

The Catholic Parishes of MOUNT GAMBIER and MILLICENT

Seventeenth Sunday of Year B

25th July, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

This weekend we begin a 5 week reflection on chapter 6 of the Gospel of John.

This chapter is famous for its bread of life discourse and its teaching on the Eucharist. The chapter has three parts. The first concerns the multiplication of the loaves, the second, describes the miracle of Jesus walking on water, and the third relates the bread of life discourse that Jesus gave in the synagogue in Capernaum.

The story of the feeding of the 5000 is the only miracle that is recorded in the 4 gospels. Unique to the gospel of John, however, is that the feeding of the 5000 is not described as a miracle but as a sign. In John there are 7 signs, which point beyond themselves, not to the marvels themselves, but to the power of the person performing the signs, Jesus himself.

What John focuses on in his account is the response of the people. Some have a logical response, others a pragmatic response. However, it is with only 5 loaves and 2 fish that Jesus feeds 5000.

So, it is in our lives, we bring the crumbs of our achievements, even the crumbs that we ourselves are, which Jesus transforms into an abundance and source of renewal for others. Jesus can do more with our crumbs than if we were to give him a whole loaf. Let us have the humility and sincerity to acknowledge our limitedness, particularly in these difficult times.

Let us acknowledge that we ourselves are vulnerable in our prayer that Jesus may transform our hearts. St. Albert Chmielowski would say “we must become bread broken for other,” let this be our prayer too.

God Bless,

Deacon Olek

Dear parishioners of Mount Gambier and Millicent,

So, we find ourselves again in a lockdown! How quickly things can change in just a few days? I'm sure there are mixed emotions out there about the current situation. As Fr Dean is currently away on annual leave, I offer the following information to help us all through the next week:

HONOURING SUNDAY

With this newsletter, you will also receive a prayer resource for a Liturgy of the Word which you can pray at home this Sunday, 25 July. As a gesture of solidarity,

could I encourage you to pray this at 9am on Sunday when I will be offering Mass. A huge power house of prayer coming from all over the South East! Every Sunday is the 'Easter of the week,' so be creative in ways you can honour the Lord's Day: play some of your favourite religious music (nice and loud), watch a religious or faith inspired movie, contact someone you know who may be struggling with lockdown, make a big fuss of Sunday lunch, don't do any household chores....you get the idea.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

At this stage, the current lockdown ends on Tuesday, however, it is too difficult to plan anything for the coming week until we know if the restrictions will be lifted and what new protocols will be in place. Updates will be posted on the parish's *Facebook* page and also communicated via email and the door of the church. If you know of someone who would appreciate being on the mailing list for the newsletter, please get them to contact the Mount Gambier Parish email address.

ONLINE MASSES

At the time of printing, there is some ambiguity about live streaming Masses in the state, therefore, if you would like to pray the Mass online, the following link to the Archdiocese of Sydney may be helpful: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/> Fr Peter Zwaans from Brooklyn Park-Richmond Parish provides a daily Podcast called 'Corona of Thorns' which includes a Liturgy of the Word with Homily. It can be accessed on various platforms at: <https://www.brooklynparkrichmond.org.au/corona-of-thorns-podcast>

THOSE NEEDING ASSISTANCE

Once again, it has been heartening to receive offers of help from parishioners to ensure the well-being of our older and housebound parishioners. If anyone requires shopping done, please let me know and likewise if anyone requires financial or food assistance, please drop me a line. For any emergencies, especially those in danger of death requiring the Sacraments, please do not hesitate to contact the Penola Presbytery on 8737 2554.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Sunday, 25 July is the Church's inaugural World Day for Grandparents and Older People. It is celebrated close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne who were the parents of the Our Lady and the grandparents of Jesus. This celebration has come at a time marked by the suffering of many older people due to the isolation caused by the pandemic. In the Gospel today, we hear of the small boy who presents his five loaves and two fish to the disciples who then hand them over to the Lord. Even the most impoverished and frail of us possesses those two fishes of love and prayer. To pray is a vocation accessible to all. In his message for this World Day, the Pope quotes Benedict XVI when

speaking of prayer as a specific mission of the elderly: *"the prayer of the elderly can protect the world and help it perhaps more incisively than the toil of so many. Your prayer is a most precious resource: it is a lung of which the Church and the world cannot be deprived. Especially at this time, your intercession for the world and for the Church is not in vain, but shows everyone the serene confidence of having a firm foothold."*

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Responses to the pre-Assembly consultation may be made online at www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/respond. The consultation period closes on Monday, 16 August 2021.

PARISH FINANCIAL GIVING

If you are able to continue to donate to the 1st Collection (Clergy) and 2nd Collection (Parish), contributions can be made electronically via the Archdiocesan App or at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/home/adelaide> or via the QR code to the right.



