



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year B

July 27th/28th, 2024

Jesus feeds five thousand

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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Francis' Focus

Pope Francis draws our attention to the boy's role in today's Gospel passage. He 'makes us think', the Pope says. 'His compassion moved him to offer what he had.'

There is no suggestion in the Gospel that the loaves and fish were forcibly taken from the boy. Rather, it is implied that they were his gift. An act of human charity is, therefore, a key element in Jesus' miracle.

Another noteworthy factor is Jesus' sense of priority. This episode, the Pope points out, 'shows us again that Jesus is attentive to people's primary needs'. This has implications for we who seek to follow him.

After all, the boy was discovered because Jesus prompted his disciples to think about how they could feed the crowd. As the Pope says, 'the people were hungry and Jesus engaged his disciples so that this hunger could be satisfied.'

While Jesus offered the crowd much more than food – 'his Word, his solace, his salvation, ultimately his life' – he did not neglect their physical needs. 'And we, his disciples, cannot ignore this', the Pope affirms. We are called to follow the example of Jesus, his apostles, and the boy with a few loaves and fish. We must not turn our backs on the people or retreat from the world. We must face up to the reality we find – and do what we can.

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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

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

**Response: 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.

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.

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

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

John 6:1-15

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.

Parish Diary

Monday, July 29th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, July 30th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, July 31st

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, August 1st

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 2nd

Reconciliation 4:30pm
St Joachim's

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 3rd

Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 4th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Loving God,

We thank you for the gift of life as every day we experience your grace.

We call this part of the year 'ordinary time' as you ask us to order our lives according to your plan in the ups and downs of work, family, school, community, laughter and tears. All things are extraordinary when we share them with you.

Keep our minds open and our hearts warm, as you challenge us in the needs of the world and your entire family.

May all our days contribute to peace and justice,

May all our lives help the healing of this special planet.

May all our ears listen to the cry of the poor.
May all our eyes look with wonder at the beauty around us.

May all our time be for your glory.

Who lives and reigns without end. Amen

Readings – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Carmel Doigo and Denise Ryan. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after the 7:30am mass this weekend.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday August 2nd will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)



All children are invited to join us for CLOW at the 9am mass at St Agnes' next Sunday, August 4th. All parents are very welcome! Children under 5 years must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality next Sunday after the 9:00am mass.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, August 5th, join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. Everyone is welcome and you are free to just turn up.

DRAGONFLY MINISTRIES RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday August 9, 6pm to Sunday, August 11 3pm

A quiet weekend of silence in community reflecting upon what is it to **Flourish in Hope and Mercy**. At Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Facilitated by Grace Harwood. Cost: \$420 all inclusive (\$400 students/pensioners/ unemployed) For info contact grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283.



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Online via Zoom on Thursday, 15th August from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST. Register at palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/



17th August

9:00am - 3:00pm

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For primary school aged children.

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More info here



Or you can click on the following link to access information

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Lourdes Day Healing Mass

Saturday 3 August 2024 at 10am

St Mary's Catholic Church, South Brisbane
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Those in attendance who have a need for healing, will receive a bottle of water from the shrine at Lourdes and a blessing for good health.



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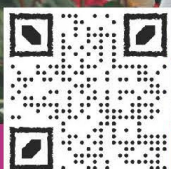
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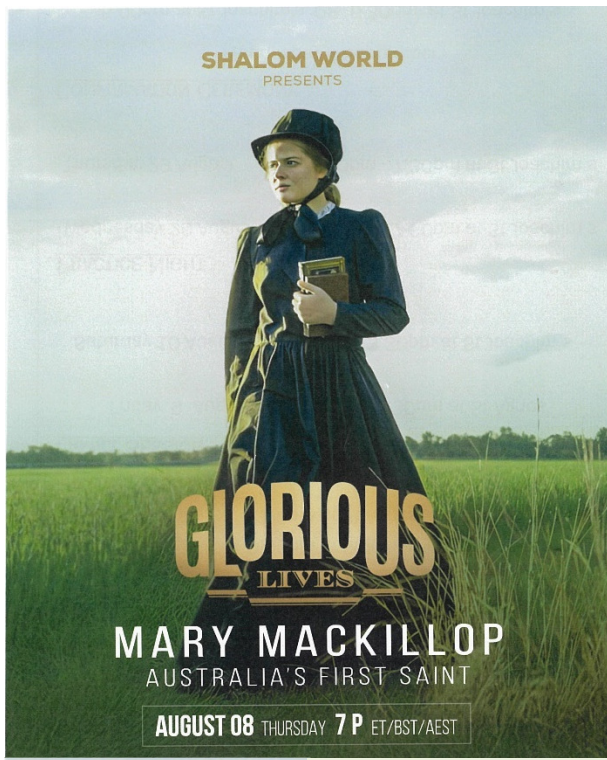
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We are wanting to provide an opportunity for our community to benefit from the parish recycling program. To do this we are seeking donations of bottles, cans and other containers to recycle through the Containers for Change program.

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au>

The Parish has now set up a wheelie bin to be placed next to the Parish office on Sundays during mass times.



Team Member number

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Alternatively, you can use our client number to deposit the return into our containers for change account when you are recycling at the depot. In addition, if you are holding a function or have large amounts of containers to recycle the Parish can make pick up arrangements.

The Parish would like to support the mission programs of the MCBS Congregation that Father Thomas is a member of. A share of the funds raised through Containers for Change will go towards this.



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The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.