

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2020



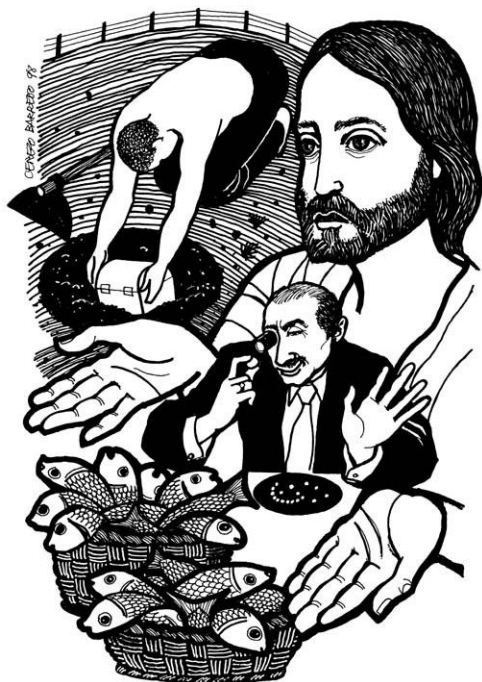
Readings for this
week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-48 or 44-52



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

This Sunday we complete the parable section in Matthew's Gospel and next week begin the section known as the Church Narrative. It is centred on the community of disciples who will form the new community of the church after the Lord's resurrection and the feast of Pentecost. Sundays 18th-20th relate the faith of the disciples at the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the calming of the storm, walking on water and the cure of the Canaanite's daughter in response to prayer.

Doctor of the Church

is a title the pope grants to saints who have made significant contributions to spirituality or theology through their studies or writings. To date there are 36 Doctors of the Church who include four women; 18 bishops, 12 priests and one deacon.

Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel for today is short but may be made shorter by omitting verses 49-52. The Lectionary gives us the option of shorter reading when they are exceeding long or difficult to understand. We have three short "Kingdom of Heaven" parables in the first section and a commentary and a fourth "Kingdom of Heaven" parable in the latter. The treasure seeker and pearl trader are searchers for joy and good value. They will use their own resources to achieve these ends. Note that it is not "all that it takes" which may include ill-gotten means, but from their own assets. Treasure and pearls are but metaphors of the value and joy of attaining eternal life in God's kingdom. Therefore it is not just assets but the will and wisdom that are also required. Solomon was given choices in life. In the first reading he prayed for wisdom and God was pleased to grant it. St Paul's letter to the Romans teaches "all things work together for good." We are called to goodness, wisdom and joy.

Like the fisherman we must know good from bad and like the householder we must discern what is the true treasure and then ready to search for it in most unlikely places and under disguised appearances.

Ancient Armenian Reflection:

You, Lord, dragged me onto the seashore with those gathered in the net; but at the time you chose the good, I was rejected with the bad. This is why in the same deep water. I again went down into the foul mire; there the abysses that offer no exit have encompassed the powers of my soul. But you can do everything. Bring me back again to the surface and deign to gather me with the elect into the good and holy vessel." *St Nersès Shnorhali, (1102-1173 Turkey) from the Poem: "Jésus, Fils unique du Père" 1152*

Saint of the Week: St Peter Chrysologus 30 July

Born: 406 and died 31 July 450 in Imola, Italy, St Peter was Bishop of Ravenna from 433. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for short and theologically rich reflections. So authentic were the contents of his homilies that he was declared a Doctor of the Church 13 centuries later in 1729.

On the Lighter Side

A pirate captain followed a treasure map to a faraway island. The map led him to a swamp, he waded in slowly then reaching knee-deep his leg hit something hard. He pulled up a treasure chest, pried it open to discover gold and gemstones. The Captain turned to his first mate and said, "Arrrr, matey, that just goes to show ye, that booty is only shin deep!"



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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonio Ciavarella
	Our sick and their carers	Lewis Noonan, Sue MacDonald

A different kind of bucket list.

After surviving cancer twice, Fr Ron Rolheiser himself a different kind of bucket list.

- 1) I am going to strive to be as productive as long as I can.
- 2) I am going to make every day and every activity as precious and enjoyable as possible.
- 3) I am going to strive to be as gracious, warm, and charitable as possible.
- 4) I am going to strive to be as healthy as long as I can.
- 5) I am going to strive to accept others' love in a deeper way than I have up to now.
- 6) I am going to strive to live a more-fully "reconciled" life. No room for past hurts anymore
- 7) I am going to strive to keep my sense of humour intact.
- 8) I am going to strive to be as courageous and brave as I can.
- 9) I am going to strive, always, to never look on what I am losing, but rather to look at how wonderful and full my life has been and is.
- 10) And, I'm going to, daily, lay all of this at God's feet through prayer.

Mass Timetable

Wednesday: 9:15 am (rosary starts at 9am)

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

You need to book on-line or by calling Mary 0484 332 397 or Debbie 0417 051 366

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Please let all your family and friends know about our Mass timetable. If they would like to come to Mass and cannot booking on line or having trouble please encourage them to call Mary on 0484 332 397 or Debbie on 0417 051 366

Sandhurst Diocese 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm.

Seeking inspiration to cultivate a flourishing prayer life? Then join us for our annual 'Wheel of Prayer Day' and explore different forms of prayer to help you sustain a powerful and effective private prayer practice.

The day will begin with an introductory reflection and the Prayer of the Church (or 'Liturgy of the Hours') led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Four 45-minute workshops, each offering a brief introduction and experience of prayer, will follow.

Go to TryBooking to register and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you. <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>. To learn more go to 'News & Events' at sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

2021 Columban Art Calendars

Mary is taking orders for the 2021 Columban Art Calendar. The cost is \$9.00, they will make a beautiful Christmas gift. Please call Mary on 0484332397 or email tatura@cdos.org.au

