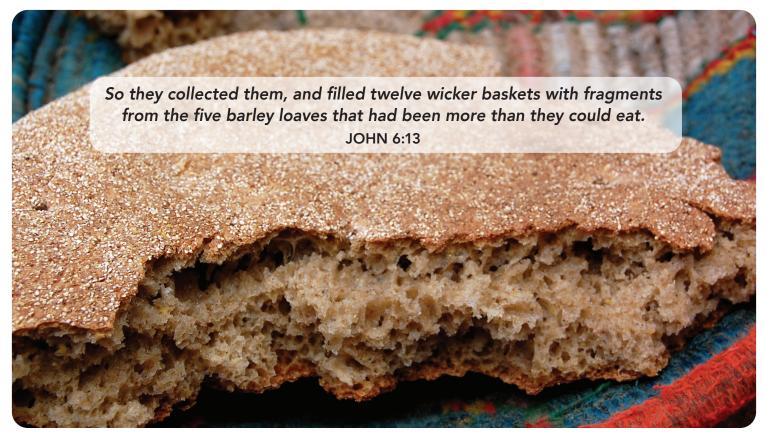


July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 2 Kgs 4:42–44 Eph 4:1–6 Jn 6:1–15



More than Enough

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of

FOR Reflection

- * Through which people in your life has God cared for you and met your needs?
- * How does God work through you to meet the needs of others in your life?

vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear. Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29thJanuary 1928. It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Saturday Afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment St. Joseph's at 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning " " St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening - 6:00 p.m. Sunday morning -11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx) CCD – Closed for the summer Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA Stewardship Team – Coffee Social after Mass – 22nd August 2021 – Host: Team 1

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Mrs. Alicia Arruda and Mrs. Sonia Tavares - Portuguese Representative on Pastoral Council Mrs. Elizabeth Card Parish Catechetical Leader

Mr. Tony Bari Music Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul Society (contact Annette)



Entrance:	Gather the People	#766
Offertory:	Christ Be Our Light	#824
Communion: Here at This Table		#777
Recessiona	I: Sing A New Song	#598

Leader of Song: Aidan Stones





Proclaimer of God's Word	Elizabeth Card
Collection Counters	Simon & Mary Stones
Opening/Closing of Church	Kathie Ausenda
Music	Tony Bari
Greeters	-
Collection	-
Gifts	-
Eucharistic Minister	-

If you would like to participate in any of the above-mentioned ministries, please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, 25th July – for the People of St. Joseph's

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Saturday, 17 th July	9	\$165.50
Sunday, 18 th July	42	<u>\$219.00</u>
TOTAL:		<u>\$384.50</u>

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity; it is greatly appreciated. Banking information: Name: St. Josephs Parish - Account Number: 20006060757062100 at Bank of NT Butterfield and Son

PARISH

<u>Prayers</u>: Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda.

Birthdays

Amy Robinson	26 th July
Maria Borges	27 th July

Anniversaries

Filippo & Kristy Vianello

30th Julv

May God, our loving heavenly Father, bless you all with many more special days.

THANK YOU to Team 4 (Kathie, Jamila & Brielle, Rosie, Xiamara and Kristy) for hosting the very nice Coffee Social held last Sunday morning. The next Social will be held on Sunday, 22nd August; it will be hosted by Team 1.

We take this opportunity to thank Fr. Ruggeiro for filling in for Fr. Attilio for the past three weeks.

Father Ruggeiro, we hope that you have enjoyed your visit to the island, and to St. Joseph's; we hope that you will return to celebrate with us sometime in the future.

Thank you for your ministry. May our loving Father continue to bless you in all that you do in His service.

Have a safe return home to Italy.

Fr. Attilio is scheduled to return to the island on Wednesday, 11th August and should be celebrating Mass that weekend. Another visiting priest will cover the 1st and 8th August; hopefully we'll have his name before next weekend.

