

GOSPEL

Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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'YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT'

The disciples function rather like a modern celebrity's 'minders'. When Jesus has finished healing the sick, they urge him to send the crowd away to buy food for themselves before nightfall.

Jesus reacts to the word 'buy'. He will not send people away to buy anything – nor should the disciples. When they point out with astonishment that they barely have enough for themselves (five loaves and two fish), Jesus, acting the part of divine Wisdom who speaks in the First Reading (Isa 55:1-3), *freely* provides more than enough food for the whole multitude.

His gestures in doing so – taking the loaves, blessing, breaking and giving them – clearly foreshadows the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper (Matt 26:26). To participate in the Eucharist is to experience the same divine hospitality so lavishly provided by Jesus.

The miraculous feeding and the Eucharist which it foreshadows bring out that the essence of what God wants to do for us is simply be a most generous Host at the banquet of eternal life. At the same time, since it depicts people being fed with real food, it bears directly, in a sacramental sense, upon the problem of world hunger. The Lord who took pity on the large crowd, looks with similar eyes upon our world and instructs us, as he instructed his disciples, 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. In the words of the Venerable Pedro Arrupe (former Jesuit General): 'The Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in our world'.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **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, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

**Alleluia, alleluia! / No one lives on bread
alone, / but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. / Alleluia!**



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 5.30pm
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11am
 (suspended)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8am - 9am
 Sunday 8am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4pm
Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11am
Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11am
Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
 For emergencies please phone 0428-126703



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 3rd – 9th August

MON 3rd Aug Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
 TUE 4th Aug Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
 WED 5th Aug Rosary 11.30am
Mass 12 noon

Home Rosary at the home of
 Bernie & Colleen Graham, 11 Diamond Street,
 Tingha each Wednesday at 4.30pm. All Welcome.

THUR 6th Aug Rosary 11.30am
Mass & Benediction 12 noon
 FRI 7th Aug **School Mass (Church) 9.30am**
Saint Mary of the Cross

SAT 8th Aug Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
Feast Day St Mary of the Cross

NOTE: Attendance at weekday Masses fulfil Sunday obligation during Covid19 restrictions.

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION

We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.
MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.



Mass Intentions for the Week

John & Madgie Casey, Dixie Casey, Thomas Robbins, Margaret Dickins, Mario Migheli, Coral Briget Dasey, Phillip Turner, Gordon Turner, Michael Turner.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron Hedley (brother of Sr. Coral) Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased

Jeremy Norman Campbell, Debrah Brown (sister-in-law of Margaret Jones) Victor Buchanan, Kevin Pay, Rena Valiukas, Paul Vassallo, Martin Coleman (Narrabri), Dennis Rixon (son of Kath and Keith Rixon) Stan Jackson. **We Pray for the Anniversaries of**
John & Madgie Casey, Dixie Casey, Thomas Robbins, Margaret Dickins, Bill McCormick, Gordon Turner. Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH

(authorised by the NSW Government for the State of NSW)

Mass attendance and Weddings: One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church can accommodate 100 worshippers at a time.

Funerals: up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance. Maximum 100. Please sit in the **Allocated Seats** to observe Social Distancing regulations.

Contact Sheets: placed at each opened entrance to the Church. **Parishioners** attending the Church are required to record their full names. **Visitors** are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.

If you are unwell please stay at home.
If you require Home Communion contact the office.

2ND AUGUST 2020 – 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

Vocation Awareness Week from 3rd - 9th August

To support those who are called to serve God, there will be a Special Collection for the Seminarian and Clergy Fund next weekend on the 8th & 9th of August. Please support.

Women's Breakfast Friday 14th August at 8:00am

2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772.

The ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering will be delivered as an online conference on Saturday 15th August. Men can participate individually at home or are encouraged to gather in groups. More information is on the Parish Notice Board.

ALTER SOCIETY ROSTER FOR AUGUST

Rosie Michael and Val McMahan

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee	Saturday 8th Aug	10.00am
Parish Council	Monday 3rd Aug	5.00pm

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Due to Covid19 'Social Distancing' rules, parishioners are asked to **process in a single line** down either of the **two narrow aisles** to receive Communion, then **returning** to their pew via the main centre aisle or far aisles. Please maintain a 1.5metre distance between each other. Thank you.

PRAYER TO GOD FOR HELP

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us you sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies. Look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief. Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.

We ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE CHURCH

The Financial Report for the 2020 Financial Year has been prepared by the the Finance Committee, and is included in this week's Bulletin at the Church. For further enquiries, please contact the office. The Parish is very grateful to Parishioners who generously contributed to the upkeep of our Parish and the Priest for the last year, and for their time and their talent in carrying out various ministries, committee positions and volunteer work .God bless you all.

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding.

ROSTER	1st AUG — SAT 5.30	2nd AUG— SUN 9AM	8th AUG — SAT 5.30	9th AUG – SUN 9AM
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	JO KELLY	DIANE BRYANT	SUE SZUMOWSKI	RHONDA McDONALD
READERS	DAPHNE DASEY	JUDY HARRIS	FRED RENNIE	DAVID McMAHON
COMMENTATOR	MARIE WARD	JUNE SAINT	NOEL McCOSKER	MARY JANE GUEST
GIFTS	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
COMMUNION MINISTER	PAULINE CROFT	JILLIAN RAINGER	SISTER CORAL	JUNE SAINT
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
MUSIC MINISTRY	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	<i>Collection baskets</i>	<i>are at each of the</i>	<i>entrances to the</i>	<i>Church. Thank you.</i>
MORNING TEA	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>	<i>SUSPENDED</i>
COUNTERS		B. BALDWIN, B GARDNER		R. TUTT and R. WITHERDIN