriana Donato; Carmelo Attana; Giuseppe Visalli; Pierangela Giansiracusa; Joseph Sammut; Charlie Sciberras; Maria & Giovanni Gulizia; Victor Apap; Victor Micallef; Remo Gentile; Joseph Giusti; Felix, Paul, Carl & Tony Galea; Dominic Cumbo; Francis, Bernarda, Joseph & Consiglia Grima; Emmanuel, Teresa, Menu & Tonina Sammut; Carmelo & Rita De Bono; Francesco & Mary Falzon; Maria Moore.

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY	No Mass
<i>Devotion to Divine Mercy (English)</i>	2:30pm
TUESDAY	9:15am
1 st Ann. <i>Giacomo Andronaco</i>	7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	9:15am
<i>followed by short Adoration & Benediction</i>	
THURSDAY	9:15am
FRIDAY	9:15am
<i>Devotion to Divine Mercy (Vietnamese)</i>	7:00pm

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY	
Vigil	6:00pm
SUNDAY	
English	8:00am, 9:30am
Italian	11:00am
Vietnamese	12:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 9:45am Saturday: 5:30pm

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAMME:

Pledged: \$3004 Received: \$2698 Shortfall: \$306
Presbytery: \$2228 Loose: \$1336

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Flower pick up:	I Short
Flower Arranging:	H Duong, L Nguyen
Sacristy:	U Momont
Hospital Communion: Team 4:	A Hickey, G Loft, L Lobo T Proctor, V Piperno

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Please Note, rosters for August commence Next weekend:

Readers:

6 pm: D O'Prey, J Hili
8 am: M Anile
9:30 am: T Rodillas

Extraordinary Ministers:

6 pm: C Fabri, M Mifsud, J Wilkinson, M Thi Bui, D Hobson
8 am: W Schoch J Vella, Sr Dianne
9:30 am: S Sammut, S Raviola, J Batten, M Soccio, D Marino, L Nguyen, Augustinian Sisters

Counters: W & J Schoch and G & F Panetta

FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 6pm Masses on Saturdays 28th July, 4th & 11th August Please pray for these children from St Martin's School and RE classes.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEKEND

BAPTISM: Baby Billy Jack Macumber

MALTESE CONFESSIONS: Will be discontinued as of Saturday 4th August. The parish will continue to have visiting Maltese and Italian speaking priests attend at Reconciliation services for Christmas and Easter. We thank Fr Edwin Agius and his fellow priests from the MSSP community for providing this ministry to our parishioners each month over the last 25 years.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Please contact Parish Office if you are able to assist with the following:

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MASSES

Are needed, training will be provided for all.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are needed to take Communion to the housebound on a regular basis.

May our children flourish!

OUR COMMUNITY - WHAT'S NEWS!

ANNUAL NAIDOC MASS This Sunday 29th July 9:30am celebrates National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass.

CHRIST'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP



Last Monday of each Month.

An invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Monday 30th July at 6:30pm in the Church.

BAPTISM OF OLDER CHILDREN

If you would like Baptism for your child/ren please contact the Parish Office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Please contact the parish office on 9337 6016 to register your interest.

JOBS AVAILABLE

Fitters for blinds and security doors needed. Factories are located in Melton & Epping. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

2018/19 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

Available in hard copy or digitally from the Parish Office. Receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers for \$70. Pays for itself in as little as 2 uses. Expires 1st June, 2019.

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS FOR THE 9TH ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE:

MOST REVEREND PETER COMENSOLI

will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7pm. RSVP via Catholic Archdiocese Melbourne website www.cam.org.au

VOCATIONS

Let us take time to reflect on vocations as we farewell Archbishop Hart and prepare to welcome Archbishop Comensoli.

Thank you

As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his seventeen years of leadership and his fifty- one years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst. May this example inspire many others to be 'Good Shepherds' to their brothers and sisters in priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray for vocations from our parish community.

Constant in Faith

Archbishop Hart chose as his motto 'Constant in Faith'. For the past seventeen years he has shown us what it is to live this out. May his example, and our prayers and witness help many more young people to be future leaders of our Local Church in the vocations of married life, consecrated life or priesthood.

Vocations are our responsibility

In one of his addresses in Broken Bay, Archbishop-Elect Comensoli reminded us that "a priestly vocation is a joint project of the individual, the faith community, and Christ" (August 2017). Let us pray for more vocations from our Local Church. May our prayers and witness inspire young men and women to serve in priesthood and consecrated life.