



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2021

Our plans and hopes sometimes get swept aside when life sends an unexpected problem. Dinner got burned in the oven. There's no hot water because the 10-year-old water heater blew up and flooded everything.

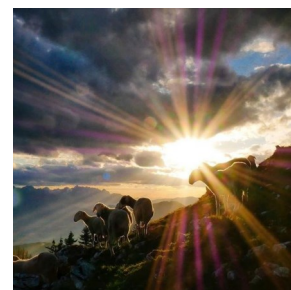
Such was the case in today's Gospel story. The returning disciples were ready for some well-deserved rest. Jesus proposed that they all go to a deserted place.

The Father had other plans. He was sending 5,000 followers to wait in a small sheltered bay.

The pace, pressure, productivity and profit of business can leave very little time for family, friends and fun. Little things can mean a lot, like having a meal with others, sitting at a table instead of standing at a counter.

What the world needs most of all are people of vision, and people of true holiness to restore the big picture of life.

"They were like sheep without a shepherd, so he set himself to teach them at some length."



We Acknowledge the traditional owners of this land the Awabakal Peoples. And pay our respects to the elders past and present, and any that may be with us today.

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2. Worship and Prayer.	Uta France	Mon
3. Formation and Education		
4. Mission and Outreach.		
5. Leadership and Structure.	John France & Juliet Hutchins	Sat & Sun Tues

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If you have any concerns or questions you can also talk to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) who are: Mal and Pam Melvey, Kerry Lendon, and Rod Hay.

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(Please submit all Bulletin Notice requests to the parish office by 2pm Wednesdays)

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our Parish bulletin, please call the parish office or send an email request to morparish@mn.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :

Sunday	18th July 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	20th July 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Sunday	25th July 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset
Tuesday	27th July 9.30am
	Mass— Morisset

**DUE TO VERY LIMITED CAPACITIES
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.**

Book via the Eventbrite App or Website:

<http://vianneymorisset.eventbrite.com> or click on the Book for Services button on the Parish Website, or call the Parish Office.

When you come you will need to check in electronically with a QR code or via the Service NSW website .

It is compulsory that Face Masks are to be worn by those in Places of Worship, on Public Transport (including taxi, uber and carpooling / ride share).

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like to speak with or see a priest please contact Fr Kevin on 02 4973 1537 .

PARISH OFFICE

Due to the current COVID restrictions everyone needs to make an appointment to come into the Parish Office.

FLECTION FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B – 18TH JULY 2021

“Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pastures to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks.” Strong words indeed from the prophet Jeremiah and they probably resonate with many of us today. It seems every day we have media reports of corruption and exploitation by our business leaders; we see our politicians putting much more effort into scoring points off their opponents and playing the blame game, rather than looking after the urgent needs of our people. We have seen the terrible sins of abuse by a few tarnishing the reputation of our whole Church and, even worse, we have seen the hierarchy seeking to protect the reputation of the institution rather than caring for the victims. No wonder so many are feeling disaffected and disillusioned!

However, there is hope and that hope lies in Christ!

Jeremiah’s prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, an upright and just shepherd, while Paul’s letter refers to him as the “peace between us,” the one who removes barriers between different people, Jews and Gentiles, people of different races and creeds. Furthermore, Christ’s actions reported in Mark’s Gospel really demonstrate His love. The crowd was searching for the what they believed Christ could give them and “he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length”. He put their needs ahead of his own and those of his disciples. Today there are still many people in need, searching for answers. Christ relies on us to continue his mission – we can give hope when people are in need.

We can find hope, too, in the servant leadership advocated by Pope Francis, who sees that the role of the Church and its people is to do as Christ did: it is to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, to heal divisions between people, to care for our planet. We would all do well to read more of what the Pope has written.

The work of so many people over the last few years in preparing for the sessions of our Diocesan Synod and for the Plenary Council is still further reason for hope. The whole focus of the Plenary Council journey is to discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, how we become a Christ-centred Church. It is looking for the way forward towards a Church that is missionary and evangelising; inclusive, participatory and synodal; humble, healing and merciful; prayerful and eucharistic; a joyful, hope-filled and servant community and a Church that is open to conversion, renewal and reform. Ambitious aims certainly, but this is what we all discerned God was asking of us in Australia and we must do better than we have in the past.

As we prepare for the first session of the Plenary Council later this year and the Third session of the Diocesan Synod in November, let us pray for the continuing guidance of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that we all seek to model ourselves on Christ and follow his example of care for others.

Christ shows us that we need to take time out, sometimes, to retreat from our busy lives to engage in quiet prayer and reflection; only then will we be better able to meet the needs of others; only then will we hear what God has to say to us.

