

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th July 2021

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 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. **R.**

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.**

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: 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.

Reflection: In the story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

Welcome

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St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/ 5pm 4th
Sunday
St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led / Mass
1st Sunday

ST BRENDAN'S: Sunday 1st August@9.00am

Commentator: C Finlay

Reader: J Miller

Communion: D McCarthy

Leaders: M McCarthy & A McCarthy

ST JOSEPH'S: 1st August @10:30

Family: T & D Ryan

Communion: D Ryan

Lay-leaders: P & K Roache

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES:

St Brendan's:

18th – 25th July: M O'Shea & K McKay

1st – 8th August: A Ruddell & Li McGuane

St. Joseph's: July: Mulheron

August: Roache

Counters: 1st August: N McKay

RECENT DEATHS: Dennis McGuane

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Jansen

Those seeking our prayers for healing and wellbeing:

*Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn,
Goldie Elsum, Doug Swanson*

Melbourne Cup Tour News



*Due to Covid
restrictions, this
event has been
postponed to the
25th August. Details
to follow.*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

**I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your
presence: even in times of loneliness,**

You are my hope and my confidence,

**You have been my rock and my fortress since my
youth!**

**I thank You for having given me a family and for
having blessed me with a long life.**

**I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for
the dreams that have already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.**

**I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which You call me.**

**Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of
your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer
more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell
of your wonders to new generations.**

**Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends
of the earth.**

**Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.**

**Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to
the full in each moment that You give me, in the
certainty that you are with me every day, even
until the end of the age. Amen.**



