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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) July 28, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

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 left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

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, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - John 6:1-15

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 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.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

We congratulate Fr. Michael Shadbolt on his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination Anniversary. We pray for his good health, that he may render his services for many more years to God and God's holy people at St. Gerard's - from Fr. Shanthaiah, Staff and parishioners of St. Gerard's.

PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

Be a part of the first Alpha at St Gerard's

Alpha will be starting at St Gerard's on Tuesday, 30 July from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Alpha is an evangelisation program comprising of 8 weekly sessions, aimed at bringing people to Jesus and building our parish community. We start with a meal, have a short talk on life's challenging questions, and then discuss them in a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

If you would like to be a part of the program and can help build our parish community, please contact Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883 or register at <https://www.alpha.org.au/try>

Dear Lord, We pray for our parish as ALPHA is due to commence. We pray that we may strengthen our faith and draw more people to Christ - "Go, make Disciples."

KSC Archbishop's Dinner- August 30, 2024

The 24th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael (Palliative Care Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday

August 30, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians, should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 8.

For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Shanthaiah will be on his annual leave from August 6th until September 13th.

Priests have been organised to attend to the sacraments during his absence.

Please ask the officiating priest for their availability to hear confession.

Fr. Shanthaiah has asked for you to please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

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Bread Left Over: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's liturgy brings together several strands of Old Testament expectation to reveal Jesus as Israel's promised Messiah and King, the Lord who comes to feed His people.

Notice the parallels between today's Gospel and First Reading. Both Elisha and Jesus face a crowd of hungry people with only a few "barley" loaves. We hear similar words about how impossible it will be to feed the crowd with so little. And in both the miraculous multiplication of bread satisfies the hungry and leaves food left over.

The Elisha story looks back to Moses, the prophet who fed God's people in the wilderness (see Exodus 16). Moses prophesied that God would send a prophet like him (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The crowd in today's Gospel, witnessing His miracle, identifies Jesus as that prophet.

The Gospel today again shows Jesus to be the Lord, the good shepherd, who makes His people lie down on green grass and spreads a table before them (see Psalm 23:1, 5).

The miraculous feeding is a sign that God has begun to fulfill His promise, which we sing of in today's Psalm—to give His people food in due season and satisfy their desire (see Psalm 81:17).

But Jesus points to the final fulfillment of that promise in the Eucharist. He does the same things He does at the Last Supper—He takes the loaves, pronounces a blessing of thanksgiving (literally, "eucharist"), and gives the bread to the people (see Matthew 26:26). Notice, too, that twelve baskets of bread are left over, one for each of the Apostles.

These are signs that should point us to the Eucharist—in which the Church founded on the Apostles continues to feed us with the living bread of His Body.

In this Eucharist, we are made one Body with the Lord, as we hear in today's Epistle. Let us resolve again, then, to live lives worthy of such a great calling.

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, July 27th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm For the repose of the soul of Michele Martyn ✚

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, July 28th - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Yolande Pirie (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Thanksgiving on the 60th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Michael Shadbolt

4:00pm French Mass

Mass 5:30pm Leonita Maurier Glico (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and For the souls of Pacifico, Antonio, Eduardo, Danilo & Ramon Glico (*Remembrance* ✚)

Monday, July 29th - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Mass 9:15am Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu (*Remembrance* ✚)

and John Cleary (*for a successful surgery and recovery*)

Tuesday, July 30th

Mass 9:15am Carmela Bruno (*Remembrance* ✚)

Wednesday, July 31st - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Thursday, August 1st - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Mass 9:15am Geraldine Treck (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Denzil Hookens (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

and Private Intention of Isabella Panicker

Friday, August 2nd

Mass 9:15am For the Abandoned Souls in Purgatory and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Divine Mercy

Saturday, August 3rd - Saint Dominic

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Saturday Vigil, August 3rd - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Paul Rajiah Fernando (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, August 4th - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Maureen Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Intentions of the Parish

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Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Clarice Giacomini, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato

The recently deceased:

Andja Spoljaric, Ellie Arthur, Simon Watson, Ivy Savannah, Noeline Wilson, Christine Sethapathi, Anastasia, Rosalinda Velasco, Giovanni Mete, Faustina D'Sa, Derrick DeZilva, Dino Antonucci, Yolande Pirie

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Frank Fato, Carmela Bruno, Francesca Antonucci, Henry Lewis, Leonita Glico

Church Cleaning

Saturday, August 3

Moses family, Vincent, Mary and Rebecca

Saturday, August 10

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

Reading Roster

Saturday, August 3

5:30pm B. Collins

Sunday, August 4

8:30am D. Naidoo

10:30am E. Ebert

5:30pm L. Hector

Saturday, August 10

5:30pm P. Kroon

Sunday, August 11

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am A. Pacifique

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Daily Antiphons - Monday, July 29 to Saturday, August 3, 2024

Monday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Entrance Antiphon: Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 30

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Entrance Antiphon: At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Responsorial Psalm: God is my refuge on the day of distress.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you My friends, says the Lord, for I have made known to you all that the Father has told Me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!

Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Entrance Antiphon: The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.

Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 2

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time - August 3 - Saint Dominic

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over His household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.