Mark Your Calendar!!!! St. Joseph's Pot-Luck

Picnic – Sunday, 29th August – Somerset Long Bay – 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. (It will be high tide at 2.30 p.m. 🙄)

Thank You

We take this opportunity to thank all those who continue to work to keep our little parish "alive."

Volunteers are living, breathing exemplars of the church's mission, vision, and values, who serve fellow members, visitors, and community members on a regular basis. St. Joseph's would not be who we are without you. **SO**, please know that we are most grateful for your "stewardship" (and love of our little church), and we do appreciate you very much.

Accommodation Required:

If you know of (or have) a one-bedroom apartment for rent, please let Annette (234-1268) or Liz (234-0872) know; it is for long-standing members of our parish family.

DIOCESE

BISHOP's CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli, made a proposal for restructuring of his diocese. In his opinion, it makes no sense to continue to close parishes that are hardly attended by the faithful anymore. A better idea is to transform them into evangelizing missions that respond to the specific pastoral needs of a given community. The implementation of this plan will take several years and according to the hierarch, it gives hope for a gradual renewal of religious life in this region. An example mission will include three or four former parishes where priests will live together and not as before, each in his own rectory. According to the Ordinary of Melbourne, this will allow them to join forces, work more effectively and adapt to the

difficult circumstances in which the Church has found itself. Archbishop Comensoli said, "Only in this way can we rise from the ruins left by cultural changes, pandemic and the painful history of sexual abuse in the Australian Church."

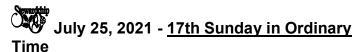
The hierarch believes that without this reform, the drain on the faithful could spell the end of the Archdiocese. Therefore, he organized consultation meetings on the planned changes, attended by both clergy and the lay faithful. The Archbishop is also concerned about the increasingly sharp decline in vocations to priesthood.

More than half of the 224 priests ministering in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and of the 28 clerics who study at the local seminary, are foreigners.

We generally don't like change, especially in the Church. However, I try to remember Winston Churchill's advice that, "those who never change their mind, never change anything."

Have a beautiful Sunday and enjoy the Cup Match week!

Bishop Wes



"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Dear Padre,

Previously, this column said Mass should be offered in several languages so everyone can participate. There's an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of the vernacular. There's one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

Fundamentally, the Mass is meant to be inclusive, by its very nature! The primary purpose for eucharistic celebrations in both the ordinary form (vernacular) and extraordinary form (Latin) is to give glory to God in communion as God's people. This bears mentioning, since the Church's allowance of both forms of one Mass isn't meant to be divisive—although in practice, it can be.

Jesus and his followers likely spoke Aramaic, so the earliest communal gatherings to break bread were celebrated in their native tongue. Likewise, the Mass in its early development was

offered in the vernacular—Greek. When Latin became the pervasive language of the people, the Mass switched to Latin. Thus, Mass in the vernacular is not a "barrier." On the contrary, in allowing the Mass to be celebrated again in the language of the people, Pope Paul VI intended it "as a help in witnessing to and strengthening the unity of all" (Promulgation of the *Missale Romanum*, 1970).

Our unity as believers in one God, one Church, and one Mass is predicated on far more than a uniform language.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[The Church] is not a fortress but a tent able to enlarge her space and give access to all. Either the Church "goes forth" or she is not a Church; either she is on a journey always widening her space so that everyone can enter, or she is not a Church.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 23, 2019

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Calendar

Monday JULY 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 32:15–24, 30–34 Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

JULY 27 Weekday Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28 Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday JULY 28 Weekday Ex 34:29–35 Mt 13:44–46

Thursday JULY 29 *St. Martha* Ex 40:16–21, 34–38 Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

Friday JULY 30 *Weekday* Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37 Mt 13:54–58

Saturday JULY 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lv 25:1, 8–17 Mt 14:1–12

Sunday AUGUST 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2–4, 12–15 Eph 4:17, 20–24 Jn 6:24–35

