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WEEKDAY Mass Times: Tuesday 27th July – Saturday 31st July
Tuesday 8:30am; Wednesday 9am; Friday 8:30am-followed by Adoration; Saturday
8.30am followed by Reconciliation.

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm (Sacred Heart Mundaring)
Sunday - 7:30am (Our Lady of Good Counsel Chidlow)
9:30am (Sacred Heart Mundaring)

MORNING TEA NEXT SUNDAY

I mentioned looking for a host or host(s) for morning tea next Sunday. If you can help alleviate my anxiety on the matter, please speak to me after Mass.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES STUDY GROUP

This week we are looking at Session 11
'The Church in Antioch'

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES (PREP)

We begin Classes this coming Wednesday.

The Confirmation Class will begin at 3.45pm-4.30pm (in the Church)

The Reconciliation and Holy Communion classes

will start at 4.00pm-4.45pm
(in the Parish Meeting Room)

HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

A reminder to all parents of children who are attending Sacred Heart Primary School and are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

There is a Workshop this coming Wednesday at 6pm in the School library.

This is a prerequisite to your celebrating this sacrament.

PILGRIM STATUE ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK – Nancy Daws

NEWS, HAPPENINGS & CELEBRATIONS

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 fullest each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the
age. **Amen**

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The decision to hold a World Day for Grandparents and Older People has come at a time marked by a pandemic and by the suffering of our older generations in recent months in every part of the world. Reports of elderly people having to die alone and then not even being given a funeral, have been a cause of deep pain to the Church. It is one of the crosses of our time that was rightly brought to mind during the Way of the Cross with Pope Francis on Good Friday this year: "People jumped out of the ambulance dressed like astronauts, wearing protective suits, gloves, masks and face shields. They took away my grandfather who had been having difficulty breathing. That was the last time I saw my grandfather. He died a few days later in hospital. I think of how lonely he must have felt. I could not be near him physically to say goodbye and to comfort him."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings 4:42-44
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 left over,”

He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v. 16
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6
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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 6:1-15
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 of them 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**

READING THE SIGNS

One of the major themes of the first half of John’s gospel is whether people have the capacity to understand the meaning of the signs that Jesus worked. Time and again, a sign is worked but only partially comprehended. In the coming weeks the true meaning of the feeding of the multitude will be our focus.

The ministry of Jesus was having enormous success. His healing of the sick had attracted such a crowd that 200 denarii (over half a year’s wages for a labourer) would only be sufficient to give them a small piece of bread each. Like Elisha before him, Jesus will work with what is at hand so that the people will not go hungry. In both cases what is at hand is minimal, but the resulting surplus is a powerful sign of what can happen when the Lord is given room to work with what we have to offer. When Jesus is at work there is always more than is needed, just as the fullness of his identity and mission cannot be exhausted by the crowd’s perception that he is a prophet and king.

Paul knew that the abundance of the life that we have received in baptism is meant to be shared. If we have understood the gift we have been given then we will understand that we too are called to be a sign for the world. Our unity and charity towards one another are a sign of the life we share in Jesus, the living bread and source of our lives.

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