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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

24TH & 25TH JULY, 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE

Places of Worship and Religious Services
DUE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS
ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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Funerals

Funerals are permitted with a maximum number of 10 attendees only.
 If the funeral takes place in a church building the physical distancing rule of 1.5 metres must be observed and face masks must be worn.

Weddings

Weddings are now on hold until further notice.

Live Streaming

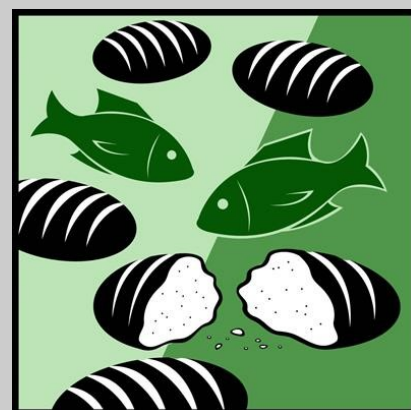
Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.

Parish office Hours

During this time of church closure the parish office will remain open at reduced hours. You are welcome to telephone or email and please leave a message if we don't answer the phone and we will get back to you.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.



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 (Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Parish News

Please find a letter from
**Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv to the people of
the Parramatta Diocese on pages 8 & 9.**

Sacrament of First Communion 2021

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE.

**WE ARE WAITING ON UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT
REGARDING RESTRICTIONS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT
THE SACRAMENT PROGRAM.**

DATES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

*Sharing our faith with the children of our
parish community is a very rewarding opportunity.
This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect
on your faith and consider sharing your journey with
Christ with the children in our government schools.*

What's Involved?

- * Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

What do I need?

- * An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

What help will I get?

- * Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- * A teacher's manual containing easy lesson plans.
- * Student activity books for each child.
- * Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information please contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Magda Ghali (14/06 – Adel Ghal's sister), Charlie Vassallo, Joseph O'Neill, Sam Vassallo

Anniversaries:

Bibiana Zahrs (22/07), Emma Gavin (19/06/17), Maryann Azzopardi (14/05/16), Margaret Sullivan (11/05/20)

Mass Intentions:

Jovito Jr, Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

And for those who are sick:

Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg

Diocesan News

'The Well' Offers Spiritual Nourishment

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? The Well, Parramatta Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Visit www.thewell.org.au

Office for Worship

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org; or download the August 2021 enrolment form via officefor-worship.org.au

Life, Marriage and Family Office Marriage Preparation Courses

Dates for the Diocesan Life, Marriage and Family Office's in-person marriage preparation weekend courses in 2021 are now available, with the SmartLoving Engaged Online course another option to prepare for your marriage. For more information, or to book your course, visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp or call (02) 8838 3460.

2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar: 13 August

The 2021 Faith in Marriage Seminar, scheduled for Friday 13th August 2021, has been cancelled.

The seminar will be rescheduled to a date to be advised.

Euthanasia, Dying and the Dignity of the Human Person Talks

The Diocese of Parramatta is co-hosting a series of talks on euthanasia with the Diocese of Broken Bay ahead of the expected introduction of a draft bill in NSW Parliament to legalise euthanasia. The series of talks will be held via Zoom over three Monday nights starting 2nd August at 7.30pm. Registration: parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks/

Manage your Fertility Naturally!

Are you looking for a natural method to manage your fertility? Are you trying to achieve pregnancy? Are you breastfeeding and looking for a natural way to space your children? **Natural Fertility Services - Diocese of Parramatta** might have the answers you're searching for. For information, or to book an appointment, contact Catherine on 0400 427 605 or catherinebourne@parra.catholic.org or visit www.parralmf.org.au

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The Living Word

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

25th July 2021

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:42-44

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

(R.) *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

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.

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.



Different View –

A miracle of sharing

Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.



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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A young lad and the hungers of humanity

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.



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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

Universal intention - Social friendship



We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * What attracted the large crowd to Jesus in the first place?
- * Why did Jesus feed the crowd rather than send them away?
- * How might the disciples have felt when Jesus told them to sit the people down ready to eat?
- * What message do you find in this gospel passage?
- * What challenge is there for your own life?

Questions for Adults

- * What significance can be attached to the fact that this account appears in all four gospels?
- * In what ways is this gospel story a precursor for the Eucharistic meal?
- * What is the effect of the miracle on the crowd?
- * Why does Jesus 'head for the hills'?
- * In what ways does this gospel challenge our world?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * In today's Gospel a large crowd followed Jesus. Why was Jesus concerned for them?
- * What small amount of food did the disciple Andrew find?
- * What did the disciples ask the crowd to do before Jesus blessed the bread and fish?
- * What did Jesus do with the blessed food?
- * What was left over?
- * Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist. What does he give to us?



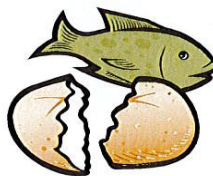
Jesus fed the hungry crowd

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What do you think these people would have said when they saw Jesus feed the large crowd with just five loaves and two fish?

Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



Colour in all the shapes that contain a dot • to reveal a word that feeds our hunger.




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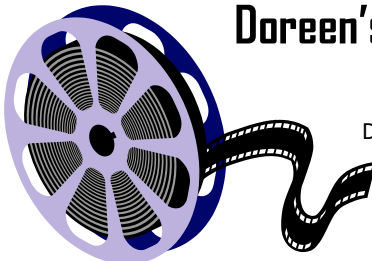
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Solutions

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Pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on COVID-19

Dear sisters and brothers,

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

I am sure that these words of St Paul are particularly pertinent to us as a Christian community as we endure the “second wave” of this pandemic with an increasing outbreak of the COVID-19 “delta variant.”

Having perhaps lulled ourselves into thinking that lockdowns were a thing of the past we find ourselves once again restricted in terms of our lives, and in particular, our capacity to access the Sacraments which are so fundamental to Catholic life.

I thank the pastors of our Diocese for their continuing efforts to maintain contact with the members of their parish communities, for the live streaming of liturgy, and other ways in which pastoral care is being offered particularly to those who are alone or facing other challenges.

As responsible citizens and faithful Catholics, in solidarity with our doctors and nurses, we must comply with health orders for the sake of the common good. The Gospel calls us to practice such solidarity in these difficult days.

We are also reminded that part of our identity as Catholics is our sense of engagement with one another through the celebration of the Eucharist which binds us to Christ and to those who gather with us. Whilst this communion cannot be impaired (even by a lockdown) the lack of being able to physically gather as the Body of Christ obviously can impact our sense of belonging. It is in these circumstances that we must endeavour to be sacramental to those in our families and those we are able to be in contact with by showing the face of Christ and allowing God’s love to manifest in us.

May we also use these days to deepen our prayer and spiritual lives. Our Diocesan websites www.catholicoutlook.org, particularly www.thewell.org.au contain some good and helpful information about how we can follow this path of deeper prayer, meditation and spiritual reading.

Please be assured that as your Bishop you are all constantly in my prayers, and I long for the day when once again we can express our faith tangibly by gathering in our various places of worship to celebrate the Eucharist and express that joy which comes from our faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "Vincent Long Van Nguyen".

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**

*Given at Parramatta on 21 July 2021
The Feast of St Lawrence of Brindisi*