

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16TH AUGUST 2020

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*

Thus says the Lord:

"Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

"And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord to minister to him, to love the name
of the Lord, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane
it, and hold fast my covenant-
these I will bring to my holy mountain.
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.



The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary.
August 15th.

SECOND READING: *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles.
In as much then as I am an apostle to the
Gentiles, I glorify my ministry
in order to make my own people jealous,
and thus save some of them. For if their
rejection is the reconciliation of the world,
what will their acceptance be but life from the
dead! The gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient
to God but have now received mercy because
of their disobedience, so they have now been
disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown
to you, they too may now receive mercy.
For God has imprisoned all in disobedience
so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

JESUS PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS OF
THE KINGDOM

AND HEALED ALL WHO WERE SICK.

ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre
and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that
region came out, and started shouting,
"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;
my daughter is tormented by a demon."
But he did not answer her at all. And his
disciples came and urged him, saying,
"Send her away, for she keeps shouting
after us." He answered,
"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel." But the woman came
and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help
me." He answered, "It is not fair to take
the children's food and throw it to the
dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the
dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their
masters' table." Then Jesus answered her,
"Woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed instantly.

WELCOME

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ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

9th/16th August: J. O'Dowd/H. Holland.

St. Joseph's:

August: Roache.

RECENT DEATHS: Gennie Thornton

ANNIVERSARIES: August 17th-23rd

Don Brady, Alice McCarthy, Sue O'Sullivan,
Gerard Gleeson, Margaret McDonald, Lois Ryan.

SICK: *Nathan De Lorenzo, Helen Hunt,
Leah Spokes, Tarlea Roache, Geraldine Finn,
Sue Sherman, Patricia Hickman, June Turner,
Ross Soares, Goldie Elsum*

Congratulations to Allan and Ann Maree on the arrival of Abbie Maeve Convery – Osborne, daughter of Donovan and Karlie.

Some very welcome community support from our Thomas Carr College Campus. Thank you to Deb Van Es for preparing these treats and delivering them to the local primary school families at St Brendan's, with support and guidance from co-pilot Leanne Eastman.



Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of August we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?**

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-2.pdf>. Visit the Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal theme's page at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/inclusive/>.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases

A Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me'.

'Lord,' she said 'help me'.

Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity.

God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

to the point

In this gospel Jesus declares that his mission is only to 'the house of Israel.' Yet his compassion/pity for a Canaanite woman in urgent need compels him to heal the daughter of the foreigner. The encounter between Jesus and the woman reveals the mercy of Jesus, the power of faith, and the gift of salvation for all people - even those who do not belong to 'the house of Israel.'