

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR B**

22 August 2021

Who will stay and who will go?

For these last five weeks we have listened to gospel readings from John Chapter 6, readings about bread and, most importantly of all, the Bread of Life. Jesus teaches "I have come to give you the Bread of Life."

This sequence of readings from John (Ch 6) began with the miracle of the feeding of the 5000. Starting with just five little barley loaves and two fishes, they all ate until they were filled, with 12 baskets of food remaining.

And yet here in today's gospel, just a little while after witnessing that miracle, we find many of Jesus' followers murmuring, complaining and disgruntled. For many of them, Jesus' teaching and preaching is proving too hard, too tough, too shocking to accept. Many of them then left and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus asks the Twelve who remain, "Do you also want to leave?"

Sometimes, when frustrated or disappointed or distressed about the failures of our Church, we too might wonder if we can or should leave and walk away. Many of our friends and family have already left. Like those followers who left Jesus, many in our community have found his teachings too hard. But Peter's words are as true for us as they were for him and for the Twelve: "Master, to whom shall we go?" Much and all as we too can find Jesus' teaching challenging, it is Jesus who has the words of eternal life. It is Jesus, the Holy One of God, who offers us the Bread of Life. There is no other.

So, today's readings present us with questions of decision and commitment.

In the first reading, Joshua, who succeeded Moses and led the Israelites into the Promised Land, challenges the Chosen People, newly settled in that new land, to decide on whether it is God or some other deities they will serve and worship? The people recall the great wonders that the Lord God had done for them and re-commit themselves to serving the Lord.

In the second reading, the Apostle Paul insists that being a Christian does indeed demand choices and commitments of us, some of them hard. He urges us to live in love, as Christ loved us.

The gospel then challenges each of us, today and indeed every day of our lives: shall we follow him or shall we leave.

Jesus didn't promise that it would be easy. Not at all. But what he does promise is food for the journey, the Eucharist of his flesh and blood, eternal life, and undying love.

So, what is your response to Jesus' question: Do you also want to leave? Let us pray for the strength and the courage to hold on to our faith in Jesus. Let us remember and give thanks for the many things that the Lord has done for us. Let us come and find nourishment in the Eucharist. And let us support and encourage each other on the journey.

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This week in the Parish 22 - 29 August



Sunday 22 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
8:00 am - Mass - [online Mass](#) with Fr Anthony

24-27 August NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 6:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 29 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

8:00 am - Mass
10:00 am - Mass
12 noon - Baptisms

*Mass times and baptism time for next weekend 28-29 August 2021
are subject to change depending upon future NSW health orders.*

THE PARISH OFFICE
is closed to visitors during
the current lockdown;
however we are still
available by email & phone
E: shmbah@norex.com.au
T: 6672 1118
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phil Marshall

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

James Wallace

Readings for today and next Sunday:

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Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

READING ROSTER

28/29 August - 22nd Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Lyndy Severs

Sunday 8am: Peter Callaghan

Sunday 10am: Ed Egan

This weekend Fr Anthony will be using Preface of
Ordinary Time I and Eucharistic Prayer II.

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word,
with this weekend's readings,
will be with your Bulletin this weekend.

MAKE A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION

An ancient practice of the Church for those who cannot be present at Mass is to make a spiritual communion. We have a simple prayer you can pray with longing in your heart to be united to Jesus.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29 AUGUST

*This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, **CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR**, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.*

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or phone (02) 6201 9845.

Statements will be available in the Church next Sunday.

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.

AUSTRALIA
PRAYS
Sunday 22 August 2021



THE CHURCH TOGETHER IN PRAYER
'LORD HAVE MERCY'

"OUR EYES LOOK TO THE LORD OUR GOD TILL HE
SHOWS US HIS MERCY" - Ps. 123:2
WE ARE DRAWN TOGETHER TO PRAY GIVEN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF NEED
AND DISTRESS CAUSED BY COVID-19

REGISTER FOR ZOOM LINK + DAILY DEVOTIONS AT:
NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG.AU/LORDHAVEMERCY

AUSTRALIA
PRAYS

The team at the [National Day of Prayer & Fasting](#), in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the [National Council of Churches](#), is calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

We are drawn to pray together across the land, given the current level of need and distress.

Our theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer:
"Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy".

Inspiration for this prayer is found in the story of the blind beggar in Luke 18:35 and his cry to Jesus for healing.

This simple prayer for mercy is found throughout the scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments.

*"Our eyes look to the Lord our God
till He shows us His mercy." Ps. 123:2*

Participants are of course encouraged to add to this prayer, and also to fast as they feel led.

**"Our eyes look to the Lord our God
till He shows us His mercy."
— Psalm 123:2**

PRAYER

during the coronavirus pandemic


Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



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 shpbah@norex.com.au



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (33)

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

SUPPORTING YOUR SPIRITUAL AND PRAYER LIVES DURING COVID-19

View Mass at Home

There are several options to tune into Mass at home this weekend:

ONLINE:

- ♦ Fr Anthony will stream Sunday Mass at 8:00 am from our Sacred Heart Church for you at home this weekend on our [Sacred Heart Parish YouTube channel](#)
- ♦ Bishop Greg Homeming will celebrate Sunday Mass Online at 9:00 am on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#)
- ♦ Mass on Demand: <http://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

FREEVIEW TV:

- ♦ Tune in to channel 10 on Sunday mornings at 6:00a m for 'Mass for You at Home'.

Read the Mass Readings as a Family

A great resource is available from Diocese of Wollongong - [Daily Mass Readings](#)

Please visit the [Parish website](#) for other links and resources

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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