1. Select 'Get started' or 'Login' to register for regular contributions.
2. Select how often you would like to donate - 'Weekly, Fortnightly, Every 4 weeks, Yearly or One-off'
3. Select 'Mount Gambier or Millicent Parish'.
4. Select 'Amount'.
5. Enter the amount you wish to contribute to 'Support of the Clergy' and 'Mount Gambier Parish' or 'Millicent Parish' which goes directly to our parish account.
6. Select 'Payment method' and make your payment. Thank you for your continued generosity!

CLERGY PRAYER

As priests, we are deeply saddened that the faithful in the Archdiocese won't be able to come to Mass this Sunday. From 5pm Saturday, to 6pm Sunday, priests around the Archdiocese will volunteer to spend an hour praying for our people before the Blessed Sacrament. If you have any special intentions, please let me know at penolacatholicparish@gmail.com and I will remember them in prayer during my Holy Hour.

Yours in Christ.

*Fr Michael Romeo
(Parish Priest of Penola).*

READINGS for 1st Aug 18th Sunday of Yr B

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Psalm 77:3-4,23-25, 54
Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 26th July: St Joachim & St Anne
Thursday, 29th July: St Martha
Friday, 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus
Saturday, 31st Aug: St Ignatius of Loyola

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.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalisha, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in ear. "Gove 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 and they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 144:10-11,15-18:

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

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. (Response)

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand and grant the desires of all who live. (Response)

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. (Response)

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear one another charitably, in compete 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

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL: John 6:1-15

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 by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of the 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

LIVE-STREAMING MASS FROM ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL will take place at 11.00am TODAY, Sunday, 25th July. Go to <https://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/coronavirus-updates-and-alerts/live-stream-mass> and click on the link

CONGRATULATIONS to Monsignor Bob Rice who celebrated his 65th Anniversary of Ordination last Wednesday. We wish him God's unbounded blessings and much happiness.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MOUNT GAMBIER

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2021

Cisca, Sacrament Coordinator, will update all families enrolled in the Sacrament Program as to when the next Family Session will be held. For more details contact Cisca at mgpsacraments@bigpond.com

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

The data migration to the new program has taken place. Now begins the process of entering all giving for the 2020/2021 financial year. This is a huge undertaking. There are 30 time-consuming steps I need to learn and follow. I will have new envelopes and receipts out as soon as possible. Meanwhile, if any parishioners need receipts to claim against fees at Tenison Woods College, please email me the amount you gave, and I will issue receipts to you. Email me at mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com Once again, I thank everyone for their patience and understanding. *Thank you, Pat.*

ROSTERS FOR READERS, COMMENTATORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST have run out. I will be doing the new roster this coming week. If anyone no longer wishes to be on the roster, or would like to be on the new roster, please email me at mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com by Wednesday, 28th July. *Thanks, Pat*

ALTAR SERVERS' SEAT:

The Altar Servers have outgrown the current seats used by on them on the Altar area. The parish is looking for someone who could adjust 2 old pews and turn them into new seats for the Altar Servers. If you are able to assist with this project, please contact the Parish Office via email at mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS:

Planned Giving:	\$1,878.50
Loose Coin:	\$ 431.05
First Collection:	\$ 778.95
Apostleship of Sea Collection:	\$ 284.25

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE NEWS

On Tuesday we welcomed staff and students back to the College after the holiday break. It was wonderful to reconnect with the students and hear their stories of what they did in the break. We welcomed a number of new families to the College community, including our new Reception students who began their first day at 'big school'. We have since adapted to online learning in the last couple of days with the new restrictions in place and we look forward to welcoming our students back to the College soon.

Chloe Shanahan | Religious Education Coordinator

COFFEE & CHAT: Coffee and Chat group will meet on Thursday, 5th August, 10.30am at Limestone Coast Pantry, Harrald St. For more information, please contact Carmel on 0428856805. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LITTLE LAMBS" FAITH FORMATION GROUP

Registrations for the "Little Lambs" program are now being taken. Please contact the Little Lambs Program Leaders at mgp.littlelambs1@gmail.com

SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER July edition is on sale today on the Bulletin Stands. Cost - \$2.00 each. Please use gold envelopes provided, and then place envelopes in the collection boxes at beginning church aisles. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MILLICENT

Roster

If anybody wants the roster emailed to them, please send an email to Tamara Wilson on sacramentalcoordinator@bigpond.com

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th August, at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Sharn De Nys | APRIM

Collections for Last Week:

1 st Collection:	\$145.00
Loose Coin:	\$ 90.00
Planned Giving:	\$299.00

PARISH INFORMATION
 Parish Priest: **Fr Dean Marin**
 Pastor Emeritus: **Fr Peter Fountain**
 Deacon: **Deacon Olek Stirrat**

