

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

25 JULY 2021

READING THE SIGNS

One of the major themes of the first half of John's gospel is whether people have the capacity to understand the meaning of the signs that Jesus worked. Time and again, a sign is worked but only partially comprehended. In the coming weeks the true meaning of the feeding of the multitude will be our focus.

The ministry of Jesus was having enormous success. His healing of the sick had attracted such a crowd that 200 denarii (over half a year's wages for a labourer) would only be sufficient to give them a small piece of bread each. Like Elisha before him, Jesus will work with what is at hand so that the people will not go hungry. In both cases what is at hand is minimal, but the resulting surplus is a powerful sign of what can happen when the Lord is given room to work with what we have to offer. When Jesus is at work there is always more than is needed, just as the fullness of his identity and mission cannot be exhausted by the crowd's perception that he is a prophet and king.

Paul knew that the abundance of the life that we have received in baptism is meant to be shared. If we have understood the gift we have been given then we will understand that we too are called to be a sign for the world. Our unity and charity towards one another are a sign of the life we share in Jesus, the living bread and source of our lives.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16

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

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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

Eph 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Jn 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

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Knights of the Southern Cross, Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Tony Schar on 0419 127 491

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9.15am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12 noon

Friday 9.30am Mass

Reconciliation

From 5.15pm—5.45pm Saturday evenings before Mass

Baptisms

are held on Sundays at 10.30am by arrangement through the Parish office.

Feast Days this week

Monday 26th July

Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 29th July

St Martha

Friday 30th July

St Peter Chrysologus

Saturday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola

Masses at Brighton

Tuesday 12 noon

Wednesday 6.30pm

7.30am at Sacred Heart College

Friday 12 noon

Saturday 10am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm,

Sunday 8.30am & 10am

Readings for next weekend

31st July/ 1st August, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Popes' Prayer Intentions for July

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Popes' Prayer Intentions for August

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel

Office hours

Pat is working from the Hallett Cove office on Tuesdays from 9am -4pm. Please note the new office phone no. 7183 4823.

Pat is working in the Brighton office Wed – Fri. 9am-3pm ph 8296 7292

Rosary Prayer Group

The Rosary is prayed on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. All welcome.

Rosters for next weekend

30th July/ 1st August, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass 6pm 9.15am

Commentator

Pat Carlisle Julie Staszyc

1st Reader

Malcolm Balkwill Joel Pinson

2nd Reader

Gaynor R-Matthews Claire Pinson

Ministers of Communion

Peter Smith Helen Thompson

COVID Marshall

John Paul Volunteer please

Music Slides Preparation

Pat Carlisle

Counters

Glenice & Terry Fanning, Maureen Griggs

Linen

Violet Porter

Cleaners

Tim Grauel, Regina Dallemule, Tina Evans

COVID REQUIREMENTS

If you are attending Mass or any other event at Hallett Cove you are required to Scan the QR code or sign in. This is a mandatory requirement by the SA Government. They are now checking on people signing in at events and you can be fined if you do not do so.

We are now allowed 112 people in our church. You need to maintain social distancing. Congregational singing is still not permitted.

The dispensation for people not to attend Mass still stands.

Please pray for

Sick:

David Healey,
Bernadette Berry, Hilario Amor,
Michael Roach, Anne Chiu,
Helen Hehir

Recently Deceased

Frank Barbaro, Nel Holman

Anniversaries

Kath & David Barry,
Trevor McPeake, Tony Mooy,
Kazimierz Witek, Imelda Tan

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who have a tag for Drake's supermarkets and swipe it when they shop. If you do not have a tag, please take one from the table in the foyer. For every dollar you spend at Drakes, the parish receives 1c.

All events held on the parish premises and Masses are cancelled due to lockdown.

We pray that you are all safe and healthy.

Please keep each other in your prayers.

Deacon Tim will be offering a Liturgy of the Word This Sunday at 9.30am over ZOOM

Zoom Personal Meeting ID: 737 160 0607 Password: 647195.

The parish website has a direct link to access the Liturgy of the Word

Online Sunday Mass is available from www.massforyou.com.au Or watch on Channel 10 at 6am on Sunday morning.



