

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



PARISH CHURCHES

Church of the Sacred Heart

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**17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B
25 July 2021**

The 'Jesus Fish' symbol

We've seen them on car bumper-bars, keychains, lapel pins, and pendants. Users of online discussion boards and chat rooms find innovative ways to employ them in posts. They are the so-called "Jesus Fish", a symbol comprising two intersecting arcs; or, in the case of online chat rooms, formed by the astute use of the "greater than" and "less than" symbols (<>).

The "Jesus Fish" phenomenon purports to be a revival of an early Christian symbol representing Christ. The fish symbol gained early popularity amongst Christians because the Greek word for fish "ICHTHUS" could be used as an acrostic for the proclamation of their faith in "Jesus Christ, Son of God, [and] Saviour" (*Iesous Christos THEou Uios Soter*). Long before the cross, early Christian worshippers used the fish as the public sign of their faith.

Many of these early fish symbols were closely related to the Christian practice of shared meals. So, for example, the second-century "Greek chapel" in the Roman catacombs of Saint Priscilla boasts a fresco depicting the eucharistic table set with a fish and a basket of bread.

This fresco is reminiscent of the scene presented in today's gospel, where Jesus feeds a large crowd of five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish. Like the fresco, the story has clear eucharistic overtones as Jesus blesses, breaks the bread and distributes it in manner reminiscent of the story of the Last Supper. The miracle of loaves echoes the story in today's first reading where Elijah feeds a hundred people by a similarly miraculous division of meagre resources.

Jesus' audience would have been aware of the Elijah story and of the role of Elijah assumed in popular Jewish thinking about the end-time. Hence, Jesus' actions prompt them to identify him as the messianic prophet, the coming of whom was foretold by Malachi, who specifically linked the messiah to the return of Elijah (Malachi 3:23).

In Jewish thought, fish appear in the end-time drama as symbolic of God's blessing on a renewed Israel (Ezekiel 47:9). The prophet Ezekiel predicted that a stream would flow from the temple mount in Jerusalem and would purify the Dead Sea so that fish would teem there. An abundant catch of fish figures strongly in John's post-resurrection story of the risen Jesus appearing to seven of his disciples as they fished the Sea of Tiberius (John 21:1-14). In Luke's Gospel, the risen Jesus eats a piece of broiled fish to demonstrate that he is no mere ghost (Luke 24:42).

Pulling all these threads together, one can see how easily the "Jesus Fish" came to be adopted as an early symbol for Christian faith. For us too, the presence of the fish in the gospel story of the miracle of the loaves reminds us that each time we gather as a eucharistic community to ponder the Word and break bread we are publicly witnessing to our faith that Jesus is the "Son of God" and "saviour" of the world.

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This week in the Parish 25 July - 1 August



Sunday 25	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Monday 26	Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 27	NO 5:30 pm Mass today
Wednesday 28	NO 5:30 pm Mass today
Thursday 29	8:15 am - Mass 9:00 am - Legion of Mary - South Meeting Room
Friday 30	12:00 pm - Mass
Saturday 31	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 01	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 12 noon - Baptisms

SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carolyn Zambelli, Theresa Orodani (Solomon Islands),
Marjorie Payton, Kevin Palmer

ANNIVERSARIES:

Allan Duroux, Eva Sterling, Terry Belmont,
David Delacruz, Francisca Telan

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

READING ROSTER:

31 July/1 August - 18th Sunday in Ord Time

6pm Vigil: Tim Waugh

Sunday 8am: Bernard Nolan

Sunday 10am: Lisa Dusi-Fox

WEDNESDAY WORD

Limited copies of Wednesday Word,
with this weekend's readings,
are available for you in the Church.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they shall see God.
(Matthew 5:7-8)



LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland on 7 September, 1921.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work.

The Legion invites all parishioners to join us on **Wednesday 4 August at noon** to honour Our Blessed Mother in this **CENTENARY** of the **LEGION of MARY**.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

(ON LINE PETITION) ...

Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP says Independent Sydney MP Alex Greenwich's plan to introduce a euthanasia bill to the New South Wales Parliament is "particularly insensitive" during the pandemic.

Archbishop Fisher said the "state-sanctioned killing of the sick, elderly and frail of New South Wales is the last thing we need right now".

"I call on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal. If anyone in the parish wants to object to the proposed Assisted Suicide legislation, please follow the link:

<https://comms.sydneycatholic.org/v/75218/7085317/email.html?k=z02TQjPMSNHdUvS-Hs8KHTIpRUOPzHX1v2VeEwNddmU>



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

INVITATION TO ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

RCIA –A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Since Jesus invited His first followers to “Come, follow me”, the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship.

THE RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - RCIA programme provides a setting where the Catholic faith can be explored and the journey of faith can be celebrated within the local Church community.

The RCIA Programme begins with an Enquiry Night to assist:

- ◆ Those who might be considering joining our Catholic community.
- ◆ Those who would like to know more about the RCIA programme.
- ◆ Those parishioners who are interested in supporting our candidates.
- ◆ Those who wish to know more about their Faith.

If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please phone Barbara at the Parish Office 6672 1118 or email at shpmbah@norex.com.au

Vinnies Winter Appeal Donate Now

Lives can change when you choose to help

Throughout July you can make your donations to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Donations can be made:

- ◆ in the Church today
- ◆ in the envelopes provided - for those asking for a receipt
- ◆ online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

Thank you for your generous support!



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PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The **next meeting** of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Thursday 5 August at 5:30 pm.**

The **agenda for the meeting will be set on Thursday 29 July.** Any matters that you, our Parishioners, would like to be considered for the agenda should be sent by email to banner@onthenet.com.au or placed in the PPC box in the church no later than Wednesday 28 July.



Today is THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday 25 July 2021 (Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus).

In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme **“I am with you always”** (cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission.

Let’s reflect on the particular ways in which this is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

BLESSING ON A LONG LIFE

God of mercy,
You have given your children the gift of long life,
And they ask for your blessing.
Let them feel the tenderness and strength
of your presence.
As they look back to the past,
let them rejoice in your mercy.
As they look to the future,
May they persevere in hope that does not fade.
To you be praise and glory for ever.

Amen.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (144)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
 - ◆ QR check in on arrival or give your name and contact details to our hospitality team
 - ◆ please use the hand sanitiser provided
 - ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
 - ◆ please observe 1.5 m social distancing when coming forward for communion
 - ◆ distribution of communion is strictly **BY HAND** only
 - ◆ ~~We are now able to have congregational singing~~
 - ◆ *no singing this week!*
 - ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
 - ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place
- Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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