

Seventeen Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 25 July 2021



Readings for this Sunday
2 Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15



Readings for next week:
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
John 6:24-35



Liturgical Jottings

The Word of the Lord

The sacramentality of the word can thus be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. Saint Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: "We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. ... 2010 Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini* Benedict XVI para 56a

Focus on the Readings

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.
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Prayer for the Week

Father, all-powerful and merciful, we give you thanks. Christ your Son has called together one holy people from every nation under heaven and with love stronger than death has embraced them as his own. In the sacrament of Christ's body and blood that work of salvation is made present and accomplished for us in the eucharistic celebration. (*Preface 15th Sunday, Ambrosian Rite*)

Quote from Let us Dream by Pope Francis (2020)

All true values, human values, are non-negotiable. Can I say which of the fingers on my hand has more value than the others? If it is of value, it has a value that cannot be negotiated.

On the Lighter Side

A woman texted her husband, who is a computer programmer: "On your way home get two loaves of bread and, if they have any fresh eggs, get a dozen." He comes home with a dozen loaves of bread.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kathleen Connelly, Antonio Ciavarello
	Our sick and their carers	Anne Sarolea

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This Sunday (25 July) is the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

"I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelisation, proclamation and prayer, and encouraging young people in their faith.

So, let us all pray together in spirit to recognise and celebrate grandparents and the elderly.

For all older people to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received with humility, gentleness and generosity. May our frailty never prevent us from being strong in love, nor from being consolation for the poor and support for the young. Let us pray.

For young people when they come face to face with hunger for bread and a hunger for peace in this world. May they never be discouraged by how little they have, but may they follow the Lord's invitation to help feed everyone else. Let us pray.

For those who are grandparents, may we know how to accompany our families with wisdom and may we learn to pass on the treasure of faith to our grandchildren and to the younger generations. Let us pray.

For all the elderly who are alone and seek the tenderness of an embrace. May no one have to live in isolation and feel that the Lord's promise "I am with you always" is addressed to their lives. Let us pray.

For every sick and wounded person and for the storm of the pandemic to subside. May we learn never to leave anyone alone when they are facing the onslaught of evil, and may care be given for everyone, including the poorest wherever they are. Let us pray.

Amen

(The Majellan Weekly Newsletter)

Mass Timetable Week commencing 26th July IF MASS' ARE PERM

Weekday Mass

Monday 26 th July	No Mass
Tuesday 27 th July	No Mass
Wednesday 28 th July	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 29 th July	No Mass
Friday 30 th July	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 31 st July	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 1 st August	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 22nd August 11:30 am

St Donato Feast. – 7th August 2021

A Mass to celebrate the feast of St Donato will be held on Saturday 7th August at 10.00 am at Scared Heat, Tatura.

Due to COVID uncertainty, celebrations that usually take place after mass at the Italian Club have been cancelled this year. Anyone wishing to have lunch you are welcomed to Hilltop Golf Club.

Please ring club on 5824 1689 to make your own bookings.

For further information ph Joe Gagliardi on 0438 579989

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

A Journey to **EMMAUS** via Zoom for 6 Wednesdays

Do you want to know more about the Scriptures?

Need to take some time out from a busy life to come closer to Jesus? Then this Emmaus is for you!

This course explains the Messianic significance of the Old Testament Scriptures and their relationship with the New Testament.

It will:

- Deepen your appreciation of the Scriptures.
- Enable you to experience the power of the Word of God.
- Show you what the Word of God is, what it does and what our attitude to it should be.
- Take you on a journey through the Old Testament and show how it is fulfilled in Jesus.
- Give you an insight into the community of Jesus, it's mentality and practice.
- Give you a burning desire to return from 'Emmaus' to 'Jerusalem' to announce your encounter with the Risen Lord.



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Weekly reflection sheets will add to your Emmaus experience.

6 Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm, Commencing: 21 July 2021

Booking Fee: \$5 overseas participants use promo code OVASEA

Book before 10am Tue 20 July at

Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BSQSW>

The course is presented by the Catholic School of Evangelisation



Mary Mackillop Rosaries – Purchase at discounted prices until 31 August

Last year the Aid to the Church in Need commissioned a commemorative set of rosary beads for the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop.

The rosaries were very popular and this is an opportunity for those who missed out to order them as we approach the feast of Mary Mackillop. Please note that orders will close Tuesday 31 August.

The flyer/order form are in the Narthex invoices will be sent when your order is submitted. For any questions or to submit your order form email orders@aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: With trust in God's faithful love for humanity, let us turn to the Lord in prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of our Church that they will have confidence in the power of faith to feed the hungry of this world through the work they are privileged to do **Lord hear us**
2. We pray for all those who are members of the Plenary Council. May they deliberate carefully about the needs of the Church in Australia so that the people of God are fed with hope and joy **Lord hear us**
3. We pray for those who are involved with the production and distribution of food throughout the world. May they work to ensure that the distribution is fair and just and that there is a preferential option for the poor. **Lord hear us**
4. We pray for all families that they may be strengthened by the meals that they share and experience real joy in the company of each other.. **Lord hear us**
5. : For all Grandparents and Special Friends: May they be blessed by the affection and gratitude of their grandchildren. May they always encounter respect and love. **Lord hear us**
6. We pray for those who have died recently in our parish and those who are grieving. We pray also for any anniversaries at this time and we pray for the sick in our parish and their careers.

CELEBRANT:. God our Father, may we be receptive to receive your Holy Spirit and live every day at peace with you and with our world, through Christ our Lord **Amen**

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