MOUNT GAMBIER CATHOLIC PARISH	MILLICENT CATHOLIC PARISH
<p>St Paul's Church, Penola Road, Mount Gambier Saturday (Vigil Mass): 5.00pm Mass Sunday: 11.00am Mass</p> <p><i>Weekday Masses: Please consult parish newsletter</i></p> <p><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Saturday: 11.30am-12noon & 4.15pm-4.45pm</p> <p><u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Friday: After 12.05pm Mass and concluding with Holy Hour and Benediction from 4pm-5pm</p> <p>St Augustine's Church, Jeffries Street, Port MacDonnell Sunday – 9.00am Mass</p>	<p>St Alphonsus' Church, George Street, Millicent Sundays: 9.00am Mass</p> <p><i>Weekday Masses: Please consult parish newsletter</i></p> <p><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Tuesday: 4.45-4.55pm Sundays: 8.45-9.00am</p> <p>St Brigid's Church, Railway Terrace, Beachport Sundays 11.00am Mass</p>
<p>Parish Office 1-3, 20 Penola Road PO Box 45, Mount Gambier, SA 5290 Phone: 08 8725 6566 Email: mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com Web Address: https://www.mountgambiercatholic.org.au/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mtgambiercatholicparish/</p> <p>Office Hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9.00am-3.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am-12noon (Closed) Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm</p> <p>Secretary: Pat Finnis Sacramental Coordinator: Cisca Teodoro PPC Chair: Suzanne Pepe Child Protection Contact Person: Cisca Teodoro</p>	<p>Parish Office George Street PO Box 49, Millicent SA 5280 Phone: 08 8733 3530 Fax: 08 8733 1593 Email: millparish@bigpond.com.au Web Address: www.millicentparish.com Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Millicent-Catholic-Parish-104074114588918/</p> <p>Office Hours Tuesday: 10.00am-4.30pm Thursday: 10.00am-2.00pm</p> <p>Secretary: Tania Millard PPC Chair: Kaylene Haslam Child Protection Contact Persons: Tamara Wilson Jenny Lonergan</p>
<p>Tenison Woods College Principal: David Mezinac Phone: 8725 5455</p>	<p>St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Principal: Liza Couzens Phone: 8733 3479</p>

PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

(To have names included in the list of the sick, the person or their family must give consent.

The list will commence anew on the first Sunday of the month)

Sick: Milton EGAN; Barry GASTON; Fr Peter FOUNTAIN; Pru RIDDOCH; Carmel CORY; Gid MURPHY; Phoebe SMITH; Klayton LADHAMS; Norman HILL; Liz WHITEHEAD; Kylie LADHAMS; William DiLORENZO; Katie ROOS; Mike TOOGOOD; Ross GIBBS; Tina MOWBRAY; Joan VANDERHORST (Paulie Watts' Sister); Des PRIDER; Bill McINTOSH; Lesley BRAITHWAITE; Rosemary McCOURT; Denise SUTTON; Pam McINTYRE; Leanne PINK; Sonia CATELA-EGGER (Anna Mullan's sister-in-law); Edward & Jenny AHEARN; Paul PALMER; Margaret JESS; Gareth FLANAGAN; Margaret PALMER; Diane DAFFY; Maggie MOEY; Marilyn SALEVIC; Mark LADHAMS; Kym LADHAMS; Margaret BELL; Angela MASTROIANNI; Kirryn COSCARELLI; Ben MAXWELL; Maureen BOYLE; Frank SUTO; Cath MACKINTOSH; Danny EDSON (Adelaide); Trisha HEHIR.

Recently Deceased: Mary HANN; Damien HOWARD; Kevin KELLY (Brisbane); Nunzio GROSSI (Canada); Ken GAZZARD; Alberto GALLI; Dorothy (Fay) ATTIWILL; Jill CUTTS; Peg SWIGGS; Jean LATCHFORD; Pat HITCHCOCK; Franziska KROESSLHUBER; Brenda GASTON; Joan DALWOOD; Gino VADORI; Angelina GRECO; Marie GRANZIERA; Gwen GREEN; Holly STEWART.

Anniversaries: Martin LENNON; Michael O'BRIEN; John CETIN; Peter KENSELEY; Ella CARRISON; Louise EGLOFF-BARR (nee EGAN); Bill CLAPHMAN; Ellen BLOFFWITCH; Christopher LADHAMS; Nelly GIBBS; GIBBS snr; Allen KEADY; Luciano GALLI; Dulce WILSON; Rod HARKNESS; Ronald RYAN; Trevor CHAPMAN; Lucia GUALA.

Memorials: