

**17th Sunday in ordinary time  
(Year B) 25 July 2021**

**First reading 2 Kings 4:42-44**

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 left over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18**

*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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

**Second reading Ephesians 4:1-6**

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, over all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 6:1-15**

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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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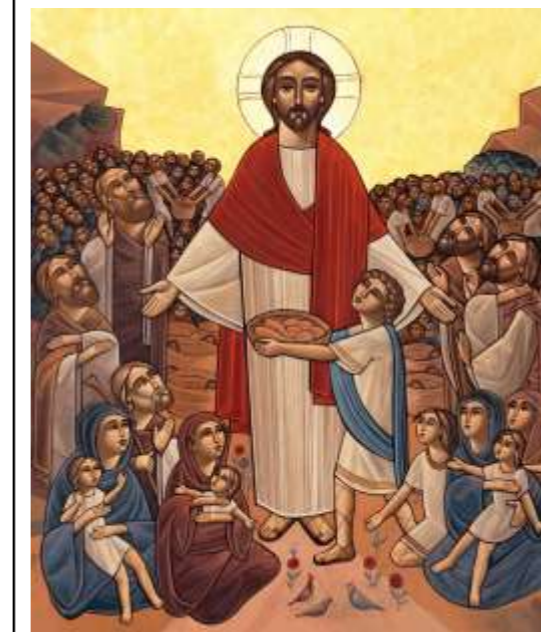


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**Handing over the little you have ...**

Over two thousand years ago, facing a hungry crowd of five thousand people, Jesus asked His apostles to hand over the little that they had to feed them. They gave Him five loaves and two fish donated by a small boy. Jesus worked wonders with it. He multiplied the loaves and the fish. And the crowd ate to their hearts' content. Could Jesus perhaps be asking us to do the same? Which loaves and fish is God asking us to entrust to His care today, right now? What do we have so little of that we are afraid to give it to God? Maybe it's time. Maybe God has been whispering to us for a while, asking us to spend some more time with Him each day in prayer, in reading a good spiritual book, in reflecting on the Bible, in serving the parish (**helping others with QR Code check-in in the church foyer, Mass PowerPoints, caring for the church's environment, and so on**) in building up our family. But we are so busy, we have so little time! God will work wonders with whatever little bit we give Him. Maybe it's talent. Maybe God has put a desire in our heart to do something for Him or for our neighbors, to start something new, to reach out to those in need, but we have been afraid of trying, because we are afraid of failing. God will multiply whatever little talent we have, if we put it sincerely and obediently into His hands. Maybe it's dialogue. Maybe there is someone in our life that we need to speak a word of forgiveness to, or apologize to, or invite back to Mass, or encourage to walk away from some destructive, sinful habit. But how will we

know the right thing to say? God will turn our poor words into seeds of grace, if only we place them in His hands. Well, we believe that Jesus continues to perform miracles in our lives, especially in the Holy Eucharist. Let's take any Mass that we attend as an opportunity to renew our confidence in Jesus, and hand over whatever loaves and fish He is asking for. I firmly believe if you do you won't regret it. He will work wonders of it and let others enjoy it at their hearts' content.



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**Parish Mass Schedule**

**No public  
Masses until  
further notice**

10:30am Sunday Mass  
is live streamed.

For the live stream link  
please visit:

[www.sacredheartpreston.com.au](http://www.sacredheartpreston.com.au)

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday:** 6:00pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

### Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### Registration for Sacramental Program for 2021



Children of our parish who attend other than Catholic schools and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3) and First Holy Communion (Year 4) are required to enrol for preparation classes conducted in our parish. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer of our church.

### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26.

Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

### Joke Corner

A little boy was in church next to his father. At his father's request, he said a short prayer, "Dear God, please bless Mummy and Daddy and all the family to be healthy and happy." Suddenly, he looked up and yelled, "And please don't forget to ask grandpa to give me a bicycle for my birthday!" "There is no need to shout like that," said his father. "God isn't hard of hearing." "No," said the little boy, "but Grandpa is."

