

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 25 July 2021

Please Pray for
OUR SICK - Ron McPhie, Eric Church, Diana Philipson, Justin Yu, Ailish Fitzgibbon, Rosemary Rae, Molly Fitzgibbon, Leena Cherian.
RECENTLY DECEASED - Colm Sands.
REMEMBRANCE - Luz Trinidad, ken Wyles, Nunzo Di Pietro, Joseph Micallef.
SPECIAL INTENTION - John Barbon, Tim Barbon, Louise Barbon Elliott, Steven Elliot, Luca Elliott Barbon, Marcus Elliott Barbon, Maria O'Donovan, Ross Monterosso .

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This Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
 2Kings 4:42-44
2nd Reading
 Eph 4:1-6
Gospel
 John 6:1-15

Next Sunday's Readings
1st Reading
 Exo 16:2-4, 12-15
2nd Reading
 Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel
 John 6:24-35


SYRO MALABAR
 Regular services :
Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass at SFX
First Sunday of month - 5pm Mass at SJE


 If you would like to help give back to the community please contact : **For Donations:** 1800 621 349
For Assistance: 9769 6060
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SFX Vinnies Peter Butler: 0410 569 357
 Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Mon 4.00pm-5.30pm
SJE Vinnies Mary Murtagh: 9781 3520
 Meetings held on 1st & 3rd Tues 10.00am-11.30am


Catholic Theological College
Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
 Online unit via zoom on six Saturdays from 31 July 2021
 Lecturer:
Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM
Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options available.
 Enquiries: 03 9412 333 or registrar@ctc.edu.au

St. Francis Xavier's Programme
Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month
Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.15am Mass, Friday after 9.15 Mass
 1st Friday of month until 10.00pm
Reconciliation
 Saturday 10am & 5.30pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.15am
Rosary
 Tuesdays before 9.15am Mass and Saturdays after 9.15am Mass

St. John's Programme
Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass: 7.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am
Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am
Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday 9.00am
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
 Wednesday before 9.00am Mass , Friday after 9.00am Mass
 1st Friday of month until 12noon
Reconciliation
 Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm
Anointing of the Sick Mass
 1st Thursday of month 9.00am
Rosary
 Before weekday Mass, (except Wednesday)
 Saturday at 9.30am

Mass will be streamed online daily from Saturday, 22nd July - Tuesday, 27th July
SFX Weekday Masses
 Saturday, 24th July - 9.15am
 Monday, 26th July - 9.15am
 Tuesday, 27th July - 9.15am
SFX Sunday Masses
 Sunday Vigil, Saturday 24th July, 6.00pm [evening].
 Sunday, 25th July, 10.30am.

Have you just bought a new electronic device?
 If so, then your Preloved laptops, iPads, tablets and phones that are still in working order will benefit the less fortunate school children in Nigeria.
 Let us open our hearts to these children of underprivileged families as Education is not only a fundamental human right, but a sustainable means to alleviate poverty and bring about positive and lasting change!
 You may drop your items to the Parish Office.
 We would also accept a cash donation. Thank you!




Meditation on Jesus for Healing and Wellbeing of Body and Soul
 (Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)
7th August from 1-4pm. (Cost: \$20, Concession \$15).
Registration is necessary by phone or email.
Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD
At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.
RSVP 03 9762 6625 or
Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org or gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



"VALUED VOLUNTEERS"
 Thank you to all who have responded to our requests for the
 1. Working with Children Certificate
 2. The Mandatory Child Safe Declaration Certificate.
 Our Parish must have these certificates, as directed by the Archdiocese, from all volunteers for Parish records.
 If you have any questions, pls call P/office: 9783 3484 or contact Maureen Sharpe on 0428 835 445 or email mrnsharpe@yahoo.com.au.
 Help us to complete this endeavour before 27th July.
 We need you all.
 Many thanks and Blessings.
 Maureen Sharpe, (Worship Team Leader) and Christina Williams, (our super efficient secretary).

Gospel - John 6:1-15
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 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 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Theme - *Hunger in the World*

As we are aware, the Sunday Readings have a three-year cycle. The synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke are read in each cycle, respectively. During the second cycle, (Year B), the Gospel of Mark is read in Ordinary Time. However, in the next five Sundays, the Gospel of Mark is paused, and the Gospel Readings will be taken from 'Jesus our bread of life' series from the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel. St Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the three synoptic Gospels, hence, the insertion of the Readings from the Gospel of John help to elongate the Gospel of Mark.

