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Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

25th July 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Patricia Grant; Sister Francis Gabriel RSJ
Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick; Kal Fitzpatrick
Anniversaries: Ena O'Donnell; Les Crane; Percy & Imelda Hurley; Melva Perkins; Sandra Tighe; Mary Donnelly; Bernard Greer; Glona Gannon; Norma Howard; Neville Wilson; Jacquelyn Slade; Sonny Rayment; Anthony T O'Donnell; Patrick McCulloch; Phillip McMahon; Mona Greer; Thomas Conroy Senior; Helen Easey; Leo Pierce; Sheila McNamara; Peter Kerklaan; Barbara McNamara; Myra Gleeson; Horace Norman; Florence White; Kevin Mitchell; Alan Reeper; Dorothy O'Dwyer; Harold Irwin; Sarah Conroy; John Curran; Ann Parker (Power); Daphne Banister; Mary Hamilton; Ravis Worboys
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.
And for those who are ill:

Pat Reidy; Paul Murphy; Craig Lawrence; Ivy Taylor; Di Dillon; Michael Hausfeld; Sister Pat Bartley; Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Giggli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Joan Greenire; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

31/7/2021	R: B McNamara
1/8/2021	R: S Meade & P Perkins C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

Coming Events

- Sun 25 Mass at Carroona at 11.15am
- Sun 25 Marriage & Family Sunday
- Wed 4 Werris Creek Mass at 11.00am for 50th Celebrations of Church opening
- Thurs 5 CWL Meeting in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 10.00am
- Fri 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- Fri 6 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 4.30pm
- Sat 7 Marian Devotions at St Brigid's at 9.30am, morning tea to follow
- Sun 8 Good Shepherd Appeal & Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal
- Sun 8 Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross
- Sat 14 Ordination of Damien Locke at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral
- Sat 14 No 5.00pm Mass at St Brigid's this weekend only**
- Sat 14 Mass at Werris Creek at 6.30pm

Werris Creek celebrations for 50th Anniversary since opening of St Thomas More Church

Will take place on 4 August 2021 commencing with a concelebrated Mass at 11.00am followed by Lunch at Werris Creek Golf Club. Cost of meal \$25.00. RSVP to Liz Jones 0422 078 111 by 21 July 2021. For further information please ring Liz.

Marian Devotions First Saturday 7th August 2021 at St Brigid's at 9.30am. Cuppa after at St Joseph's Centre. All other Saturday's at Carroona Church at 9.30am. For more information, please contact Marie Lawson on 6747 3951.

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Saints to Remember

Sts Joachim & Anne - Memorial - 26th
St Martha - Memorial - 29th
St Ignatius of Loyola - Memorial - 30th
Our Lady of Lourdes - Memorial - 11th

Ordination of Deacon Damien Locke

Will take place on Saturday 14th August at Sts Mary & Joseph Cathedral at 10.00am.
There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 14th August at St Brigid's.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal
Clergy Education & Retired Clergy Collection have been combined into one collection which will be conducted on 8th August 2021 to coincide with the conclusion of National Vocations Awareness Week. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. Please stipulate on the back of the envelope if you wish for your donation to go to one particular fund others it will be split 50/50. Thank you.

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible.
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet.
3. Sanitize your hands before entering and when leaving the church.
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church capacity is one person per 4 square metre rule.
5. Facemasks are mandatory at all non-residential venue including churches and the public spaces.
6. No singing by the congregation at religious services is allowed.
7. Travel to the Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour may not enter these areas without a reasonable excuse.
8. People from the same household may sit together.
9. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
10. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

Planned Giving \$305.00+ \$30.00 = \$335.00

First Collection \$373.25

Breaking Open the Word

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.

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READING THE SIGNS

One of the major themes of the first half of John's gospel is whether people have the capacity to understand the meaning of the signs that Jesus worked. Time and again, a sign is worked but only partially comprehended. In the coming weeks the true meaning of the feeding of the multitude will be our focus.

The ministry of Jesus was having enormous success. His healing of the sick had attracted such a crowd that 200 denarii (over half a year's wages for a labourer) would only be sufficient to give them a small piece of bread each. Like Elisha before him, Jesus will work with what is at hand so that the people will not go hungry. In both cases what is at hand is minimal, but the resulting surplus is a powerful sign of what can happen when the Lord is given room to work with what we have to offer. When Jesus is at work there is always more than is needed, just as the fullness of his identity and mission cannot be exhausted by the crowd's perception that he is a prophet and king.

Paul knew that the abundance of the life that we have received in baptism is meant to be shared. If we have understood the gift we have been given then we will understand that we too are called to be a sign for the world. Our unity and charity towards one another are a sign of the life we share in Jesus, the living bread and source of our lives.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

25 JULY 2021

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.

RESP 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

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.

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

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