

Year A/2
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 August 2020
Liturgical Colour: Green

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OUR LORD'S

MATTHEW 14:13-21

ABUNDANT TABLE



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Our readings this week focus on the availability of spiritual food for those who recognise the need for the spirit to be nourished. Our growth and lifestyle as human beings not only depends on physical food, but we also need spiritual food. If we don't feed our souls, we will become spiritually lethargic and unhealthy. Where do we find that nourishment?

The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading addresses the community after their 50 years of exile in Babylon. In this passage he presents God as a market vendor crying out his wares to catch the attention of the passers-by.

*All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying and without cost,
Drink wine and milk!*

When we buy things in the markets, we normally have to pay a price, but here the vendor is freely offering food and drink for those without money. There is a price to pay for spiritual food; Listen to the Lord! The Hebrew adds emphasis to the verb 'listen'. Literally it reads: 'Listen, to hear me', in other words, pay attention and listen very carefully; you don't want to miss this:

Listen very carefully to me and you will eat good things and your stomach will enjoy rich food. Give me your ears and come to me and listen, so that your very being may truly live. And I will establish with you an everlasting relationship marked by the reliable love I gave your ancestor David.

If we truly listen, then we will keep our spiritual priorities at the forefront. *Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.*

Why not direct our resources and energy to appreciating others and practising deep respect in all our relationships? This will surely bring inner peace and contentment.

In today's Gospel Jesus shows us the way to spiritual nourishment. Often, we have thoughts of compassion, but rarely do they lead to acts of compassion. Seeing the world through Jesus' eyes inevitably leads to acts of love and compassion. Seeing the world through Jesus' eyes involves us giving up some of our own rights and comforts and possessions to meet the needs of others. We may feel that we don't have enough resources to make a dent in something we feel passionate about. But it's amazing what can happen when Jesus gets involved.

The crowd that day numbered close to ten thousand people. And Jesus told his disciples, "You give them something to eat." The disciples answered, "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish." And Jesus said, "Bring them here to me."

Jesus used what was at hand to meet the people's needs. It's a simple principle, but it's always the first step to a miracle.

It is so easy to say, "I don't have time to help others, just see how busy I am" And Jesus looks at our time and says, "Bring it here to me." When we look through Jesus' eyes we say, "Lord, my life belongs to you. I may not have much, but whatever I am and whatever I have, use it for your kingdom." And suddenly, we see a million needs all around us, and we find a way to meet some of those needs. When we care enough, we will sacrifice what we have to make a difference.

Nigel Sequeira

LITURGY TIMES

3rd - 9th August

Grovely St William's

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday: 8:00am Mass
Saint Mary of the Cross
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am Mass
9:00am Mass
5:00pm Mass

Mitchelton Our Lady of Dolours

Monday: 8:30am Mass
Saint Dominic

Tuesday: 8:30am Mass
Saint John Vianney

Wednesday: 8:30am Mass
*Dedication of the Basilica of
St Mary Major*

Thursday: 8:30am Mass
Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday 8:30am Mass

Saturday: 10:30am *Adoration &
Reconciliation*
4:00pm Vigil Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Sunday: 11:00am Mass

Samford Sacred Heart

Next Weekend Mass

Sunday: 8:00am Mass

Sacramental Program

Thank you for your patience and understanding about all the changes we have had regarding our Sacramental Program and celebrations.

First Communion Workshops:

St Williams: Aug 4, 5, 6 & 10 at 3:30pm
Sacred Heart: Aug 7 at 3:30pm
Our Lady of Dolours: Aug 18 at 3:30

Enrolment & Confirmation Workshops:

Remember to register with the office!

St Williams: Sep 8 at 9:30am &
Sep 8, 9 & 10 at 7:15
Our Lady of Dolours: Sep 8 at 6pm

Bring along copies of your children's Birth & Baptismal Certificates

Marie-Louise F. Singson

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

Saturday 10:30am - 11:30am
Our Lady of Dolours

This Week's Readings: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55: 1 - 3
Rom 8: 35, 37 - 39
Mt 14: 13 - 21

Next Week's Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19: 9, 11 - 13
Rom 9: 1 - 5
Mt 14: 22 - 33

GROVELY

St Vincent de Paul Grovely

Please place donations to SVDP in a **marked SVDP envelope** before putting it in the collection box. Loose donations will be assumed to be for the St Williams collection.

MITCHELTON

Baptisms: We joyfully announce the baptisms of Edward Fitzsimon and Sophie Johnson and welcome them into our faith community.

SAMFORD

Columbarium

The Samford Sacred Heart Parish Columbarium Committee has accepted a Columbarium design presented by local architect Tim Guymer and will now engage a builder to construct the Columbarium and the Memorial Walls on the southern side of the Church.

A presentation to the Parish community by the Committee [John Quinlan (Chair), Fr Nigel, Jan Burke, Mark Bermingham] and Tim Guymer will take place after the 8am Mass on **Sunday August 16 outside** the Church. Enquires to John Quinlan 0407 774 979

Because of COVID restrictions, it will be necessary to register your intention to attend the presentation with the Parish office on 3355 2667.



Faithful Departed

Recently: Mary Hood, Annelie Honsig, Keiran Hogan, Denis Casey (*Mary Murphy's Brother*)


Anniversaries: Sergio Gagetti



We pray for the Sick

We pray for: Maureen Campbell, Dominic Condon, Kathleen Edden, Nita Leigh, Joyce Powell, Cindy Roberts, Teresa Pitman, Betty Feldman, Carolyn O'Donohue, Louise Rhode, Jeane Karema, Joanne Campbell, Billie Barron

Please note All requests to have a Mass offered for someone, or newsletter requests for the name of recently deceased family members, prayers for the sick and anniversaries, need to be given to the parish office in writing. Forms and Mass request envelopes are available from the sacristy at all 3 churches, or from the Parish Office. Completed forms/envelopes can be given to the priest or handed in at the office.

If someone wanted to become a professional lie detector, what would they need? 

A lie-sense

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." (Matthew 14:16)

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

Bible Quiz

Which is the gate that "leads to life?"

Answer next Week

Last Week's question:

What affliction did Hannah suffer from, that allowed Peninnah to provoke her?

Answer:

She was barren (1 Sam 1:6)

Mass Updates

5pm Sunday Mass has been added at St Williams.

There will be Mass for the feast of St Mary of the Cross at **8am on Saturday August 8** at St Williams.

Due to upcoming RCIA events, there will be fewer places available at 9am Mass on Sunday Aug 9. **Please consider attending a different Mass.**

Mass Bookings

With the easing of COVID restrictions, more people can attend Mass. Due to the size of the churches, the numbers are as follows:

Sacred Heart: 50
Our Lady of Dolours: 60
St Williams: 85

To guarantee a seat at a weekend Mass, booking is essential. Contact the parish office on **3355 2667** or email **bulletin.grovely@bne.catholic.net.au**

We will be taking bookings on a weekly basis, so you will need to register each week. **Bookings for weekend Masses close Thursday 9pm.**

To allow for contact tracing, we require your name, phone number and address. You will receive an email or phone call to advise you of your allocated Mass.

All people attending Mass will be divided into groups. Please avoid moving between groups and adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times. There will be a Marshal that will record your time of entry/exit, direct you to your seating area and coordinate end of Mass cleaning. **If you are interested in being a Marshal, contact the parish office for more information.**

At each Mass we ask that you sign-in, use the hand sanitiser provided, respect the social distancing guidelines, stay home if you are unwell and follow the procedures and protocols in place.