### 'Visit' MacKillop Family Services during Open House Melbourne 2021

Open House Melbourne takes place on the weekend of 24 & 25 July. Take a virtual tour of [MacKillop Family Services](#) head office in South Melbourne, which is one of the oldest orphanage buildings in Australia (originally opened as the St Vincent de Paul Orphanage in 1857). A digital map of the building will feature a virtual tour, historic photographs, a video and short stories from those who lived there. Two Q&A videos that give a valuable insight into the lived experience of life in care will also be available to view. Access the tour via [MFS's website](#). - [mackillop.org.au](#)

### Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul

(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)  
August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 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, Vic  
RSVP Tel: 03-97626625 or Email:  
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"Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat – Moments that are Grace" – over five weeks, beginning Tuesday, 3 August and concluding 31 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion on how God might have been present for you. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) no later than 28 July 2021."



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)

### SACRED HEART Gardening Group

A new Gardening Group is meeting once a month to help keep our church grounds neat and beautiful. We welcome new volunteers as many hands make light work!  
The next working bee is on:

Saturday 7 August  
10am - 12pm  
(providing restrictions allow)  
(-green fingers crossed)

Meet at the Presbytery

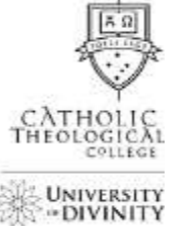
BYO: Gardening gloves and tools for weeding and pruning. One or two whipper snipper owners are most welcome!!  
Morning tea provided.

### Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

LAUNCHING NATIONALLY ONLINE FROM SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

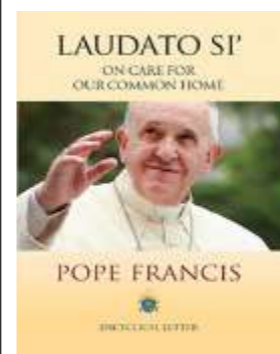
The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world  
In this Year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a **free event for registered participants**.  
**St Gabriel's Parish Reservoir will offer a hub for local men to participate in presentations and discussion on Saturday 31 July, 9:30am to 12:30pm at St Gabriel's Parish Centre, rear of Church, Spring St Reservoir.**  
**Contact Tim Rebbechi on 0491 152 345**  
The Catholic Church needs more men to actively participate in the work of evangelization  
"God is glorified when men are fully alive"





**Catholic Theological College**  
*Ethical Issues and Human Ageing*  
Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from 31 July  
Lecturer:  
Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM  
**Audit, Undergraduate and Postgraduate**  
Options available  
Enquiries: 03 9412 333 or [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au)

### LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Over the last week we have witnessed unprecedented floods in Germany and unprecedented wildfires in Siberia. The loss of human life and wildlife is a tragic consequence for the Earth community. So let us pray with Pope Francis for all the suffering as a result of the changing climate.

*Creator God, for human beings to destroy the biological diversity of your creation; to degrade the integrity of the earth, causing changes in its climate, to strip the earth of its natural forests or destroy its wetlands; to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins.*

*Help us, fragile human beings, to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing. Teach us the way of loving, O loving God, of moving away from what I want to what your world needs. Liberate us from fear, greed and compulsion. Amen.*

Based on Pope Francis', "On Care for Our Common home," LS 8-9.

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick  
*Anthony, Peter Bourke,  
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph  
Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and  
Bronislawa Slobodzian*



That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently  
*Mario David Santeco (RIP 8 July)*

We Commemorate

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.

### Ministers' Roster

The next Roster for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for all weekend Masses has been prepared. For those requiring a paper copy (i.e. not receiving an email copy), a copy will be placed in the church foyer for you to collect following lockdown. Thank you all for your faithful service to our Eucharistic Celebrations.



### Roster for weekend of 31 July/1 Aug 2021

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Rohan Lemos Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
<b>Sun 9am (Italian)</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Jessica Suppiah Catherine Zanatta	Eileen Stevens
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Damian Casamento Margaret Bannan	Robert Dullard

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 31 July 2021

Volunteers  
Thank you for your hard work

