



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 2nd August 2020

God multiplies the little we have to bring great blessing to others....

Today we find Jesus and His disciples faced with a hungry crowd and little or no means of feeding them. In this situation of need, people reacted in different ways. Philip made a rather practical calculation: on the basis of the number of people and the amount of money available to buy food, and decided that nothing could be done. Andrew recognized that one of the crowd had a small amount of food but he dismissed this small resource as of no value. There were two other reactions in the story. There is the response of the small boy who willingly handed over the few pieces of food that he had. This is the action of the generous person, prepared to share all he or she has, even though it appears far less than what is needed. He gave all he could. Then there is the response of Jesus himself. He took the small resources the young boy was generous enough to share and, having prayed the prayer of thanksgiving to God over this food, he somehow fed the enormous crowd. The gospel teaches us that if we give generously to others from our resources, the Lord will work powerfully through our gift, small as it may seem to us.

We too are called to compassion - to allow our heart to be moved with pity for others, and share our resources to help those with their physical and spiritual needs. Think of the need that people all around us have for a personal encounter with the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, opening the way for them to have a place at the table of the Eucharistic banquet of the Lord. That is the meaning of the Eucharist we celebrate here today, namely, that as Christians we commit ourselves to share, to work with God in communicating His compassion to all. God is omnipotent but, much of the time, He needs our co-operation to show people just how caring He really is. Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

Parish Diary:

Monday 3rd August

St Dominic

1:00pm Rosary Group
and Private Prayer

Tuesday 4th August

St John Vianney

7:00pm SVdP meeting

Wednesday 5th August

7:30am HeartFIT
11:00am Prayer Group
and Private Prayer

Thursday 6th August

The Transfiguration of
the Lord

Friday 7th August

9:30am Mass

Saturday 8th August

St Mary of the Cross,
MacKillop

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 9th August

8:00am Mass

*Bookings for Weekend
Masses are essential.*

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isa 55:1-3 - Haste and eat.

Psalm Response: I will praise your name my king and my God,
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Psalm Response(spoken): The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39 - No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matt 14:13-21 - They all ate and were satisfied.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**The best gift you
can give to
someone is your
time, because
you're giving them
something you
can never get
back.**

Next week's Readings

First: 1 King 19:9, 11-13

Second: Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Matt 14:22-33

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

A VOCATION VIEW:

If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today? May the Transfiguration move you to justice for the King Most High.

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Reconciliation: By appointment only

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Tessa Gorogo, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Winifred Linton, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Mick Gauci, Eric Thompson, Ann Duran, Mona Quantock, Angelina Grasso.

Anniversaries & Remembrances August: Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szwajczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Max Ferris, Ragagnin Antonio, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padgett, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp, Michael Czapkowski.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Roster 8th & 9th August	6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd) Mary S (POF) Mary S	Readers 8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Jane W (POF) Jane W	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M
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Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Parish Mass on Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Parish Mass on Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT

- have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

When you arrive at Mass you must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions that are currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE SIGNING PEOPLE IN AT MASSES AND HELPING WITH SANITISING THE AREAS AFTER MASSES!!!!

Columbarium We are still taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

Small Coins for East Timor The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the

Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$15,250.30**.

HeartFIT is back!! Mature Age Fitness - Now is a great time to resume or begin!! It NEVER too late, age strongly, live life to the full. **Wednesday's 7:30am-8:30. St. Mary McKillop Parish Hall.** Exercise will renew your body & mind at any age.

Improve your strength, balance, confidence & your mood. Exercise at your level - relaxed, friendly & safe environment & a whole lot of FUN while you improve your health. Interested but have a question? Call Bruce 0408740543.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.