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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

1st/2nd August, 2020

Are you ready to share

Today in the Gospel, Jesus received devastating news. He heard that his beloved cousin, John, had been brutally beheaded. In the wake of this news, Jesus needed time to be alone to absorb this news and begin to grieve for his dear friend.

Jesus got into a boat and withdrew to a deserted place. However, his time for grieving was short-lived. The crowd of people followed him and arrived there before him. I wonder if Jesus was tempted to start rowing to find another place where he could be alone? However, Matthew writes "that Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the crowd." Jesus got out of the boat and ministered to the people. He healed all those who yearned to be "whole" again.

As evening drew near, the disciples realized that many had not brought any food to eat. They were concerned for the people but they did not know what to do. They went to Jesus and told him to send the people away to the towns where they could buy food. However, Jesus instructs his disciples to feed the crowd. His disciples immediately protested. They said: "We only have two fish and five loaves of bread! This small amount of food will never be enough for this huge crowd!"

Jesus, however, was not disturbed or worried. He told his disciples to bring the fish and the bread to him. Then he instructed the crowd of people to sit down on the grass. I wonder what the disciples were thinking as they gathered the food? Did they think Jesus was crazy? Or were they anticipating another miracle?

Jesus took the bread and the fish and he blessed them. He then gave the bread and fish to his disciples and instructed them to distribute the food to the people. They did so. And as we know, everyone was well fed and there were quite a few baskets of leftovers.

Do you ever get concerned that you may not have "enough" for what seems to be needed? It may not be enough money, energy, time, love, appreciation or _____ (you fill in the blank). These are the times when we need to come to Jesus and ask him to supply us with what we truly need. And Jesus will give us what we need. However, it may not be exactly what we asked for. At these times, will we trust that Jesus is supplying us with "the loaves and fishes" that we need? Or will we complain because Jesus had disappointed us?

(Sr Kristine Anne OSB)

I wish to congratulate Tayla and thank all the parishioners, friends and Sr Mel for your wonderful support and prayers for Tayla in her faith journey.

I express my appreciation and would like to thank Ruby, Julie and Sr Mel for leading our Sunday mass choir at St Joachim's for the past number of years and for sharing their beautiful talents with this community. We have enjoyed it. So thank you very much for your commitment and voices.

With God's blessings, Fr Jason

Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

READINGS FOR 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

Second Reading Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

PARISH NEWS

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. Your continued support of the Parish is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Terence Matthews. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY LAUNCH

Saturday, August 8th at the 6:00pm mass at St Joachim's.

PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/>

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

<https://www.facebook.com/AbundanceYouthBNE>

Launch of our Youth Ministry Program

On the 8th of August, the parish is hosting a special event to which the youth and families of the parish are being invited to attend the 6:00pm Mass at St Joachim's. Following Mass there will be a BBQ dinner and drinks, offering an opportunity to socialise and celebrate together as a parish.

Please book as usual on-line or through the parish office. There are 2 booking sites, one for the youth and one for general parishioner bookings. Please select the correct session.

I am looking forward to meeting parishioners and introducing our young people to this new initiative.

Nick Kelly, Youth Coordinator

<https://www.facebook.com/AbundanceYouthBNE>

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation has now begun. Over the coming week, children taking part will be engaging in activities to prepare them for the upcoming ceremonies, where they will be confirmed and strengthened by the special gifts received from the Holy Spirit.

We wish them well on their journey.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DIAMOND JUBILEE

On behalf of the Parish I would like to congratulate Sr Mary Driscoll on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of her Profession to the Order of St Ursula. For the wonderful joy and service you have so generously given may God richly bless you for your humble devotion and love for our Lord and His church.

MASS OF ANOINTING

The mass on Friday, August 7th will include an Anointing of the Sick. Unfortunately, we are unable to have a cuppa afterwards due to COVID 19 restrictions

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

Our monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on **Wednesday 5TH August** (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. (You will need to ring the Cathedral 33243030 to book for Mass). Please join us for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Due to Covid 19 we are allowed 34 people in the Chapel so please ring me on 0403002199 or email maureenallison43@gmail.com to book a spot. Unfortunately, the CWL Tea Rooms have not yet opened so there will be no fellowship afterwards. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

ST IGNATIUS PARISH'S 14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY.

From **Tuesday 28th July** you can watch the YouTube recording on the St Ignatius Parish website (www.stignatiustoowong.org.au) of this special event. The event is for anyone seeking insight into a lived experience of God's love at work. We will hear from **Sr Angela Mary Doyle RSM AO** as she tells her story and **Dr Sr Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF** who provides accompaniment."

LAUNCH OF ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Wednesday, 19th August commencing 7pm for 7.30pm start at St James Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave. Coorparoo. CJPC - Brisbane and St James Coorparoo invite you to join them in a discussion on the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement and the official launch by Archbishop Mark. The theme is Mental Health. RSVP: Monday 17th August for Registration & Catering purposes. CURRENT COVID-19 protocols apply during the event. Parking available. Donation on Entry - Proceeds to SVdP Society. Registrations can be made by emailing osastjames@bne.catholic.net.au; phoning the Parish Office, 3397 1671; booking through Eventbrite Registrations, find link at parish website www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au

SEASON OF CREATON

Attention: Photographers, Writers and Artists

From Sept 1 to Oct 4 Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. Queensland Churches Environment Network invite you to share creative works, celebrating Creation using many different mediums. More information is available on the noticeboards or at www.fb.com/QCEnvNet

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until the government advises that contact tracing is no longer required. **For those who are coming to mass without a booking I ask that if you cannot complete a booking online please ring the parish office.**

WEEKEND MASSES

All masses and reconciliation on Saturday afternoons (5:30pm) have now resumed. Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays. At this stage we still need to social distance so the number of places available for each mass will still be restricted. St Agnes' Church can accommodate 48 people and St Joachim's can have 63.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am. Bookings close at 4:00pm the day before.

HOW TO BOOK

A TryBooking page has been opened to facilitate the booking of masses. All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking:

1. Select **Book Now**
2. Choose Mass, press **Select**
3. Choose Section you wish to sit in, press **Select**
4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
5. Fill our details for each person attending, complete **all** fields, press **Next**
6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.

If you do not get a confirmation email or you have difficulty making a booking please the parish office. We will assist you. **If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.**

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Please arrive at the masses early to give yourself time to sign in and find a seat so that masses can start on time.

Please sign the registration sheet at the front door. Please sit between the crosses and remember to social distance.



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