

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark’s Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark’s Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the “Bread of Life Discourse.”

In many important ways, John’s Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John’s Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus’ language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John’s description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungerers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven. Recall that John’s Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus’ actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples’ feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus’ action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul’s Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples’ feet and 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.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy’s offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.



Parish Bulletin

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 27/28 July 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Kings 4:22-24

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 left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144:10-11,15-18

Response:

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

1. 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**

2. 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**

3. 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

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, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted

THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD.

In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes Jesus not only provides enough food to feed a large crowd but twelve hampers too much! Our God is an abundant giver who satisfies all our needs. Trusting in the goodness of God, may we love one another in complete selflessness and generosity. May we share freely our personal and material gifts with all who are in need.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 28 July 2024**
We appreciate your support!



VINNIES—YOUR CAN CAN HELP!

Our local Hectorville—Tranmere Conference faces increased demand for help with food assistance. With up to 60 requests each month our food store is almost empty. You **CAN** help by donating a **CAN**, or more if you **CAN**, into the carton at the church entrance. Help via the Poor Box is also always appreciated.

ACBC Research Project, Absent from the Table

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The survey closes on Tuesday, 20th Aug 2024. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey. <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—3/4 Aug 2024 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	20/21 Jul 2024
Open Plate	\$326.60
Planned Giving	\$440.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$766.60

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$508.20

Premiere of *Glorious Lives: Mary MacKillop*

All are welcome to attend free screening of *Glorious Lives: Mary MacKillop* a docu-fiction film to be screened at the Capri Theatre (141 Goodwood Rd, Goodwood SA) on Aug 7 at 6.30pm. Bookings can be made via: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1260996>



Citizen Advocacy is the name given to the committed relationship between a suitable citizen who provides long-term volunteer advocacy to a person with a disability (referred to as a protégé – one who is protected) so that they are no longer entirely alone and unprotected given their relatively powerless circumstances. Many advocates have been faithful companions to their protégés for decades and have saved them from terrible situations; many have saved the very lives of their protégés, and sometimes on repeated occasions. Otherwise such a person without a strong sense of consequence and 'living' within the confines of a service system is completely exposed to the vagaries of that service system and its ever changing policies, agendas and identities. **We are currently looking for a male volunteer advocate (who would be a mentor, confidante, friend and spokesperson and community connector) for a man in his middle fifties who lives in Myrtle Bank.** Please contact Joanne Christophersen 0412 674 551 jochristophersen@gmail.com




Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
 Life is always worth living, and there is always hope for the future, even when everything seems to be over. The fact that each of us exists is a unique gift for both ourselves and for others. God never abandons us—He knows how to listen, rejoice, and weep with us.



PARISH NOTICES

Chinese Community Mass - 4th Aug 2024

The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their next monthly community mass on Sunday 4th August at St Joseph's Church Tranmere. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Synod Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document)

Please be advised the Synod of Bishop's Working Document has been released. It can be accessed via the following link: [The Instrumentum Laboris \(synod.va\)](https://www.vatican.va/synod-instrumentum-laboris)

Catholic Women's League - Archdiocesan Day of Reflection

Catholic Women's League invites you to their Archdiocesan Day of Reflection on Tue August 6 from 10.30am until 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall. Facilitator, Geraldine Hawkes will speak on 'Love and Compassion' through music, art and stories from scriptures and sacred sources. Day of Reflection is open to all women not just members. Please invite other women from your parish to join us. BYO lunch plus donation towards expenses. For more enquiries contact Sue Williams, Catholic Women's League Secretary, on 0466 184 788. RSVP by July 30.

