



We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times This Week

Subject to cancellation
due to COVID restrictions

Wed 28/07	12 noon	Our Lady of Mercy
Thu 29/07	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy St Martha
Fri 30/07	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 30/07	6.00pm	St James the Less
Sat 31/07	9.30am	The Good Shepherd
Sat 31/07	11.00am	Rosary Garden

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows
Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings
for half an hour.

Reconciliation is available during and
after Exposition, and by appointment.



God sends his angels to console your loneliness

Part 2 of Pope Francis' message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 25th July 2021.

Further encouraging the elderly to "set out and undertake something new" in spite of the doubts and questions they might have, Pope Francis recalled that Nicodemus asked Jesus "how can a man be born when he is old" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, "if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills.

The elderly "are needed to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow". All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" and the elderly, better than anyone else, can help to set up three of the pillars that support "this new edifice:" dreams, memory and prayer. Recalling the words of Prophet Joel, "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions" (Joel 3:1), Pope Francis said the future of the world depends on the covenant between young and old because "who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true?" "Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future."

Pope Francis then turned his thoughts to the painful memory of war and the importance of helping the young to learn the value of peace. He stressed that those among the elderly who experienced the suffering of war must pass on the message because keeping memory alive and sharing it with others is a true mission for every elderly person. "Without memory, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory," he said.

Finally, Pope Francis recalled Pope Benedict XVI's words: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." Prayer is "a very precious resource; a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need". "May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing," the Pope said.

Our Priests

Father Richard Morris
Parish Priest

Father Ian Wilson
Assisting Priest

Our Churches

Our Lady of Mercy
5 Mann Street, Mt Barker SA 5251

The Good Shepherd
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St James the Less
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Please Pray For...

Sick

Roma Baraglia, Blossom (Teresa) Ferrarese, Gene Ferrarese, Mario Ferrarese, Ashlee Lloyd, Helen Malin, Helene Meijer, David Neville, Patricia Smyth, Gertrudis Stolarski, Archer Thomas, David Thomas.

Names are kept on the sick list for 4 weeks.

Recently Deceased

Jean Latchford.

Anniversaries

Alice Anderson, Margaret Browne, Fr James Landy, Patrick & Monica Kavanagh, Philip Latchford, Annette Mowat, James Ryan, Patricia Sullivan, Terence Thalbourne.

Anniversaries from Saturday 24th to Friday 30th July.

Parish Pastoral Council

Supporting our parish community on our journey of faith.

Chair: Neil McGoran (neil.mcgoran@cesa.catholic.edu.au)

Ex Officio: Father Richard, Father Ian, Gavin McLaughlin.

Macclesfield: Teena Cobiac, Jan Sobotta.

Mount Barker: Stewart Chilcott, Lijo Kurian, Sandra Lloyd, Jo Manalo, Tung Pham, Leo Sexton.

Strathalbyn: Joanna Falkland, Mike Galea, Yesamma Hendry

Parish Finance Council

For parish property, maintenance and finance matters.

Father Richard, John Barton (Treasurer), Noel Duffield, Delia Hughes, Jim Mann, Julie Moran, Michelle Muller.

Collections 11th July 2021

1st Collection (for our priests) \$ 774.25

2nd Collection (for the parish)

Envelopes \$ 965.00

Online and direct debit \$ 535.00

Loose plate \$ 346.60

Total second collection \$ 1,846.60

Special Collection:

Apostleship of the Sea \$ 273.20

Thank you for supporting our parish and our priests.

If you would like to give to the first and second collections via envelope, direct debit or credit card, please contact Michelle or Father Richard at the Parish Office, ph 8391 1053.

Information about how to leave a bequest can be found in the leaflet 'God loves a cheerful giver' in each church.

Diary Dates This Week

Subject to cancellation due to COVID Restrictions

Thu 10.30am	Christian Meditation	Parish House
Sun 10:00am	Morning Tea @ OLOM	OLOM Foyer
Sun 10:15am	Sunday Readings	Strathalbyn Hall
Sun 10.30am	Legion of Mary	Parish House

Child Safe Contact Officers

Michelle Muller and Teena Cobiac

Child Abuse Report Line (CARL): 13 14 78



Reflection on the Scripture Readings

Our gospel readings from Mark have brought us to his account – typically brief – of the feeding of the crowd with the loaves and fishes. The liturgy of this and the next four Sundays develops this theme by switching to readings from the extended meditation on the Eucharist in the sixth chapter of St John's Gospel. (A comparison of the two gospels shows that, in this chapter, John follows a sequence of events that Mark had adopted before him.)



As we become familiar with the style of John's gospel, we recognise that today's account of the feeding of the crowd – the introductory section of this long meditation - has strong overtones of the Eucharistic celebration: it is announced that the 'feast of Passover' is approaching; Jesus 'gives thanks' as at the Last Supper; Jesus himself distributes the loaves to all present.

This incident reminds us that the Saviour, whose Paschal Mystery we share in as we celebrate the Mass, is concerned for the welfare of God's people at every level. We must have a concern for our brothers and sisters that is more than words and pious thoughts, if we are to show in our lives the true fruits of the Paschal Mystery. It has often been pointed out that, in the miraculous feeding of the crowd, Jesus called upon the generosity of collaborators. The 'small boy' was certainly generous to give up his meal when asked for it. But he was to see his generosity make possible an explosion of divine generosity that is still remembered as we tell the story of Jesus. Surely, there is a clear lesson here for disciples of every age.

As we will find so often, the divine simplicity of the essential message of the Scriptures makes it easy to link the second reading with the central theme of the liturgy. Our reading from Ephesians speaks of our Christian communion – the sharing in the Paschal Mystery that unites the Christian community. This passage speaks of the unselfish charity and the unity that should mark communities brought together by the 'vocation', or God-given calling, which they have received.

