



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles -- the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "*There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?*" Jesus honours Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honours our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.



The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg

Under the Patronage of Mary Mother of the Church

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Holy Rosary Church

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St Patrick's Church

16 Powers St

St Mary's Church

Cnr Barolin & Boston Sts

St James' Church

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AFTER HOURS

**Anointing of the Sick
for Medical Emergencies**

Phone 4151 6666
& follow the prompts.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Living the Gospel does not require much. In fact, less is sometimes more. Simple gestures or random acts of kindness can have unimaginable results and change lives. It is easy to believe that we do not have what it takes to make a difference, but we do! The key is to learn how to be grateful for the little gifts you possess and share them freely and abundantly. It does not take much to satisfy the hungers of the human heart or mend the wounds of sorrow and pain. All we need to know is that God is with us. All people need to know is that we are with them. God provides the rest. Truly be present to those you meet this week and offer them your most precious gift, the gift of yourself.

DISCERNING GIFTS & TALENTS by Anne Sheehan

What's Involved in the Music Ministry?

Very simply, the ability to sing or play an instrument during the liturgy and a commitment to practice these skills. Ministry is about having or developing the ability to announce the presence of God and facilitate the community's response. Music ministers do this through song.

Look at the musicians who regularly lead the music at Mass. How many are there? Are they the same people each week? What's the age group? How long have you seen them in the music ministry? Have you ever criticised or praised their abilities? What does this tell you? The music ministry is the one liturgical ministry guaranteed to be judged harshly or with adulation because of its aural nature. If you can leave Mass singing the final song in your head, the musicians and singers have done their job well.

The music ministry is a ministry in crisis everywhere, not just in our parish. More musicians and singers are needed to maintain the sung prayer and traditions of the Church's liturgy as well as cater for a new and changing Church of the future. We look out on those in the church and say, "Surely!". Surely there's someone out there who can sing or play an instrument and commit to playing or singing once a month at least? Surely there's a young person in the church who is learning to play the keyboard and would like to play at Mass? Or maybe a group of guitarists or other suitable instrument?

We meet as a group once a month to learn new songs, practice old ones and share news and information about our ministry. What better way to use my musical gifts and talents than to lead the people's praise of God in song?

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us.

You ask us to develop these gifts and share them with others.

Help us to recognise the gifts of others, so that together, we may respond to the call of Jesus to spread the Good News in our Communities.

May your Spirit of Love guide us on our journey.

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Monday is the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Trafficking and slavery happen in the world and in our country today. It is estimated there are millions of trafficking in persons victims in the world. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is working towards the elimination of human trafficking.

We all have a role to play in eliminating this by donating to ACRATH (acrath.org.au/donate), heighten our awareness, buy ethically produced goods, speak out against trafficking.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Anne-Maree Falco; Patty Kernke (Brisbane); Larissa Beilby; Alexandria Sammut.

Anniversaries: James Miller; Sylvia Dineen-Hankinson; Clare Neibling; Alma Della; Joyce Lines; Bridget Mullins (Toowoomba); Alby Murphy; Margaret Harte; Erin Walker; John Maltby.

NOTICES

POSITION VACANT

Administration & Finance Co-ordinator

Expressions of Interest are invited for the full-time position of Administration & Finance Co-ordinator for The Catholic Parish of Bundaberg, commencing 3 September 2018.

The primary focus of this role is to provide Office Co-ordination, Bookkeeping, Finance and Administration Support.

The Position Description for this role is available by contacting the Parish Office either by telephone on 4151 6666 or via email to bundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au.

Applications close at 3:30pm Friday, 17th August 2018.

Catholic Education Week ~ July 29 - August 4: 'Discovering New Horizons' is the central theme for CEW. The theme has been aligned with the official Year of Youth theme for 2018 which is derived from a speech given by Pope Francis at World Youth Day Vigil Mass Krakow 2016.

