



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th July 2021



Dear Friends,

With further changes to the Covid restrictions and as required by the Government our Parish Office is now closed but our Parish Staff are working from home and Fr John and myself are still available for all Parish matters. For Parish enquiries please email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au. To speak with Fr David or Fr John please ring the Parish number 9977 5822 and leave a message. For emergencies or outside normal office hours please ring the Presbytery on 9977 2100. During the week we started making contact with older members of our community to check on their wellbeing and I also encourage you to keep in contact with those whom know from the Parish.

Keep warm, care for each other. Fr John and I are praying for you each day.

God Bless

Fr David Taylor

If a home has a centre, it's the table. As families, we gather every day at a table, be it a kitchen table or island bench, a dining room table or an outdoor table for those summer nights when we BBQ.

But tables are never just about food. At our tables we experience the goodness of creation in the bounty of the harvest blessed and shared. At our tables we encounter a staggering history of needs felt, met or denied; of stammered confessions; of hands groping for the last crust of bread; of glasses glowing, lifted and clinked in joy and determination; of accusations and reprieves.

Tables are the places where we learn who we are, where we are loved and welcomed no matter what. At our family table we sit neither at the last place nor the first place but at *our* place — and learn over time that we are not the centre of the table but make up its heart. The holiness of new loves, of life's milestone celebrations, of consolation at times of loss and pain is found at our tables, where God is the unseen but always present Guest.

Like the boy in today's Gospel who gives the little he has, many good folk make use of the opportunities and resources they have – all simple and ordinary- to make good things happen to others in need.

The community of generosity and gratitude that Jesus gathers on that plain is re-created each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist either here in the Church or through live-streaming. We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist which we receive at the altar. We give thanks for what we have received by sharing with one another our "scraps" of bread and fish – our talents, our riches, ourselves – working our own miracles of creating communities of Christ-like charity. ConnectionsMediaWorks

First Collection for the support of our Priests.

Second Collection for maintenance, repairs and running costs of our Parish.



We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July: Social Friendship We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

On Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook)
Sunday 8:30am Mass

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community

LET US PRAY FOR

25th July 2021

Recently Deceased: John Turner

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Bonni) Covic; Gerry Ring

July 2021

Year B

Mon 26/7 – Sts Joachim and Anne Ex 32:15-24; Mt 13:31-35
Tue 27/7 – 17th week in Ord Time Ex 33:7-11,34:5-9,28 ; Mt 13:36-43
Wed 28/7 – 17th week in Ori Time Ex 34:29-35; Mt 13:44-46
Thurs 29/7 – St Martha, Mary & Lazarus 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27
Fri 30/7 – 17th week in Ord Time Lev 23:1,4-11,15-16, 27, 34-37
Mt 13:54-58
Sat 231/7 – St Ignatius of Loyola Lev 25:1, 8-17; ; Mt 14:1-12
Sun 25/7 – 18th Sunday in Ord Time Ex16:2-4, 12-15; ; Eph 4:17, 20-24;; Jn 6:24-35

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Tues 6pm in the Parish Centre
Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
Piety Store: call Parish Office
Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
Crazy Whist: last Tuesday each month 10am Parish Centre
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
St Joseph's Men's Group 1st Thurs each month
St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm
Youth Mass and Group 3rd Sunday of each month at 6pm.
Young Adults Group – 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- NO GROUPS MEETING ONSITE

Gospel Reflection

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many? John 6: 1-15 (16-21)

The WORD: Today the lectionary interrupts the semi-continuous readings from Mark's Gospel for a five-week reading of Chapter 6 from the Gospel of John – the "bread of life" discourse of Jesus. The miracle of the feeding of the multitude with a few loaves and fish is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. This story was cherished by the first Christians for whom the Eucharist was becoming the center of their life together. Jesus' actions are indeed "Eucharistic": bread (and fish) is given, Jesus gives thanks (the word used in the Greek text of Mark's Gospel is eucharisteo), breaks the bread and the community feasts.

REFLECTION: The multiplication of the loaves and fish did not start with nothing; Jesus was able to feed the crowds because a little boy was willing to share all he had; from his gift, small though it was, Jesus worked a miracle – and a new community of faith was formed as a result.

