

## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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**SUNDAY – 28TH JULY 2024**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Mona Boyle, Ken Ryan, Rev Keith Wright,  
Keith Torney, Lorna Norbury, Bill Gustus,  
Lawson Lyttle, Eileen Stewart, Frank and Peggy Wise,  
Beryl Thompson, Don Bartlett, Agnes Harney

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne,  
Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy,  
Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan,  
Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains,  
and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTER:**

#### ***Introduction & Reading***

Today: Angela Gerrard  
4th Aug: Bernadette Franc

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Today: Bernadette Franc  
4th Aug: Carita Clancy

#### ***Assembly Leaders***

4th Aug: Genevieve Johnston & Carita Clancy  
18th Aug: Angela Gerrard & Carita Clancy

#### ***Special Minister***

4th Aug: Gail Hall  
18th Aug: Therese Jess

#### ***Music***

Sue Mahony

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers***

4th & 11th Aug: Colleen Briody

#### ***Church Grounds***

4th & 11th Aug: Gerard Briody

#### ***Newsletter***

Month: August - Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

### **MASS TIMES**

4th Aug: **LLA 8:30am** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Diocesan e-News** see the below link:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

#### **WINTER APPEAL**

The theme of the appeal 2024 is "Working Homeless".  
Focussed on the trend of people experiencing housing  
hardship and disadvantage despite being employed.  
Between May 2023 – May 2024, St Vincent de Paul  
provided material household assistance of \$730,000  
across greater Ballarat.

To donate online, go to [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)  
or call 131812.



### **PRAYER FOR TODAY -**

#### **THE FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image,  
You who never leaves us alone  
and who accompanies us through every season of life,  
Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us,  
once again, the ability to discover ourselves  
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word  
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness  
and teach us to say:

"I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,  
may we not lose the taste for fraternity  
and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.  
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,  
and make World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly  
a day without loneliness,  
and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.  
Amen.

### **AN URGENT PRAYER FOR PEACE**

*by Michael McGirr*

God of compassion, we turn to you with heavy hearts  
as we consider the needs of your family.

Israelis and Palestinians, we are all your people,  
each of us loved by You and called to live in peace  
and justice.

We lament the dreadful loss of life, destruction of  
property and loss of human dignity.

We are pained by so much suffering. We beg you to bring  
healing to this ancient place. Help your people  
find a way forward.

Enable everyone to look each other in the eye,  
and embrace each other as sisters and brothers,  
as they find your image in every face.

We ask that courage and grace will help create a wiser  
and more gentle future, where everyone has a home.

God of wisdom, come to our aid. Amen.

### **FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to  
their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an  
ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

Lord, hear us.

hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JULY 2024

## BREAD FROM HEAVEN

For the next five weeks we depart from Mark’s Gospel and read the majority of John 6. This week we hear the feeding of the 5,000 – a prelude to what is often referred to as the Discourse on the Bread from Heaven. We will listen to this discourse over the next three weeks, and in the final week we will witness some of the disciples turning away from Jesus. If you have the chance read the entire chapter 6 of John in one sitting, you will be able to appreciate better the eucharistic focus of the coming weeks. Intriguingly we have the possibility to hear and perceive something of the eucharistic celebration in the Johannine community.

This week’s introduction through the feeding of 5,000, locates Jesus arriving on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Large crowds follow him enthused by the signs they have seen. Jesus goes up the mountain with his disciples and sits down. We understand this as a teaching posture, recalling Moses. As the story unfolds, we are sensitive that the Passover feast is near. Jesus asks Philip how they will buy bread for all these people. It is an impossible question which Phillip cannot answer. Andrew adds that there is only a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus takes charge, giving instructions. He takes the loaves, gives thanks and distributes them and the fish to all. At the end of the meal, 12 baskets full of fragments are gathered for later use. The crowds who don’t fully understand who Jesus is, acclaim him as a prophet. We see a mixing of Passover and eucharistic traditions in play.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

**A reading from the second book of the Kings.**

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat’ he insisted ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.”’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **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, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 4: 1-6

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.**

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one



Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 6: 1-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two