Pam Melvey

STORIES FROM THE SYNOD: FR JAMES ODOH

As a priest of the Diocese, Mission and Outreach is not always an easy thing to do. But the fact of being out there living out the gospel values and making positive impacts in people’s lives, makes me a happy person.

I have worked in different parishes and I am currently working in two of our Catholic Schools, and there are constant great expectations and some challenges.

One of my guiding principles in every situation is: What would Christ do if he was here?

As a Chaplain in our schools, I am there for the students, their families and the staff. My key role is to listen to them, teaching them the Christian virtues and the sacraments and living out the Gospel values; and in doing these I hope to be present to them as Jesus would care for those who come to him.

To journey with people and celebrating the sacraments with them and for them makes me happy as a priest.

I have been involved in hospital ministry while in parish ministry. One of my experiences was:

There was a time I was called when someone was dying in the hospital, and that it was imminent. I left everything I was doing and went quickly, as soon as possible, and I did the usual prayer for this dying person, and when I finished, the person opened his eyes and asked of my name and I said Fr. James, and he said, “can I hold your hand and pray for you”. I gave him my right hand and he prayed very well for me. I was very surprised and emotionally moved, however, I was very happy and I started thinking: I came to pray for this dying person, but at the end, the dying person ended up praying for me too. A dying person praying for Fr. James! A lovely thing to behold.

It was a moment that keeps me encouraged in the ministry as a priest, no matter how hard the ministry may be sometimes, it always comes with joy; for being there with anyone or any kind of people, in any responsibility given to me is my joy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on the 29th of August. 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 Tel (02) 6201 9845.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray the Gospels with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

STORIES FROM THE SYNOD: MARY-ANNE DE LUCA

I was born here in Newcastle, the fourth of five children. My Tongan mother and Italian father, who lived in Mayfield in the late 60s, used to welcome other families into their home; helping them to get established here in beautiful Newcastle; this land of great opportunity.

I grew up in a large extended family with many cousins. Family prayer was a constant ritual, no matter whose home I was in. Usually we prayed a decade of the rosary. We learnt to turn to God in times of need. Sunday Mass was essential.

In my family I came to know that faith is grounded in a personal encounter with Christ. My aunt and my mother used to share the stories of their personal faith journeys and they encouraged us to explore faith in Jesus more deeply.

I recall one poignant moment when my aunt prayed with me, sharing a line from one of my favourite hymns. 'Call me your father and know I am near; I will be father to you.'

That one simple line changed my life. All of a sudden I believed, with every fibre of my being, that God was real. It was like going from 2D to 3D; from black and white to colour.

I was not an afterthought or a mere number. I believed that God who created the universe, loved me personally as a compassionate father, and that he was calling me into a deeper relationship through Jesus. I felt secure, loved and whole. I felt a deep sense of belonging to not just my family, but the Holy Family.

God became a priority in my life. I committed to a weekly charismatic prayer group where I learnt that discipleship was not just about worship on Sunday but that it was a way of life. I experienced different forms of prayer, praise and worship, meditating on scripture and outreach. In this varied prayer I deepened my relationship with Jesus and learnt that faith and everyday life were integrated.

My personal relationship with Jesus gave me a new lens to experience church. Mass was no longer something to tick off on a Sunday or an obligation, but a profound way of connecting with God, the community and the universal church. I experienced the words we hear and speak, the hymns we sing and the Eucharist we consume, connecting us in the most intimate way. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, I was now meaning the words that we were speaking, and giving God permission to heal and transform me from the inside out; so that I could grow into who God created me to be, a missionary disciple.

I have been blessed to have ministered in four different dioceses in Australia, supporting ministry with young people. Now I find myself at home where it all began and where my heart always wished to be. I truly believe that together we can be more intentional about ensuring that our worship and prayer are meaningful and relevant experiences, that empower and shape us to build the kingdom of God together. We must do this for the sake of future generations, and our world which is so in need of a renewal in peace, hope and love.

Mary-Anne de Luca is a Mission and Outreach Support Officer within the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

FAN THE FLAME— PLENARY COUNCIL

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' Mark 6:30-34

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear.

(Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Rose Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, <https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri>.)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS

The NSW Government has extended the Public Health (COVID-19 Temporary Movement and Gathering Restrictions) Order 2021, until Friday 30th July 2021.

This means that everyone is required to wear a face mask indoors, as well as on public transport including taxi's, etc. and when ride sharing i.e. carpooling. There is also not to be any congregational or audience singing anywhere.

Please remember that if you travel to Greater Sydney that you may not be able to attend Mass or Liturgy when you return home as you may need to follow the stay at home rules for 14 days after you left Greater Sydney, even if you have a reasonable excuse to travel to greater Sydney as you need to meet certain requirements. You need to contact Service NSW to confirm that you do not need to follow the stay at home orders by calling 137788.

