

St Michael's Catholic Parish & War Memorial Church - Dorrington

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St Michael's Parish page*



17th Sunday in Ordinary time

27th/28th July

God showers us with gracious abundance

Mass times

Mon.	5.30 pm	Adoration & Rosary, only
Wed.	9 am	Mon, Wed & Fri.
Thurs	9 am	
Friday	9 am	
Sat.	9 am <i>and</i> 5 pm (Vigil)	
Sun.	8.30 am <i>and</i> 5 pm	

The readings for this week Eucharist call forth a response from each member of the congregation. The fundamental aspect of biblical faith calls each person to show: Concern for the poor and needy. One way we can share our gifts with other just as the boy share his loaves and fish in today's Gospel, is by participating in the special roles in our parish liturgy: readers, servers, Special Ministers of Communion, singers, musicians, collectors, welcomer's sacristans, church cleaner are open to each member. Participating on Parish Pastoral Council, finance committee; liturgy committee, and St Vincent de Paul.

Please email Dorrington Parish if you can help in any of these areas. It would be very much appreciated.

Responsorial Psalm

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!

The first reading, Second Book of Kings (4:42-44) is miraculous feeding on one hundred men from a small amount of food. After the land had experienced famine a man from Baa-Shalisha offers the privileged first fruits of the harvest to the "Man of God", Elisha. Surprisingly, Elisha tells him to give the twenty barley loaves and fresh ears of grain to the one hundred people who are with Elisha. While the servant objects that the amount of food is inadequate, Elisha insists "the Lords says this 'they will eat and have some left over". They ate and had some left over. (v44).

John's narrative (6:1-15) of the feeding of the five thousand shows his portrait of the more self-sufficient Jesus who know what is in everyone (John 2:27-28). For John, miracles are signs' that point to a reality beyond themselves, to the identity and truth of Jesus. John's account is concerned with how people respond to Jesus. The crowd, enthusiastic about his healing of the sick, hope to gain something for themselves from his miracle worker.

Jesus asks Phillip what they should do to feed the people, he responds with not sufficient money. Andrew shares knowledge of the boy with five barley loaves and two fish usually enough to feed two persons. Neither solution is adequate to meet the feeding of the hungry crowd.

Jesus takes what little is offered to him and in his hands becomes an abundant meal. Jewish memories and Christian eucharistic themes are interwoven as Jesus takes the bread, gives thanks and distributes both the bread and fish himself. Jesus feeds the five thousand men sitting on the lush green grass from five loaves and two fish. The left over pieces were gathered into hampers and left with the disciples. John is concerned with the theological emphasis that in this Passover feeding Jesus becomes a personally nourishing presence to each person.

The abundance of God is evident in the not only satisfying the hunger of all persons present, but in the abundance of the fragments gathered into twelve baskets.

We bring to this Eucharist what little we have, all fragments of our inadequacies, our successes, failures, our hopes and dreams. We offer them to God with the fruits of earth and work of human hands and these small gifts are transformed and offered back to us as the sacramental Body and Blood into whose life we are gathered. This is not logic, pragmatism, or self-satisfaction; this is Eucharistic, thanksgiving for God's abundant and eternal generosity.

Sr Maureen RSM

We pray for:

David Carr, Delma Schmidt, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Ron Mollison, Fr Aidan Carvill S.M, Trevour Pettersen, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden.

We pray for all who have recently lost loved ones and we remember those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.'

Giving:

Thank you for your ongoing generosity

Plate Collection this weekend was **\$832.15**. Previous weekend was **\$945.00**.

Planned Giving last month **\$1,850.00**. Previous month was **\$1,695.00**.

Plate collections have fallen short for the past two weeks. Planned giving is substantially below the target of **\$2497** per month.

Upcoming feast days

- ✚ Monday 29th July – Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
- ✚ Wednesday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola
- ✚ Thursday 1st August – St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
- ✚ Friday 2nd August – St Peter Faber
- ✚ Saturday 3rd August – St Dominic

A note about Saint Ignatius of Loyola Priest(1491-1556)

Ignatius, who has had a profound influence on Catholic life, was born at Loyola in the Basque area of Spain. He became a soldier and was wounded in battle. Ignatius turned to Christ during his long recovery. A strong and holy organiser, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus at Paris in 1534. The Jesuits effectively worked for Church renewal, especially in the missions and in Catholic education. The Spiritual Exercises Ignatius developed helped many others to conversion. Ignatius showed unconditional loyalty to the pope. He was canonised in 1622.

Morning Tea:

Please join us this Sunday 28th of July of morning tea. All are very welcome.

Happy Grandparents Day - 28th July:

The Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents.

This year it is July 28th.

Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 **'Do not cast me off in my old age'**