

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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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.



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BREAD FROM HEAVEN

For the next five weeks we depart from Mark's Gospel and read the majority of John 6. This week we hear the feeding of the 5,000 – a prelude to what is often referred to as the Discourse on the Bread from Heaven. We will listen to this discourse over the next three weeks, and in the final week we will witness some of the disciples turning away from Jesus. If you have the chance read the entire chapter 6 of John in one sitting, you will be able to appreciate better the eucharistic focus of the coming weeks. Intriguingly we have the possibility to hear and perceive something of the eucharistic celebration in the Johannine community.

This week's introduction through the feeding of 5,000, locates Jesus arriving on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Large crowds follow him enthused by the signs they have seen. Jesus goes up the mountain with his disciples and sits down. We understand this as a teaching posture, recalling Moses. As the story unfolds, we are sensitive that the Passover feast is near. Jesus asks Philip how they will buy bread for all these people. It is an impossible question which Phillip cannot answer. Andrew adds that there is only a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus takes charge, giving instructions. He takes the loaves, gives thanks and distributes them and the fish to all. At the end of the meal, 12 baskets full of fragments are gathered for later use. The crowds who don't fully understand who Jesus is, acclaim him as a prophet. We see a mixing of Passover and eucharistic traditions in play.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

2 Kings 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.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

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

R. 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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th July 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

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- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 28th July 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 27th July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 28th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 29th July St Martha, Mary & Lazarus		
Tuesday 30th July 17 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 2nd August Bl John of Rieti	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 3rd August St Dominic	9.00am Mass	



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In this year's message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly—which we celebrate this Sunday—Pope Francis encourages us not to 'cast off' the elderly when their hair grows white or their working lives come to an end. Rather, he says, they are the 'firm foundation' upon which other stones can rest to form the edifice of the Church.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **1st Communion Preparation:** 2 & 3 August
- ▶ **Children's Liturgy & Morning Tea:** 28 July
- ▶ **STA Coffee after Mass:** Sun 28 July

AUGUSTINE – PRAY CONSTANTLY



"St. Paul tells us: "Pray without ceasing." But are we supposed to kneel or lift our hands to him continuously? I do not think we can always be doing that. There is, however, another kind of

unceasing prayer—an interior kind: the longing of your heart. If you fix your longing on God, your prayer will be ceaseless. So, if you wish to pray without ceasing, do not cease to desire. The constancy of your longing will be the ceaseless voice of your prayer. If you love ceaselessly, you are always crying out; and if you are always longing, you are always thinking of your eternal rest in the Lord. (Sermon on Ps 38)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA

All families with young children invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass this Sunday 28 July. All welcome to morning tea in the coffee room following mass.



THE SCRIBBLE

Copies of the parish quarterly publication are available this week in churches or on the parish website.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE



Is available at the church door this weekend. Take your free copy with you.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Larissa Popowski, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Anne Morton, Cecil D'Cruz.



IN LOVING MEMORY
Recently Deceased



Anniversaries

- ✦ Marie Doyle
- ✦ Geoff Macpherson
- ✦ Terence Waters
- ✦ Robin Armstrong
- ✦ Bridie Moloney
- ✦ Shirley Addinsall
- ✦ Irene Sawoff
- ✦ Mary Gaynor
- ✦ Justina Casipong



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COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 28 JULY

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 28th July, join us for coffee at Botanical hotel at 169 Domain Rd.



MASS COLLECTIONS 21/07/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 592.50
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 453.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 127.80
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards	\$ 405.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 718.00

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