We are called by Christ to become the Eucharist we receive at this altar: giving thanks for what we have received by sharing those gifts – our talents, our riches, ourselves – to work our own miracles of creating communities of joyful faith.

The scene on that grassy plain mirrors the gathering at this table today. In the miracle of the loaves and fish, Jesus transforms a crowd of all ages, talents, abilities and backgrounds into a community of generosity. That vision of being a Eucharistic community is re-created each time we gather here. Eucharist is possible only when self defers to community, only when serving others is exalted over being served, only when differences dissolve and the common and shared are honored above all else.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



BROADCAST ON CHANNEL 10 AND WIN TV EVERY SUNDAY AT 6 AM

Each week the Sunday Mass is broadcasted on Channel 10 at 6.00am. This weekend's Mass for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time features from Broken Bay Diocese Fr David Ranson, with Br Bernard Fonkulsrud and Selina Hasham reading.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FRESHWATER 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday 21st November we come together to celebrate St John the Baptist Church's 100 year Anniversary. Please save the date in your diary for a fun filled day – remembering what makes this such a great Parish.

"What the Parish means to me..." " Parish Remembrance Book

As part of the many 100th Anniversary celebrations, we would like everyone to participate in a joint project to create a Parish Book. The theme is "What the Parish means to me..."



Did you or someone in your family celebrate the Sacraments here - Baptism, Wedding, First Communion or a Funeral of a loved one? These are the memories we are asking you to share with us.

We would like a one-page contribution from everyone, including children. You can hand write or compile a word document and email it to Parish the office. You can include your name and photos or be anonymous. It is your choice. These will be professionally laid out in a coffee table type book and be on display in the church, in time for the November Anniversary. There will be copies available for purchase as well.

This is as much a fun project as a heartfelt project, so your support is greatly appreciated!

National Homelessness Week, 1 - 7 August 2021

During Homelessness Week, one practical way you can help is by making an online donation to CatholicCare's 'Shout a Mate a \$6 plate' fundraiser for Mary Mac's Place.. The link to the website is <https://www.catholiccareddb.org.au/shout-a-mate-a-plate/>.



PARISH FINANCES

New: Scan to Donate

using the QR code below to access our BPoint Donation page (please note this is not the code used as you enter the Church for signing). You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.



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2nd collection Parish Bank Account Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Parish Bank Account Supports our Priests

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
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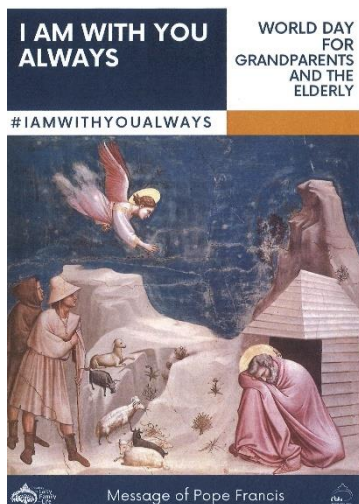
Your generosity towards our Parish can go on forever when you include a bequest in your Will. Once your family is taken care of, a residual gift of your estate can be left to the Church to ensure our Parish and Faith is also looked after. For more information on how you can leave a gift of Faith in your Will, please contact Fr David on 9977 5822. Thank you for your consideration.



Only a heart that is not taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved, that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation.

Safeguarding: The Pastoral Care of the elderly is a priority that must form part of a Safeguarding Action Plan of any Parish community. In the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that "no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



As part of the celebrations for the Year Amoris Laetitia Family, Pope Francis has set aside the fourth Sunday in the month of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this Sunday 25 July.

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,
Dear Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”.¹ Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes,² seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members,

lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, “How can a man be born when he is old?” (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And “God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we

might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth” (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer.