There are fine threads which link the first Reading, (2 Kings 4:42-44), to the Gospel, (John 6:1-15). The links are the multiplication of loaves and the feeding of the crowd. In the first Reading, Prophet Elisha fed one hundred men with twenty barley loaves and fresh grains which were the first fruits someone had offered to him in accordance with the law of the Lord, (Deut 26:2-3). 2 Kings 4:38 made us understand that it was a time of "great scarcity of food in the region." Elisha could have kept the food for himself and his family, but rather, he chose to use it to alleviate hunger among the masses. When Elisha ordered his servant to share the loaves among the crowd, the servant quizzed, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" Similarly, in the Gospel, when Jesus was thinking aloud about feeding the crowd, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?"

Jesus instructed his disciples to ask the crowd to sit down. In Jesus' time, the Greek culture was in vogue, therefore, people sat in reclining fashion as they ate. The Greek word used by the disciples of Jesus to instruct the people to sit down was the word which implied that they should sit reclined. Thus, as the people sat down, they expected to have a meal. Jesus took the five barley loaves and two fishes and gave thanks to God, and he asked his disciples to distribute the food among the crowd, and all had their fill and there was much left over. This shows the generosity of God. When the Lord provides, we will always have more than we need.

Today in the world, according to Food Aid Foundation, "some 795 million people in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy active life. That's about one in nine people on earth"; whereas one-third of world annual food production is wasted. Food Aid Foundation also provided the following information on hunger in the world:

The vast majority of the world's hungry people live in developing countries, where 12.9 percent of the population is undernourished; Asia is the continent with the most hungry people - two thirds of the total. The percentage in southern Asia has fallen in recent years but in western Asia it has increased slightly; Sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the highest *prevalence*, (percentage of population), of hunger. One person in four there is undernourished; Poor nutrition causes nearly half, (45%), of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year; One out of six children - roughly 100 million - in developing countries is underweight. One in four of the world's children are stunted. In developing countries, the proportion can rise to one in three; If women farmers had the same access to resources as men, the number of hungers in the world could be reduced by up to 150 million. Sixty-six million primary school-aged children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone. World Food Program calculates that US\$ 3.2 billion is needed per year to reach all 66 million hungry school-aged children, (www.wfp.org/hunger/stats).

Just as Elisha was willing to share his food with the hungry in the first Reading, the little boy was also willing to share his food with the crowd in the Gospel which enabled Jesus to perform the miracle of the loaves and fish. Today there may be a talent or a good that you have which the Lord might need to perform a miracle in our community if you are willing to offer it.

May I use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for your generousities toward the different collections taken up in the Church which are aimed at alleviating poverty in one way or another. I am aware that some of you support other charities. May the Lord Bless us as we keep being mindful of the needs of the poor in our society. Amen!

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the **Permanent Diaconate** will be held on **Saturday, 14 August**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the **Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.**

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate - 03 9412 335

Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

The Archbishop's Dinner 2021

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross (VIC), the Archbishop's Dinner is held each year to raise monies for the Priests Support and Education Fund, and to show support for our clergy. This prestigious event offers guests an opportunity to socialise with like-minded people while supporting the education of our clergy. **Guest speaker: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**, Comper: Mr Bryan Martin OAM

The Priests Support and Education Fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and post-ordination education of priests. While the principal purpose of the evening is to raise funds, there is a deeper and broader reason for holding these dinners and why we encourage as many members of the community as possible to attend. This is an opportunity to demonstrate, in a tangible way, our support for the Archbishop, the Bishops of Victoria, the clergy and seminarians.

- Dress code: Black tie/business suit/after-five wear
- RSVP: Friday 13 August 2021

Enquiries: Please contact *Andrew Vaccaro* (0404 390 824) / avaccarro@internode.on.net or *Nadia Bolzonello* (0407 055 237) / giveback@optusnet.com.au



Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

'Spirituality and Screen Images'

Saturday, 31 July, 12.30pm-5pm at Heart of Life, Malvern.

We always acknowledge Jesus as the Word made Flesh, but, 1 Colossians proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality. The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television, and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate *Lectio Divina*. Here, we respond to Visio Divina, clips from movies, their challenge.

This reflection day is led by *Peter Malone msc*, at Heart of Life Centre, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost: \$60pp (afternoon tea provided).

At Home Retreat : Moments that are Grace Every Tuesdays, 3 - 31 August, 1:15pm (5 Tuesdays)

This retreat offers an opportunity for you to spend some time daily in prayerful reflection, remembering and savouring your day's moments grace. It is to be accompanied by a retreat-companion once a week, at a mutually suitable time. (A weekly reflection sheet to help focus your prayer will be available).

If interested please apply before **July 28**, Cost : *Free, donation is welcome.*

For More information or to book and pay: www.heartoflife.melbourne, call 9890 1101 or email: secretary@heartoflife.melbourne.