



## St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

*Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38*

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**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *World Day for Grandparents* **25 JULY 2021**

### *From Meagre to Fully Fed*



Last weekend's live streaming of the Vigil Mass had flaws. A number of people inquired about what happened. The total hits on the site doubled, because most people were trying more than once to get in. It's another vindication that there is a great hunger for spiritual nourishment. In the current situation there are a lot of limitations. More than technical glitches, stay at home orders and closed churches mean we can't have the Eucharist and Holy Communion for spiritual nourishment. We are very well aware of our limitations. At this juncture John 6:1-15 can be a special inspiration.

As the spiritually hungry crowd gathered around him by the side of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus asked Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" (John 6:5). The disciples were very well aware of their limitations. Their response was, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little" (John 6:7). It is human nature to think of the inadequacies first. But Jesus can provide abundance from the meagre resources you bring to him with hearts of gratitude. Our Lord miraculously fed the crowd with those little provisions and there were plenty of left overs. I can recall times when I gratefully used what little resource I had in my ministry; the results were beyond my expectations.

In spite of the limitations of the lockdown, you too can find some resources to help you spiritually. Your prayer schedule, resources on the internet, extra time to share faith stories with your family, Bible reading and so on. Just as the boy in the Gospel story brought five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus, let us also take our meagre resources to Jesus so that he can multiply his grace for us and nourish you and me to our satisfaction. The Lord of the Eucharist will not disappoint you.



Join us on Saturday at 5PM  
for the Sunday Vigil Mass

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Graham Turner, Theo Bergstedt, Tony Michael, Doreen Stanmore, Sally Castell, Nikka dela Cruz, Alisha Munarriz, Josephine Laing

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Nguyen

**Deceased:** Peter Joshep Nguyen

**Anniversary:** Percy Baptiste, Maria Beatrice Nazareth

**Other Intentions:** For all those affected by the Corona Virus. Holy Souls in Purgatory. The intention of the Holy Father.

## REFLECTIONS ON JOHN 6:1-15

### Living the Gospel - Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.

### Different View - A miracle of sharing

Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.

### Gospel Focus - Messiah

At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah – the anointed one of God – would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.

| 1 AUGUST 2021   |                           | 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |                                  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Mass            | VIGIL                     | 8AM                                      | 10AM                             |
| ACOLYTE         | Bob KENSEY                | William ANDREWS                          | Roland JAVIER                    |
| MUSIC & SINGING | PARISH CHOIR              |  | Salt enLight                     |
| LECTOR/S        | Katrina YIP<br>Mai NGUYEN | Daniel BOLAND<br>Rosalind EVANS          | Amanda DOWDELL<br>Hilary RIOFRIO |
| CHURCH SHOP     | Charlie SCULLY            | Jenny MICHAEL                            | John SHANLEY                     |

**Cleaners SPC:** Uisa Family      **Altar & Sacristy:** Group 5 Carol Mabon, Maria Wood

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| <b>Saturday 8AM</b> | <b>31 JULY</b>   |
| LECTOR FOR MASS     | Christine KENSEY |

## ANTIPHONS & READINGS

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### First Reading

2 Kgs 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 over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

**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

Eph 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, through all and within all.

### 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

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.

### Communion Antiphon

Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Next Week's Readings:

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

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

Gospel: Jn 6:24-35



## FEASTS & MEMORIALS OF THE WEEK

### **Monday, 26 July - Sts Joachim & Ann (Feast)**



Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that.

Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

### **Thursday, 29 July - St Martha (Feast)**



The sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. Honored for her confession of faith in the Lord in which she beseeched him to restore life to her dead brother

(John 11:27). Remembered too for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.

### **Saturday, 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola (Feast)**



Born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491. Died on this day at Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of

arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became its first superior general. Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication "to the greater glory of God," the motto of the Jesuits.

### *Pope Francis prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, to implore her protection during the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic*

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

**At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.**

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

**Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.**

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



## I rejoice exceedingly in all my tribulations

*From a homily on the 2nd letter to the Corinthians by Saint John Chrysostom*

Again Paul turns to speak of love, softening the harshness of his rebuke. For after convicting and reproaching them for not loving him as he had loved them, breaking away from his love and attaching themselves to troublemakers, he again takes the edge off the reproach by saying: *Open your hearts to us*, that is, *love us*. He asks for a favour which will be no burden to them but will be more profitable to the giver than to the receiver. And he did not use the word “love” but said, more appealingly: *Open your hearts to us*.

Who, he said, has cast us out of your minds, thrust us from your hearts? How is it that you feel constraint with us? For, since he has said earlier: *You are restricted in your own affection*, he now declares himself more openly and says: *Open your heart to us*, thus once more drawing them to him. For nothing so much wins love as the knowledge that one’s lover desires most of all to be himself loved.

*For I said before*, he tells them, *that you are in our hearts to die together or live together*. This is love at its height, that even though in disfavour, he wishes both to die and to live with them. For you are in our hearts, not just somehow or other, but in the way I have said. It is possible to love and yet to draw back when danger threatens; but my love is not like that.

*I am filled with consolation*. What consolation? That which comes from you because you, being changed for the better, have consoled me by what you have done. It is natural for a lover both to complain that he is not loved in return and to fear that he may cause distress by complaining too much. Therefore, he says: *I am filled with consolation, I rejoice exceedingly*.

It is as if he said, I was much grieved on your account, but you have made it up for me in full measure and given me comfort; for you have not only removed the cause for any grief but filled me with a richer joy.

Then he shows the greatness of that joy by saying not only *I rejoice exceedingly* but also the words which follow: *in all my tribulations*. So great, he says, was the delight that you gave me that it was not even dimmed by so much tribulation, but overcame by its strength and keenness all those sorrows which had invaded my heart, and took away from me all awareness of them.

## OTHER NOTICES

### CatholicCare Webinar

Please join us at our 'Talking Families' webinar on Thursday 29 July 2021 at 12:30-1pm (AEST).

To register visit <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/talking-families-webinar>

Can't make this time?

Register and receive the post webinar pack, including recording.

### Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- “Christ-centered Leadership”

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### The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love

**Saturday 14 August** commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings **19, 26 August & 02 September 2021**.  
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If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

### Just for Laughs

After years of wanting to thoroughly clean my house but lacking the time, this week I discovered that wasn't the reason.





WORLD DAY FOR  
**Grandparents  
and the Elderly**

25 JULY 2021  
*Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne*

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR  
**Grandparents and the Elderly**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness  
to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.  
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.

Amen.

*Artwork: The Holy Family with Saints Anne and Joachim by Luca Giordano (1694-1705)*