The Lord’s closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer. The prophet Joel once promised: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions” (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that “even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been.” She went on to say: “For me, memory is life.”³ I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.”⁴ He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and

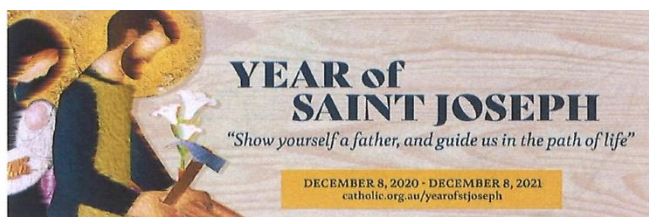
for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to “his desire to feel himself a brother to all” (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Rome, St John Lateran May 31, 2021
Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 1 The episode is narrated in the Protoevangelium of James.
- 2 This image has been chosen as the logo for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
- 3 Memory is life, writing is breath. *L’Osservatore Romano*, January 26, 2021.
- 4 Visit to the Group Home “Viva gli Anziani”, 2 November 2012.



A SHORTER LITANY TO SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy</i>

Saint Joseph, spouse of Mary	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, earthly father of Jesus	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, tender and caring	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, prudent and brave	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, wise and faithful	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, lover of simplicity	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, pattern of patience	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, model of workers	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, guardian of families	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, caregiver of the dying	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, comfort to the fearful	<i>Pray for us</i>
Saint Joseph, protector of our Church	<i>Pray for us</i>

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay Message for
BBNeighbourhoods 20 July 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, A little over three years ago, I had the pleasure of being at the launch of a new initiative called Fire Up Ministries (fireupministries.com). Along with several hundred young people, I gathered at Epping for the launch of this marvellous initiative by Simon and Madeleine Carrington.

I first had the pleasure of meeting the Carringtons quite early in my ministry as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Sydney when Simon and Madeleine were engaged to be married. The next time our paths crossed was when I participated in a panel to discuss vocations in August 2017. Just two months shy of their wedding day, which they celebrated on 7 October – the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – Simon and Madeleine were representing couples called to married life.

I distinctly remember being impressed not only by their eloquence, but also their radiating a clear sense to others that what they were living out as a soon-to-be-married couple was nothing less than a response to God's call.

In a similar way, I am convinced that what they embarked upon with Fire Up Ministries is also a response to a call. The world, and our young people in particular, is crying out for good news regarding issues that plumb the depths of their identity, particularly those that touch upon that very beautiful and delicate, yet complex and profound area of human sexuality.

When we look around the world, we are constantly being given reminders of the darkness that envelops it, particularly in all matters relating to human identity. But as the saying goes, "it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness", and both Simon and Madeleine are in their burgeoning ministry, providing that little bit of light to the young people of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney, and beyond.

I believe that this is indeed good news for our community of the Church – especially for our young people as they explore their conviction in life and mission as men and women of faith.

Simon and Madeleine's vision has promoted a mission to restore marriage and family life in our culture by proclaiming Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body, which is a comprehensive teaching encompassing all of life from conception until natural death. A topic that is indeed ripe for our time.

People often ask me for direction and resources that might assist in making positive and fruitful choices in life. I would encourage communities throughout Broken Bay to see Fire Up Ministries as one such experience which offers positive Catholic teaching and experience to our young people.

Blessings of love, peace, and good health for the week ahead
+Anthony

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Joseph House 2021-2022 Applications now open!

Applications are now open for Joseph House, a house of discernment in Broken Bay for young Catholic men. Email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au for more information

**Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One
October 2021**

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Ad Astra is a program for the young leaders of the Diocese of Broken Bay who desire to grow in leadership and aspire for the heights of ministry and relationship with God. The goal of *Ad Astra* is not just to enhance a prayer life, but to transform one's capacity for ministry. As an intentional community, we will journey together in a number of ways:

Formation Nights

- Community Nights
- Mentorship & Ministry
- Evangelisation School – In January we will attend an intensive Evangelisation School.

Do you know a young person in your parish, who might benefit from this program? Send them an online application form today! <https://forms.gle/Lgr8pEK9MVdd8YNKA>



**You're invited!
Please join us for a
series of on-line
talks about
Euthanasia, Dying
and the Dignity of
the Human Person**

It's anticipated that a Bill allowing for the legalisation of euthanasia will be presented to the

NSW Government in September. You are invited to a series of online talks by theological and medical specialists on the topic over three Mondays in August, co-hosted by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and Parramatta. You'll also have a chance to submit questions. **Fr David Ranson, VG**, will give the first session to be held on **2 August at 7.30pm**.