Scripture Reflection Group

When God writes to you, do you listen to what God has to say? The weekly Scripture Reflection Group is an opportunity to prayerfully review the Sunday readings. This is not an academic exercise. Grow closer to Jesus by spending time with the Word of God. Facilitated by Deacon Tim every Tuesday at 7pm (1hr only) via Zoom. Held in St Martin de Porres church on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Zoom Personal Meeting ID: 737 160 0607

Password: 647195

Year of St Joseph

A daily prayer to St Joseph
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

Significant Anniversaries Mass

This year, we will be celebrating Significant Anniversaries in our parish on Sunday 19th September. The Archdiocese will be providing a certificate in recognition, which will be presented at our Mass. If you are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary this year ie 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or above, please contact Pat in the parish office by the end of August, and let her know your details and which weekend Mass you normally attend and she will arrange for a certificate for you.

Parish Lunch

With all the restrictions and uncertainties due to COVID, we have decided to cancel the parish lunch arranged for last year. If you have paid a deposit or balance for the lunch, please contact Pat with your bank details and we will arrange for your money to be refunded.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One Oct 2021
'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'

John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fan-the-flame/

Strength for this Challenging Time

We pray for your love and compassion to abound as we walk through this challenging time.

We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load of making decisions with widespread consequences.

We pray for those who are suffering with sickness and all who are caring for them.

We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable to not succumb to the risks of the virus.

We pray for misinformation to be curbed that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.

As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide, may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.

AMEN



All activities listed below will be dependent upon lockdown and COVID Restrictions

To be rescheduled PARISH STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION MEETINGS WITH PARISHIONERS

The parish is reviewing its Strategic Plan. We are seeking the views of parishioners on how the Parish is functioning and how we can build a better community led by the Holy Spirit. We would really like to hear your thoughts and ideas.

National Men's gathering

The Blackwood Parish Cottage is a host site for the Australian Catholic Bishops National Men's Gathering from 10 - 2pm on Saturday 31 July.

If you wish to join please register through the website and nominate the Blackwood Parish as the site you will attend. The Cottage is at 2 Laffers Rd, Glenalta with parking in the car park of Our Lady of the Way Church.

You'll need to bring your own lunch.

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?" You may watch the videos again online at

www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org

Postcards for your feedback are available from the foyer. These may be posted directly to the Archdiocese or returned to the parish office. Feedback may be lodged online also.

Vocations Afternoon:

Be Led – Hearing God's Call for your Life

2pm-5:30pm Saturday, August 7. 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 the religious life.

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

The Word in the Church's Liturgy

Calling all Ministers of the Word, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA team leaders, 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.

No prior learning required.

When: Thursdays 7.00 – 9.00pm, commencing on 5 August to 2 September 2021

Where: St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall, Wakefield Street Adelaide. (Car parking available in cathedral carpark)

Cost: \$50 per person, payable on first evening.

To register, please contact the Office for Worship on 8210 8130 or email

worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au by Monday 2 August.

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Couple Enrichment session

A fun, interactive morning focusing on nurturing the health of your relationship. For couples of any age who are married or planning a marriage.

This event is supported by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context. On Saturday 7 August 2021 at 8:45 AM to

12:30 PM

LOCATION

Star of the Sea School

333 Military Road, Henley Beach, South Australia 5022

\$20 per couple

Bookings: www.TryBooking/bsjlf

Further info: Charlie & Joy Saba

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Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Penola Parish

The parish of Penola welcomes pilgrims to Penola for the celebration of the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Sunday August 8, 2021. Mass will be celebrated at 9am, 11am and 4pm with the veneration of the First Class relic after all Masses

A message from **Aid to the Church in Need Australia**: Today, Aid to the Church in Need continues to ensure that spiritual aid and pastoral care reaches areas of need. ACN ensures that tyranny of distance or harsh terrain stand in the way of the spiritual life of the Catholic people. Every year we will finance some 400 cars, 200 motorcycles, 300 bicycles and a couple of boats. Visit

www.aidtochurch.org/transport.

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Adult Confirmation Office for Worship

Adult Confirmation will take place within the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday, September 4. Archbishop O'Regan will be the celebrant.

