

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

YEAR B SATURDAY 24TH & SUNDAY 25TH JULY 2021



Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care. Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Desmond (Ginger) Ryan (Manang)

Anniversaries:

Bill Reynolds; Ilonda Nikolich; Bertie Wells; Kevin Dillon;
Bob Morgan; Fr Declan Duggan; Kevin O'Connell; Ray Hill;
Nella Arbace (Gallo);

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto;
Basilio Alcodia; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Gai Thi Tran;
Peter MacIntosh; Rex Kakoschke; Peter Corcoran (senior)



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Dear Parishioners,

I write this note to share my prayers for everyone living in the 5th lockdown extension. We are all spiritually united through our prayers for one another. May our faith, hope and love be a source of strength and encouragement. I remember you in my daily private Masses, especially at the weekend. May the Lord be close to you and bless you and your families.

Fr Anthony Nagothu

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.

FIRST READING 2KG4:42-44

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

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 hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

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

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 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.

This is 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

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 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COVID Restrictions

St Mary's & St Patrick's
as of Friday 15th July 2021

- ◆ All churches closed until Tuesday mid-night.
- ◆ Funerals - no more than 10 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral
- ◆ Weddings are not permitted.
- ◆ Hopefully a more positive update will be available for next weekend's Newsletter.

Last week St Mary's School celebrated Languages Day. In the primary section of the school, our students learn Italian, the secondary students, French. Students were encouraged to wear the colours from the Italian and French flags. All classes participated in various Italian and French themed activities, ate croissants, pasta and gelato. It was a fun day for both students and staff.

Teachers will now begin 'live' teaching from Monday. The majority of our teachers and students have experienced this before and let us hope that we can all return to school for face to face teaching very soon

