



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 men 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.

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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.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

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.

RESP 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

Eph 4: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

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

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6: 1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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

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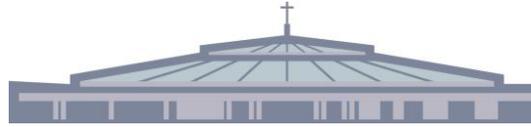
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Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th July 2021



Recently Deceased: Widya Adidharma, Margaret Ellem, Eileen Goodall

Our Deceased: Anne Redmond, Desmond Lobo, Joseph Khalil, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; and deceased members of the Lobo family. Lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Sts Joachim & Anne July 26, Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus July 29, St Ignatius of Loyola July 31

PARISH NEWS:

- **First Holy Communion Information Evening for Parents on July 28 has been tentatively moved to Wed, Aug 4 at 7pm via Zoom. Additional information will be emailed prior.**
- **For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Fr Martin directly at 0414 841 928 to make COVIDSafe arrangements.**
- **Liturgical Rosters have been put on hold due to current lockdown. We will upload the new rosters in the parish website once restrictions have been lifted. Fr Martin to contact volunteers to serve at Vigil Mass to continue live streaming our services.**
- **Prayer requests/Mass offerings for the deceased are still accepted.** Send us an email or leave a message at 9874 2533. Donations can be made online via the parish website.
- **To those that requested to collect their tax receipts in the church, it will be available for collection once the church re-opens. If you have changed your mind and would like it to be emailed instead, please contact the parish office.** Thank you.
- To all parish volunteers, if your WWCC number has expired or is expiring, please renew and provide the parish office with your new WWCC details. To renew go to: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc>.
- All churches across Greater Sydney remain closed until further notice.
- Funerals are limited to 10 people, excluding the person conducting a service for a funeral or any other person necessary for the conduct or preparation of the service.
- The parish office is closed until further notice. Please send any enquiries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Zoom Basics for Parishes, Tue 27th July 10am–11:15am:** Do you want to keep connected with other parishioners during lockdown? Zoom is a simple online platform allowing people to connect and interact with one another. This session is open priests, parish staff and parishioners. Email: tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org.au or [register here](#).

- **Support The Catholic Weekly:** While our churches are closed at this time, the Catholic Weekly is producing a free digital flipbook edition. Sign up for updates directly to your email inbox here: www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/
- On Sat, 24th July, **A special Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral** and will be livestreamed via: <https://youtu.be/BU9SJITqqCw> NB: **The Cathedral is NOT OPEN to the public.**
- **KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS: NURTURING DISCIPLESHIP IN CHALLENGING TIMES.** Online reflection mornings during lockdown with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. The focus of these mini retreats is to nurture our growth as disciples in challenging times. Includes a talk, lectio divina, prayer & sharing. Dates: Sat, July 31, Aug 7 & 14, 10AM–12PM; Online via Zoom. Register: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

2021 TOKYO OLYMPICS-a reflection!

Last Tuesday's Gospel quoted Jesus of Nazareth say, "that anyone who does the will of my Father is my brother, sister and mother." (Matthew chapter 12 verse 50). When I read these words, I immediately realized that there can be many forms of a family unit besides the biological family. For anyone to have the opportunity and the privilege to become an Olympian enables them to belong to a special type of family. The members of an Olympic family spend so much time together in constant and exhausting training schedules, living, travelling, and dining with each other then, sharing with each other their highs and lows from competing in their events.

The Tokyo Olympics is soon to begin in most unusual circumstances with no spectators being present and with the real threat of another COVID outbreak. Hopefully, the next Olympics to be held in Paris, France scheduled for 2024 will see spectators back and be free of the threat of any virus. Pope Francis recently shared an insight on the Olympics in these words; "The Olympics presents an ideal opportunity for people "to put themselves on the line" and to appreciate the merits of fair play and also the value of triumph and defeat. The greatness of a person is so often more evident when they are defeated more so than in their triumphs."

Within life as in the Olympics there is a lot for people to gain besides always coming first!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

We encourage everyone watching us online to receive Jesus through the Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