Prior to the celebration of Confirmation, there will be three preparation sessions on the following Saturdays:

- **Saturday, August 7, 1pm – 2.30pm**
- **Saturday, August 14, 1pm – 2.30pm**
- **Saturday, August 21, 1pm– 2.30pm**

All sessions will be held in a small meeting room in the Cathedral Hall. Contact Alison Appleby or Kathy Horan at the Office for Worship on E: worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information or to book.

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*Pope Francis has proclaimed the First **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, to be held this Sunday 25 July 2021*

(Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus).

In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "I am with you always"

(cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission.

We know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PRAY FOR US; PRAY FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE SO DEAR TO US

THE OLDER GENERATION: THEY'VE 'SEEN IT ALL BEFORE'

In the confusion of a pandemic, older people are the ones with the longest experience of unpredictable and challenging times. They are survivors whose experiences often include migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions, business failures, to name just some. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty.

GRANDPARENTS: OUR PERSONAL BANK OF MEMORIES

Memories help us understand who we are. And when planning for the future, we call on our memories to help us to prepare. The elderly often can remember their own parents and grandparents as well as knowing the two generations that follow them. Only they carry with them the collective experience of five generations. That's a huge wealth on which to draw.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'

GRANDPARENTS HAVE THE GIFT OF 'PRESENCE'

Grandparents often have time to 'do' things, like driving kids to school or sport, playing games or teaching them cook or build things, reading stories. But their main gift is their presence - just 'being around'. Their own love and care and their observations are all part of creating a culture of security and care for the younger generations.

THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

"When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him" *(African proverb).*

"Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her" *(Aboriginal parent).*



WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DON'T PRACTISE THE FAITH

The loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow. Pray. Pray with trust daily for each grandchild by name. Tell grandchildren you are praying for them, especially that they come to know the love of Jesus.

Pray for forgiveness for the times you haven't been the best grandparent.

Preach without words – be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous. Be joyful – talk about the good that others do, eg care for the poor, respectful of others.



Long Distance (Tech-savvy) Grandparents Whats App, Facetime, Zoom...

...and a host of other apps are good but prepare for them. Have a news item or interesting fact to pass on at each video-chat. Put a prompt in your calendar to remind you at a regular time.

Texting is quick...

... and perfect for passing on jokes, today's photo or interesting quotes. Get your grandkids to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take it up a level.

Email is so easy...

... and perfect for sharing an attachment from a store of photos, news items or interesting family history.

Snail mail is slow...

...yet unsurpassed in communicating your personal attention and delivering the delight of a physical letter or package.

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A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless our grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave our parents and for the life they give to us. For the ways they helped us and made us strong, we give thanks. For the ways they love us no matter what, we rejoice. For the ways they have paved the road that leads us here, we are grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Diana Macalintal

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A GRANDPARENT'S PRAYER.

Dear God

Thank you for our Grandchildren: For their youthfulness and vitality: For the smile and the breath of fresh air that they bring into our home when they come to visit:

For the way they cry out "Grandma" or "Grandpa", and run to us with their arms outstretched

For the hugs and the kisses they give us as they sit cuddled on our laps.

Thank you for their enquiring minds And the enthusiasm they show to help make a batch of scones or fix a chair;

For their wide-eyed wonder as they share with us their latest discovery about dinosaurs or fairies Or ask Grandma to read for them a story:

For the sound of toys once again rattling on the lounge room floor And the need to search for a new set of crayons when we go shopping. Thank you for them in small doses and for being able to hand them back at the end of the day.

Thank you for being part of their memories, for the "things we do at Grandma's and Grandpa's.

Thank you for the delight on their faces when we buy them a special treat,

or share with them a simple meal, Or watch them open a present chosen with care.

Thank you for our children and their willingness to entrust their children to our care.

Help us to be understanding when we feel they take us for granted or are simply using us.

Thank you for the effort they put into making us a part of their children's lives, and them a large part of ours.

Thank you for the joy they find in their children, as we find joy in ours. Thank you for their Partners and the gift they have given us in our grandchildren.

Thank you for the way they love our children and the way they nurture our grandchildren.

Thank you for the wisdom that we tried to instill in our children which we see reflected in their parenting. And for the wisdom we could never have but which they have discovered.

Thank you for the love which binds them together. Protect it and guard it always; For we are truly blessed by You, our God, in those whose life has sprung from us.

AMEN.

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