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|  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

The gospel readings for the next five weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called “first world” know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth’s precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John’s account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the “signs” he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd’s response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The “mountain” place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the “more-than-enough”, so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Although the people partially understand Jesus’ identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.pm**

 **Sunday: 10am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight – Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **July 29th 2018**

***Entrance Antiphon***

**God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

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

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**The hand of the Lord feed us; he answers all our needs.**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th July   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  School Mass  |  Sue Bulger  |
| Commentator |  School Mass  |  John Power  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Anna Quinn |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham  |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Bev Piper | ---------------------------------------- |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th  August  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Claire Cole |  Trish Matthews |
| Commentator |  Liz Boxall |  Mary Kelly |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  Jessica & Emily Kelly |  New Servers |
| Church Care | Group 4: The Dobbie Family  |

Feast Day**Wishing all our**

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 **FEASTS DAYS**

**31st July: Saint Ignatius of Loyola 1st Aug: Saint Alphonsus Liguori 3rd Aug: Saint Dominic 4th Aug: Saint John Vianney**

**SPECAIL THANKS to McAuley Kinder Year 1 & 2 students for presenting the Vigil Mass this weekend.**

 **~PARISHNEWS~ PLAN GIVING ENVELOPES** for 2018-19 are now available. Please collect your package from the church foyer. If any family or individual would like to join our plan giving please contact Anna at the Presbytery. We sincerely thank all our generous givers for their continued support. **ANNUAL MASS COUNT** The Archdiocese is delighted to report that Mass numbers have increased by 1300 each Sunday on last years’ count. **HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION** Deacon Matt Ransom Caterchist Co-ordinater of our Archdiocese will be proceeding this service on Thursday 9th August at 3.30pm in the chapel. Parishioners are most welcome. **EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD PREPARATION** meeting Saturday 11th August at 5pm in the church followed by the Vigil Mass. **INVITATION FROM PAMBULA PARISH** to join them and Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he leads a pilgrimage from the Eden Whalers Football Ground to ‘Our Lady Star of the Sea’ Church on Saturday 11th August 2018. Mass will commence at 12 noon followed by a provided lunch. This pilgrimage will commemorate Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at the site she visited on two separate occassions. Contact pambula@cg.org.au to reserve your place or read flyer on notice board in church foyer.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Jim Lynch, Mick Bristow, Maureen Court, Andrew Sturt., Chris Ballard, Brian Rosetta, Paul Kelly, Sr. Valerian, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Max Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Cecilia Haddad, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Kerry Letts, Eileen Creighton, Muriel Maidwell, Thomas Maidwell, Margaret Anne Reardon, Steph Scott, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Joan & Pat Cronmy, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Kade Adams, Tom Sturt, Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons.John Twomey, Bert & Teresa Butler, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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