Annie MacKillop - First Companion

Sat Aug 10 at 2pm, Bethany, 4 High St Kensington
The Josephite Companions present Annie MacKillop, sister of Mary MacKillop: Annie accompanied Mary and walked with many of the Sisters of St Joseph throughout her life. Josephite Companions have embraced her as our 'inaugural Companion'. Come and delight in Annie's story, sharing in God's mission and making a difference. RSVP: August 5 on 0417 871 904 or SA.Companions@sosj.org.au. Afternoon tea will be available - please bring a small plate to share. There will also be a raffle. Donations and proceeds of the raffle will go toward Josephite ministries.

Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace

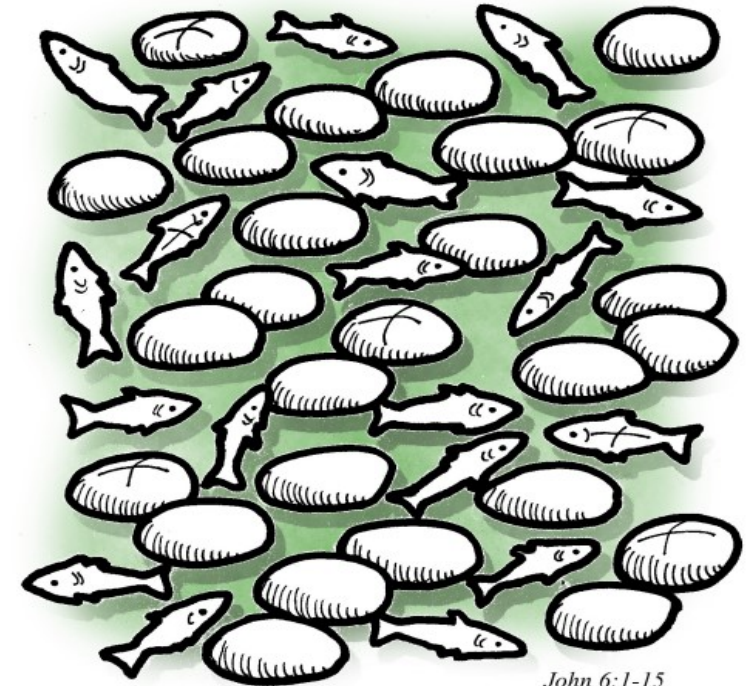
First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady on Saturday, Aug 3 and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am after the 8am Mass. All welcome. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod - Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635.

Sunday Night Choir - August 4 at 7.15pm

The Sunday Night Choir returns for another evening of music and singing on Sunday, August 4. This is a new initiative for 2024, sponsored by the Pastoral Services Team of the Adelaide Archdiocese and is simply an evening to gather, sing and meet new people. It's okay if this is your first time attending as we are a welcoming bunch. Bring friends too! There will be songs in three-part harmony, so the ability to read music notation is beneficial. Rehearsals are on the first Sunday of every month, starting at 7.15pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall (free car parking available). Visit: [ofw-adelaide.org.au/sundaynightchoir](https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/sundaynightchoir) for more info or contact Lauren Bierer lbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8107.

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28th, 2024



John 6:1-15

When five thousand people came to hear Jesus, He turned one boy's bread and fish into enough for everyone. How much did He have to start with? Colour and count the loaves and fishes with crosses on them to find out!

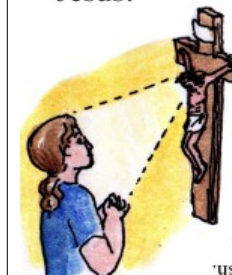
Jesus Multiplies our Gifts



Jesus saw that a huge crowd of people had come to Him, and He knew that they needed food. However, all they had was a few loaves of bread and a couple fish that a boy had brought along.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and blessed them, and started giving them to the crowd. Soon there was enough to feed five thousand people, plus there were twelve baskets of leftovers!

Jesus still multiplies what we give Him today. At Mass we offer to God some bread and wine and He turns it into the Body and Blood of Jesus!



We have something to offer to Jesus too. If you offer your work, or your talents, or even your whole life to God, He will use your gifts to bring His blessings to the world.

Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish. Answer to puzzle on front page: five loaves and two fish.