The charity that binds the Christian community is the practical expression of the unity established by the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. Our reading from Ephesians reminds us that the roots of the unity brought by the Holy Spirit, as we become 'one Body', are very deep. We have 'one and the same hope' of eternal life with our God in a new creation; we have only 'one Lord', the Saviour who is also our brother, 'one faith' in what God has done for us in Christ, 'one baptism' in which we have died and risen to new life in him, and 'one God who is Father of all' in whom we can place all our trust.

The Eucharist, Vatican II insistently tells us, is the 'basis and centre' of the Church's life. It is not surprising that the same term 'communion' is used for all that we share 'in Christ' and for our sharing in the Eucharistic celebration.

John Thornhill SM

Question of the Week

'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' (John 6:9).

Adults: When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?

Young People: When have you backed down from sharing your opinion because you thought you were too young?

Children: What loving gift could you give to another person this week?

Cathedral Parish Scripture Study Program: Genesis

We all know and love the accounts of the creation, the fall and the great flood, the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Jacob as well as the story of Joseph and his brothers. Develop your understanding of the book, relate it to the New Testament and to explore its relevance to our lives in the Church today. Reflect on and discuss your faith in a supportive environment through small group discussions (one group in Vietnamese) assisted by a 20 minute video lecture.

The 10 sessions (August 9 to October 25) are between 7.30am and 9.00pm on Mondays in the Cathedral Hall. We invite participants to make any donation that is possible to support this Adult Faith Formation initiative. To help you discern your contribution, we offer you two levels of payment to consider; full cost \$25, concessional rate \$20. Cost includes a copy of the Gospel, a commentary and a workbook. Bring a Bible and writing materials. Contact Br Martyn on M: 0426 884 800 or E: martynpaxton@gmail.com.

Diocesan Youth Assembly

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults and the Archdiocesan Council for Ministry for Young People invite young people ages 16 to 30 to represent schools, parishes, communities and organisations at the 2021 Diocesan Youth Assembly (DYA) on Saturday 21 August 2021 at Nazareth Catholic College, Findon Campus from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Participants will reflect on issues, challenges and opportunities facing young people in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. They will develop recommendations for the Diocesan Assembly in September and national Plenary Council in October. The DYA will also develop actions to be taken up by young people, communities and other entities the diocese. DYA Participants must be:

- aged 16 to 30 on 21 August 2021. Participants under the age of 18 and still in school require parental permission.
- available for the duration of the DYA (9:00am to 5:00pm).
- an active member or an employee of your parish, school, community or organisation.
- able to represent young people from your parish, school, community or organisation.

Nominations open at: www.trybooking.com/BSDHHR. More info: Peter Bierer in the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults: peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au or 8301 6866.



The Word in the Church's Liturgy

Calling all Ministers of the Word, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Mass-goers. Presented by Dr Jenny O'Brien, this 5-week course will help you to understand the role of the Scriptures in the Church's liturgy and how the Word of God is a source of ongoing nourishment for faith. Thursdays 7–9pm, 5th August to 2nd September 2021 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall, Wakefield Street Adelaide. Car parking available in cathedral carpark. \$50 per person, payable on first evening. Register at worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8130 by Monday 2 August.

Farewell Terry and Delia Hughes

Morning Tea: On Sunday 1st August there will be a farewell morning tea after the 9am Mass at OLOM to thank Delia and Terry for their many years of contributing to the parish in so many different ways. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Dinner: On Friday 6th August at 7pm all parishioners are invited to join Delia and Terry Hughes for a meal at the Mount Barker Golf Club. \$20 per head for a main course must be paid by Sunday 1st August to either Jenny McEvoy, Helen Peterson or Marg Inglis, as we must pay the golf club in advance for such a large booking. Please put your name down on the sheet in the OLOM foyer if you are able to attend. Drinks are at your own cost and can be purchased at the bar. Sweets can also be ordered and paid for on the night.

Hearing God's Call for Your Life

Vocations Day – Be Led at 2-5:30pm Saturday, August 7th, St Aloysius Church, 68 Brooker Terrace, Richmond.

Jesus calls us all to follow him – but where might he be leading me? Discover practical ways to discern your vocation. Hear from others how God has worked in their lives by drawing them to marriage, priesthood or Religious life.

For further information see Facebook Event: Be Led, Adelaide Vocations Day, or contact Adelaide Vocations Office E:vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 08 8352 3561 .

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

This year, due to COVID restrictions, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan has decided that the usual celebration for Wedding Anniversaries in the Archdiocese will be held in local Parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment.

On the weekend of 18-19th September 2021, we will celebrate the blessing of significant wedding anniversaries during our Masses. Please let the parish office know if you are celebrating a significant anniversary of 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 or 60 or more years, during 2021.

Diocesan Assembly

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will be holding a Diocesan Assembly this September. The Diocesan Assembly is a meeting of representatives from parishes, schools, communities and groups to discuss the life of our local church, discern a new vision for the diocese and prepare for the upcoming Plenary Council. Individuals and groups are invited to respond to the pre-assembly consultation question, "What do you think are the most important things to discuss at the Diocesan Assembly?" For more information on the Diocesan Assembly, and to share your response to the consultation question, visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org or contact Sarah Moffatt in the Diocesan Office on P: 8210 8100.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 144:10-11, 15-18

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

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.**

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.**

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 EPHESIANS 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 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 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.



**Next Week: August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B,
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.**

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Psalm: 77:3-4, 23-25, 54,
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, Gospel: John 6:24-35.

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