Please note that everyone is now required to Electronically Check-in with a QR code or electronic device.

LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocesan Liturgy Council is seeking new membership in two areas – the Council itself as well as the establishment of a Working Party with a focus on issues of modern slavery. If you or someone you know has the passion, experience and time to nurture the rich liturgical life of our local Church please consider this invitation. For all information including Expression of Interest form/s visit <https://www.mnnews.today/liturgy-matters/2021/liturgy-matters-are-you-interested-in-these-liturgical-opportunities/>. Submissions close Sunday 18 July.

AMEN CAMINO 2022: INFORMATION SESSION

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard.

For those interested in finding out about the 2022 aMeN caMiNo experiences, we will be holding an online Information Session on Saturday 28 August at 2pm. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-tickets-162230268099>

ANEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Please welcome Adalyn Bennett into our parish community as she receives "A New Life in Christ" when she is baptised this weekend. We ask that that you keep her and her family in your prayers.

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING COURSE: SAFEGUARDING IN PARISHES

Who is this for: If you are a paid or unpaid worker of a parish who has not yet attended any Safeguarding training, formerly Child Protection training, or need to update your training this is for you.

How do I register: Registrations are made via HR
HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au

If I have a question: For information about the course or questions in relation to your participation, or to check on your attendance history, please call the Office of Safeguarding directly on 4979 1390 or email at oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au.

Current available sessions for 2021:

Tuesday 10 August - Diocesan Offices,
Murray Room, Newcastle West, 10am-2pm

Tuesday 10 August -

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Saturday 14 August -

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Refreshments will be provided.

The JULY Aurora is available at the back of the Church.

<u>WEEKEND ROSTERS</u>			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>Presiders</u>	9.30	Mass	Mass
<u>PROCLAIMER:</u>	9.30	K Lendon	J Hutchins
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	9.30	J Vipan	K Amon
<u>UNIVERSAL PRAYER</u>	9.30	J Vipan	K Amon
<u>SERVERS</u>	9.30	V Paulo	M Melvey
<u>AV:</u>	9.30	M Foo	T Alexander
<u>SOUND/ Vid-EO:</u>	9.30	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson	L Hutchinson G Hutchinson
<u>SIGN IN</u>	9.30	H White	P Melvey
<u>TEMPERATURE</u>	9.30	T Alexander	K Lendon
<u>USHERS</u>	9.30	R Hay J France	K Amon J Vipan
<u>COMMUNION USHERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team
<u>CLEANERS</u>	9.30	COVID-19 Safety Team	COVID-19 Safety Team

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMINITIES

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE— 22ND JULY

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE— 26TH JULY

SAINTS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS— 29TH JULY

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA— 31ST JULY

SAINT DOMINIC— 3RD AUGUST

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY— 4TH AUGUST

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD— 6TH AUGUST

SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP) - 8TH AUGUST

SAINT LAWRENCE— 10TH AUGUST

Please pray for those who are sick, in hospital or recovering at home:

Mark Patrick, Maureen Phillips, John Francisco, Ian Douglas, Patricia Jones, Bev Loft, Robert Jay, Michelle Clipsham.

Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.

Remembrance: Bill Bond

Recently Deceased: Norma Gray (Sister of Lyn Fenton), Mick Tracey.



PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you would like the parish to pray for a **family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered** please call or email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door. Cards are available at the back of the church and at the Parish Office.

All prayer requests require permission from a family member or the person. Due to Australian privacy laws.

AN ACT OF 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.

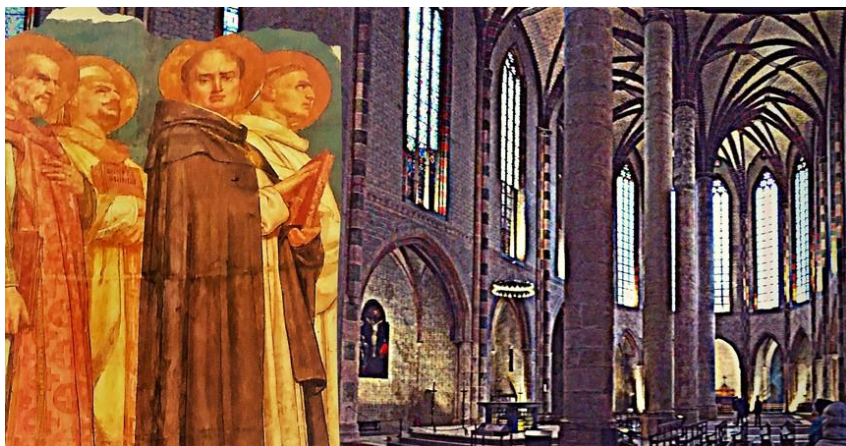


Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>



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FAITH MATTERS: Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Part 2)

ROSEMARY MCALLISTER PUBLISHED JULY
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Throughout history there have been specific people who have embodied the Catholic intellectual tradition. In the 1st century the question arose about who could become Christian. Did Gentiles and non-Jews need to become Jewish to become Christian? The discernment of this inquiry question led to the church being open to everyone which saw the inclusion of Gentile Greeks, this brought into the mix a Greek culture and way of thinking.

