

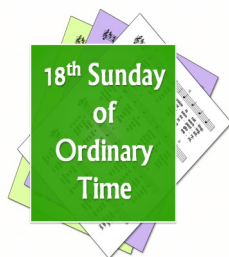


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**18th Sunday
Year A
1st / 2nd
August 2020**

In a nutshell

Jesus is saddened at John the Baptist's death and feels the need to be alone.

When the people catch up with him, he does not send them away, but heals them.

His compassionate love reaches out to others and he provides a meal for them from five loaves and two fish.

Jesus can do great things with us too, if we give the little we have.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35.37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Listen and live
Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Jesus provides food

"They all ate and were satisfied."



The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:15-21

That evening the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Let the crowds leave, so they can go to the villages and buy some food." Jesus replied, "They don't have to leave. Why don't you give them something to eat?" But they said, "We have only five small loaves of bread and two fish." Jesus asked his disciples to bring the food to him, and he told the crowd to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and blessed the food. Then he broke the bread and handed it to his disciples, and they gave it to the people. After everyone had eaten all they wanted, Jesus' disciples picked up twelve large baskets of leftovers.

There were about five thousand men who ate, not counting the women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Sunday 7am Mass)

Entrance antiphon:

God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

Response to the psalm:

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

Gospel acclamation:

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

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
August	John Betros	August	Michael Zador & others
Sept	Chelsea Albert		
October	Sr Jan O'Neil	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
		August	Gary Keating
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
August:	George & Nick Attard	August:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
August 2nd:	Di Karas Sharron Critchely		Paula O'Connor.
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
August 2nd: Group 1	August 9th: Group 2	Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
August 16th: Group 3	August 23rd: Group 4		

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Alex McSpadgen, Terry McMahon, Joe Hallahan, Fr Neville Dunne, msc, Carmen Caruana, Jim Rigby, Betty Muntz.
Anniversary:	Eileen Richards, Domenico Benussi, Michael Hanna.
Other Deceased:	Negus & Ferguson Families, Joan O'Keefe, Dale Black, Sherry Jackson, Noel Aisbett, Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family, Eileen McMahon.
Sick:	June Ferguson, Chris Simpson, Jakob Pohlmann, Paula Hudson, Bernice Ralston, Chaiel Blacombe, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Marian Moreno, Judy

Family Discussion
<p>A key message in today's gospel concerns the great generosity of God. In the end, there was not only enough food for all, but twelve baskets left over. God's love and care for us is indeed abundant. We are called to love in the same generous and abundant way.</p> <p>When the priest blesses the bread and wine at Mass, they become the body of Christ for us to share in the Eucharistic meal. Jesus feeds us so that we may feed one another. Think about the ways in which different people 'feed' you and help you to grow physically, and how we can better “feed” others.</p>

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

Baptism - We welcome Isabel Brady, daughter of Liz and Nial, into our parish community this weekend after 9.30am family mass.

St Brigid's Primary are still accepting enrolments for 2021, packs are available at the school.

Monday 3rd August - PPC Meeting at 7.30pm in the parish office.

Fr Phil

Face masks available to purchase and can be picked up at the parish office <http://www.aimisa.com.au/>

Mass In the Mary Mackillop Memorial Chapel will be live streamed at 10.00am
Saturday 8th August followed by a time of prayer at the tomb

The details will be posted on the website marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au

In today's gospel reading there is some discord between Jesus and his disciples. Although Jesus had been the one to leave the crowds and seek out a deserted place to mourn John the Baptist, when the crowds find him and interrupts his solitude, instead of irritation or annoyance, "his heart was moved with pity for them." the disciples seem to be the ones who are flustered by this turn of events and so take it upon themselves to tell Jesus when evening falls that it's time to dismiss the crowds, so they can go and buy their own dinners.

The crowd do not seem concerned about physical hunger. Perhaps the hunger Jesus was already filling, the hunger that initially drove them out of their familiar towns and into this deserted place, was deeper than any physical hunger pains could be.

Jesus tells his disciples, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." As with all his words and actions, Jesus is mentoring the disciples in what it really means to follow him. Instead of sending people away, they should be inviting them closer. Instead of telling them to go and take care of their own needs, they should feeding them (both spiritually and physically) themselves.

As followers of Christ, we are also the intended recipients of Jesus' words. We are not to hoard the bread of life or the word of God, but instead we are to invite all we meet to come to the feast. We should not be concerned with scarcity. At the table of the Lord, we find abundance and more than enough to satisfy the hunger of all .

Living Liturgy, 2020



Sacramental Dates

- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September a—**First Communion weekend.**
- We will re-arrange Mass times on the same days to conform with Covid19 regulations.
- Friday 23rd October (7pm) & Saturday 24th (2pm) - **Sacrament of Confirmation.**
Please see our website for registration details.

Please call / email Joanne Smyth for any further information:

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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.