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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28th July, 2024

Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am** (*See page 2 for week day mass times*)
Saturday: **8.00 am**
8.30 am—Reconciliation

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**
Sunday: **9.30 am**
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

Today's readings present a picture of generosity and abundance.

In the first reading from the Second Book of Kings we hear how the first fruits are brought to the prophet Elisha. It was the custom of the Jewish people to give the first part of the harvest back to God in thanksgiving for a good season. And we know that the man bringing these first fruits to Elisha was poor – for he brought barley loaves. Barley, not wheat, was the food of the poor. In gratitude to God he gives not five, not ten, but twenty loaves back to God: a sign of abundance and generosity.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear how a small boy with five barley loaves (yes, barley!) and two fish is brought forward by Andrew, and from this offering Jesus feeds five thousand men – not to mention the women and children who must have been there as well. And there are twelve baskets of leftovers. In this miracle of Jesus, we see the overflowing generosity and abundance of God feeding his people.

The author of the Fourth Gospel calls this miracle a *sign*.

But, at the end of the reading, we learn how the people got it wrong. They had seen the other *signs* of Jesus – healing the sick – and now this miraculous feeding of five thousand men. But they had missed the point. They want to take Jesus and make him their king. But a king on *their* terms. They had seen the *signs* of God's abundance, but failed to understand what it meant.

I wonder how often we do the same thing. How often we see the signs and jump to the wrong conclusion. Or even miss the signs altogether. How often do we get half the story, and then want to make Jesus boss of the whole mess we've made?

Getting the sign wrong is easy enough to do. It's very easy not to pay attention, to become distracted, and to misunderstand the signs of God's abundance.

In trying to read the signs correctly, we could do well to listen to the advice which St Paul gives to the early Christian community at Ephesus, which we heard in today's second reading. In the earlier part of this letter, Paul told the Ephesians about the abundance of God's blessings for his people in the person of Jesus Christ. And it is precisely because of the richness of this blessing that Paul urges the Christians at Ephesus to live in unity in their belief in **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, through all, and within all**. Despite all the differences between us, the fact that we profess one faith and one baptism in the Lord should be *the* thing which binds us together. Like the Christians at Ephesus, our sharing in God's blessings **calls us**. Our sharing in God's blessings **challenges us**. Indeed, our sharing in God's blessings **compels us** to live a new life worthy of so great a gift.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 04 August 2024 — The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	A M Catalfamo	S Maurici	K Sherwood
10.30 am	J Martin	K Martin	A Briggs	C Shiu
5.30 pm	J Henderson		R Legudi	T D'Cruze-Fernandes

CHURCH LINEN

August— A Savino

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1 - Thursday 1st August at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Amalia (Iolanda) Morabito

Louis Vella Mary Vella Gesmond Vella
Maria Catalano Cena Said Kevin Ryan

The Sick & Seriously Ill

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

Names for the Bulletin • If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Bulletin, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

Masses this Week

Tue 30th Jul **No mass** @ Moonee Ponds
Wed 31st Jul 10.00am @ Strathmore
Thu 1st Aug 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds
Fri 2nd Aug 10.00am @ Strathmore
Sat 3rd Aug 8.00am @ Moonee Ponds

Palms Australia Discovery Information Session •

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Join our [Palms' Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#). The venue is Online via Zoom register at: palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August 2024
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

More information: 02 9560 5333
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The program "Glorious Lives" featuring the life of **St. Mary MacKillop** — 8th August at 7:00 PM on **Shalom World TV**.

Shalom Media Australia, representing Shalom World, a Catholic family entertainment television will be premiering the upcoming program, "Glorious Lives" which features the inspiring life stories of Catholic saints. It is with great joy that they announce the premiering of the life story of Australia's beloved saint, St. Mary MacKillop, scheduled for August 8th at 7:00 PM on Shalom World TV, aligning with the saint's feast day. The film not only showcases St. Mary MacKillop's remarkable achievements and contributions but also features interviews with historians, educators, and individuals inspired by her legacy. Teaser link- <https://youtu.be/nYOIiyj5YtU?si=WiEuw33pKmbdCgM>



CoAsIt Aged Care are currently looking for male Italian speaking volunteers in our area to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so. Currently CoAsIt has around 200+ wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time to visit elderly people in the community each week to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda Francione (Regional Co-Ordinator) by phone or email for more information on 0432 422 332 lfrancione@coasit.com.au

Child Safety Update • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

Working with Children Checks—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

Child Safeguarding Training—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

Code of Conduct Declaration—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



A communion that radiates

How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?

Participation, governance and authority

What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?

Co-responsibility in mission

How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?



Stewardship Corner

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!

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Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 th March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 th May	CatholicCare
2 nd June	SVdP Winter Appeal
16 th June	Propagation of the Faith
30 th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 th August	The Archbishop’s Campaign
20 th October	World Mission Sunday
10 th November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry

Readings at Mass

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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.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 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.

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.

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