For more information or to register visit parracatholic.org/euthanasiatalks or contact Emma Baker at emma.baker@bbcatholic.org.au

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

Jesus fed the hungry crowd



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What do you think these people would have said when they saw Jesus feed the large crowd with just five loaves and two fish?



Speech bubble for the woman's response.



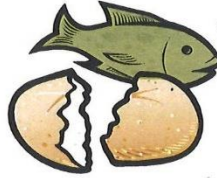
Speech bubble for the man's response.



Speech bubble for the woman's response.

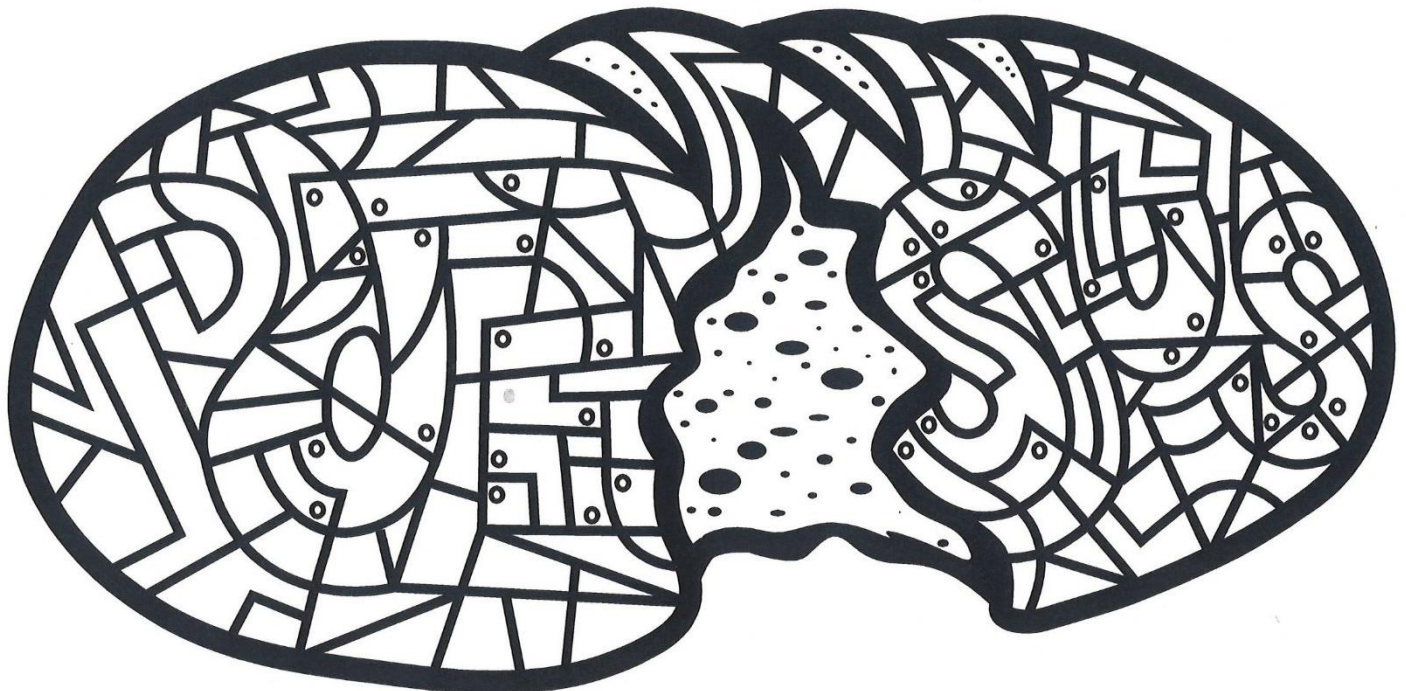


Speech bubble for the man's response.



Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.

Colour in all the shapes that contain a dot to reveal a word that feeds our hunger.



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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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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