

The Living Word

Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin

8 August 2021

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Many women were there by the cross,
watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and
looked after him.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your life.

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,
nor about your body and what you are to wear.
Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!



Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or
reap or
gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds
them.
Are you not worth much more than they are?
Can any of you, however much you worry,
add one single cubit to your span of life?
And why worry about clothing?
Think of the flowers growing in the fields;
they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you
that
not even Solomon in all his royal robes was
clothed like ne of these.
Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers
growing in the field
which are there today and thrown into the furnace
tomorrow,
will he not much more look after you, you have so
little faith?
So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?
What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"
It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these
things.
Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.
Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's
saving justice,
and all these other things will be given you as well.
So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will
take care of itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Reflection by Nick Brodie

God's saving justice

The Gospel reading for today is, at first glance, an odd choice to pair with the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop faced more than a few financial challenges, after all, especially in her youth. The burden of supporting her poor family fell to Mary in her teenage years, and surely no one held it against her for worrying about money, food, or clothing.

But the pairing of saint and gospel makes sense in the context of Mary's vocation. Rather than worrying about herself, she cared for others. In this, Mary MacKillop lived the gospel very effectively. First caring for her immediate family, then for wider relations, soon enough Mary was focused on meeting the many needs of the communities in which she and her fellow Sisters of St Joseph lived. Through aid, education, and example Mary offered her contemporaries and us an example of faith through works.

From quietly and unobtrusively teaching in a stable in 1866, to founding a religious order that spread throughout and beyond a continent, Mary's spiritual journey was truly focused on "God's saving justice". Tending to Australia's Aboriginal peoples, prisoners facing execution, children requiring education, the homeless, the orphaned, the sick, indeed anybody she saw in need, Mary shows us how God seeks to answer the day's troubles: through us.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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Recently Deceased: Peggy D'Cruz (Bangalore, India).

Anniversaries 8- August to 14- August:

Andrew Farrugia, June Baxter-Thompson, Arthur Priest, Allan Jenner, Patricia O'Sullivan, Beverley Greelish, Kevin Mahoney, Ann Benham, Michael Kennedy and Tom Rossiter.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COUNTERS: are not required for Tuesday 10- August.

Once again, the state of Victoria is in lockdown from 8pm Thursday 5th August for 7 days.

All religious gatherings are suspended throughout Victoria.

There will be no public Masses this weekend, and during lockdown, and our churches will be closed.

If you know of any parishioners without email access, we kindly ask you to let them know about the suspended Masses.

The parish office is closed under working from home rules. Emails and office telephone messages will be checked regularly.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Upcoming/postponed annual appeals and collections:

- CatholicCare Sunday Appeal will be postponed to next weekend, 14th and 15th August.

Please give generously, as you always do.

Propagation of Faith annual collection: the parish raised an amazing \$982.90 for Catholic Mission. Thank you again for your kind generosity.

Please pray for the Sacramental Program students celebrating their 1st Eucharist this week.

Please pray for the Our Lady Star of the Sea Grade 4 students celebrating their 1st Eucharist with special Masses last Sunday and this Sunday.

Catholic Theological College: series of short sessions, online via Zoom. *Engaging Your Faith*. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all just for \$20.00 per session. Running from 21st August to 16th September. Booking, payment and further information: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>.

Parish Liturgy Report

Restrictions permitting, Father Darien will be away on leave from Monday 16th to Wednesday 25th August inclusive. As leader of our Liturgy Team, Von Philp will be seeking help with Lay-Led Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion on weekdays during that time. Weekend Masses will be celebrated by Fr Geoff Baron on 21st & 22nd August. Sincere thanks to Fr Geoff for helping our parish in this way.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 9th August – St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Memorial)

Tuesday 10th August – St Lawrence (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 11th August – St Clare (Memorial)
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 12th August – St Jane Frances de Chantal (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 13th August – Sts Pontian and Hippolytus (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 14th August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (Memorial)

Sunday 15th August – The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

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Thought for the Week:

You bring out the best in yourself by looking for the best in others.

- Gene Bedley.

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