

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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WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES

MASS TIMES: Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm Tuesday 5.30pm Wednesday 8.45am Thursday - Saturday 8.30am	Prayers & Devotions Reconciliation: Sat, 9am – 9.30am Rosary: Saturday 8am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri, 9am-5pm Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm during Winter Months	<i>For Baptism & Wedding bookings: please call the Parish Office.</i>
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 2nd August 2020


Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

	Date/Time	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers	Altar Servers
LITURGICAL MINISTRY ROSTER	Saturday 8th August 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		Ingka Iwansantoso Phillipa Timms	K Bennett W Fernandes	G Iwansantoso
	Sunday 9th August 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	Sandra Robinson	Alan Sali Teresa Whitehouse	L Millington D Panzich-Sekulla	C Rozario
	Sunday 9th August 10.00am	Malcolm Barraclough	Joy Intervencion	Nadine Barker In-In Intervencion	A Jong M Bijoux Ranjit Ratnayake (I/R)	S Barker G Escape
	Sunday 9th August 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		Jan Albert Mina Terence khoo	T Doan V Borja	A Borja T Sriningsih Armstrong

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

Mass is continuing in the parish with the allowance of 100 people in the Church & 50 in the Parish Centre. We will be following the guidelines set out by the State Government & the directives from the Archdiocese of Perth. After the announcement from the State Government with Phase 4 starting 27th June we are still restricted to limited numbers in the church due to the 2 square metres rule, but we no longer have to keep a register. So no more signing in.

All Guidelines to be observed until further notice:

Entrance is from the Wright street only, safe distancing is required when entering. Use hand sanitiser on entering the church. Safe distance on the pews with only 3 people per pew, unless it is a family that resides together, then you may sit all together. Lighting of candles is allowed, but please refrain from touching the statues. Face masks are acceptable in the church if you wish. Collection baskets have been placed on Offertory Table for you to put your offering in, these will not be passed around. Holy Communion will be under one kind with receiving of 'the Body of Christ' in the hand only. No sign of peace. After the Mass, please do not gather in the church or at the entrances, and if you wish to stand outside, please keep the social distancing rule, we are subject to be checked by the police at any time. Please take home your Parish Bulletin, do not leave in the church for others to use. Following the regulations will keep our Church open.

The Sunday Obligation for the faithful does not apply during this time of emergency.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020/2021

Envelopes still available, write your contact details next to the number you are taking, or if you had a set last year, you have been allocated the same number for this financial year. Please take your set and tick your name off. If you wish to organise for Direct Debit contact the parish office and the forms can be emailed to you. *Thank you for your ongoing support of the parish.*

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Will be celebrated in the parish during August. Notre Dame School will have 2 Masses – **Saturday 15th August at 4pm & Sunday 16th August at 12 noon.** SMG School & children from the after school program will be **Sunday 23rd August at 12 noon.** Please keep all these children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for the Sacrament.

Golden Jubilee

Congratulations to Malcolm & Ida Barraclough who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week. May they have many more happy years together.

Upcoming Feast Days

6th August: The Transfiguration of our Lord
8th August: St Mary MacKillop – Mary of the Cross
15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Around the Archdiocese

Child Protection Week 2020 Competition

Young people aged 12-18 years, create a 2 minute media clip outlining the importance of **'Putting children's needs first'**. For more information, Flyers available from either side of church or visit www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding.

St Charles' Seminary Monthly Newsletter 'The Vine'

Subscribe to the Seminary's monthly newsletter by visiting: www.stcharlesseminary.org.au.

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Subscribe to 'The eRecord' by phoning 08 9220 5900 or E: communications@perthcatholic.org.au

Mass at Home

Available on Ch10 Sunday mornings at 6am.

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2020

Results after Round 8. 1st: 48pts Bob Poole, 2nd: 47pts A Platel, Eq 3rd: 46pts G Robinson Joan Carn &. See notice board for top listing.

RCIA & Bible Studies In Parish Centre

Have recommenced Tuesday evenings @ 6pm.

Volunteer Cleaners Required for our Church

Thank you to all those that responded, a new roster has been set up. Copies available in pink folder school side entrance to the church and also on the noticeboards.

In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Quynh Giau, Margaret & Denis Saldana, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Francis, Michael, Clarence & George de Rozario, Milan Marfil and recently deceased Peter Anh No Mai & Fr Anton Hesse.*



Baptisms

Welcome to our Catholic Faith Community:
Ava Renee Barr, Holly Sophia Barr & Romeo Alexander O'Grady.