Saint Augustine is often attributed with beginning the Catholic intellectual tradition centring his own story of faith with the contours of philosophical thought greatly influenced by Saint Ambrose and the Platonist thinker Plotinus. Augustine contended that human beings were by nature sinful people who could be redeemed only by God's sovereign grace. In his most influential works *Confessions* and *City of God*, Augustine works to answer the questions of where human beings might find happiness, in the end he determines that only God offers true happiness. What Augustine finds in God leaves a solid beginning of Catholic intellectual tradition as his writings indicate an understanding and appreciation of the complementary aspect of human reason and faith.

In the 11th century St Anselm of Canterbury embraced the idea that reason could help explain Christianity. His ontological argument for the proof of God's existence in the philosophy of religion claimed that God is that than which nothing greater can be conceived.

By the 12th century when centres for learning began to rise, the works of Aristotle were translated, his mode of questioning became accessible in the West and was an established part of university studies.

The most influential person in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition is Thomas Aquinas, being a Dominican, he was always in search for truth and set out to recognise the complementary relationship between faith and reason. While the use of Aristotelian thought was initially seen as contradictory to Christian beliefs and outlawed, it was not long before it became accepted as an alternative way to thinking. Aquinas' *Summa Theologica*, focuses on a wide variety of theological topics and applies Aristotelian reasoning to create a disputation.

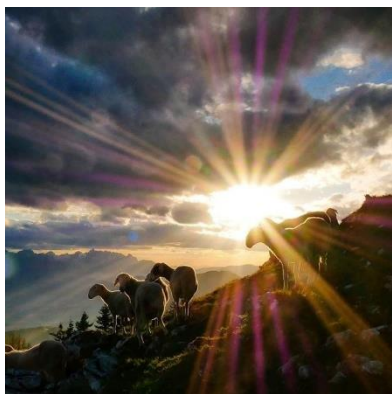
His method and philosophical foundation fundamentally influenced Catholic thinking and even its doctrine. By integrating Christian teaching with Aristotelian reasoning, he provided the soundest basis to date for reasoned reflections on belief in God. He showed that one can reason from the existence of the world to the existence of God, and that this move did not depend on individual faith or subjective experience.

The impact of Aquinas on Catholic Intellectual tradition is tremendous, so much so that a philosophical movement known as Thomism was born. The basic elements of Thomism reveal that while humans cannot fully grasp supernatural truths, such as the Trinity, by natural reason, there is no opposition between natural law and God given faith, reason leads to truth and truth leads to God.

In 1917 the Code of Canon Law established by Benedict XV, required all theology and philosophy courses in Catholic institutions must include Thomism.

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SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 18 Jul 2021

The Introductory Rites

Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

A short hymn might be sung.

Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus who makes us one,
and strengthens us
by the power of his Spirit.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,
we gather in God's name
for when two or more come together
God is always with us.

We worship in union with the whole Church
keeping this day of the Lord holy.

Opening Rite

LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you came to bring the good news of peace: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have united us with your Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

Lord Jesus,
lead us along the true path,
so that we, through our faith,
may come to know the Father.
We make this prayer through
our Risen Lord Jesus.

All:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on

them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Reader:

The Gospel of the Lord.

All:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated.

Reflection on the Word

A short period of reflection may be observed.

Q. What experiences have you had of engaging in reflection / prayer / meditation?

Q. Where do you find it convenient / appropriate / helpful to take reflective time?

Q. What impact can be made by taking time out of a busy life to reflect and pray?

Q. How can you better create time for quiet and reflection?

Profession of Faith

Leader:

In union with the whole Church

let us profess our faith.

All:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

**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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Brothers and sisters, with faith in Christ our shepherd, we turn to God with our prayers.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may continue to guide the Church as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians all over the world will be united in Christ's one true pasture.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have wandered from the flock will find inspiration in the teachings of Christ.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may find time to rest in the silent peace of Christ.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all the sick will be comforted through God's merciful love, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all those who have died will dwell forever in the house of God, especially those in our community and families.

(pause)

In your goodness:

All:Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: God our Father, you lead us and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust with confidence that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All:Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader:

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Concluding Rite

Blessing

Leader:

May the Lord be with us
and protect us
now and for ever.

All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.

All:

Amen.

Dismissal

Leader:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

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