Pope Francis called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'. We congratulate all in Catholic Education and thank them for their role in the mission of the Church.

"My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and in our neighbours who feel abandoned."

Pope Francis reminds us 'that Jesus calls you to leave your mark on life, to leave a mark on history, your own and that of many others as well.'

Office Closed: Please be advised that the Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, 30 July 2018** from **12:30pm to 2:30pm**.

Mackillop Festival Liturgy: presented by the Students of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be held on Wednesday, 8 August 2018 at 8.30am in the Mackillop Hall at St Joseph's Primary School.

St Joseph's Mackillop Museum: displaying works by the Students of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be open in the Novakoski Centre from Saturday, 4 August to Friday 10 August 2018 at various times. Please see Noticeboards at all Churches for the Museum opening times. All welcome.

Bethlehem Live Volunteers Information Morning: Calling for helpers leading up to, and during, the event. The morning is being held at **The Generator**, (above the Bundaberg Post Office in the CBD), on **Saturday 18 August** at **9.00am**. Note: Bethlehem Live is being held this year from 18 to 21 December 2018 from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Tax Receipts: the 2017/2018 Parish Planned Giving Tax Receipts are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

LITURGIES

17th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 30 July 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 31 July 2018

St Ignatius of Loyola

9.00am St James' - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 1 August 2018

St Alphonsus Liguori

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 2 August 2018

6.30am St Mary's - Mass

11.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 3 August 2018

St Dominic

5.30pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 4 August 2018

St John Vianney

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

5 August 2018

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (II)

Hours of the Solemnity
Psalter Week 2

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

12noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel

John 6:24-35



SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

2 Kings 4: 42-44

The prophet Elisha performed a feeding miracle in the name of the Lord 700 years before the birth of Christ. What does this teach us about Divine Providence?

Ephesians 4: 1-6

Paul speaks of the marks of a Christian life: humility, gentleness, patience, and love. How well do you live to this standard of the faith?

John 6: 1-15

We hear John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Jesus. Why do you think this is the only miracle in common between all four evangelists?



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In relationship with Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we serve joyfully as a people
beloved and called by God.

- ❖ **Praying** in public took Daniel from the comfort of his home to a den full of hungry lions.
- ❖ **Worshipping** only God took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the comforts of security, to the burning fiery furnace and anger of a king.
- ❖ **Faithfulness** to God took Mary from the comfort of an ideal life to being a pregnant un-wed girl delivering God's own son in a barn.
- ❖ **Following** God took Moses from the comfort of shepherding a few sheep to leading the Israelites in a desert to the Promised Land for forty years.
- ❖ **Obedience** to God took Abraham from the comfort of his hometown to an unknown land.
- ❖ **Faith** took Esther from the comfort of her castle to the sceptre and possible rejection of her king.
- ❖ **Trusting** God took David from the comfort of shepherding sheep in the fields to the battlefield and then to the throne of a king.
- ❖ **Love** took Jesus from the comforts of heaven to the pain of the cross.

Anna Bachinsky

Bachinsky concludes her list by saying that, *"If there is one thing I've been learning lately it's this: God doesn't really care about my comfort zone. He doesn't care for me to get too comfortable in this world. To get too settled in. In fact, He has called us all to do the exact opposite."* God isn't against us being comfortable but being comfortable can be a dangerous place to remain for too long. We can become complacent and lose our enthusiasm.

There is nothing terribly disconcerting or troubling about moving to a new country to undertake studies. It is in fact an exciting opportunity. To leave behind the place that has been home, however; and to say goodbye to friends and family brings its challenges and moves me beyond what is familiar and what is comfortable.

I have been blessed to have been in Bundaberg for the past four years. I could not have had or asked for a better foundation for my priesthood. I will be forever grateful to those who have offered me their support, encouragement, guidance, and friendship. As I move into this new phase and return to study, I ask you to continue to pray for me as I will for you.