

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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Breaking Open the Word



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE SAVING WORD

28 JULY 2024

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

For the next five weeks we depart from Mark’s Gospel and read the majority of John 6. This week we hear the feeding of the 5,000 – a prelude to what is often referred to as the Discourse on the Bread from Heaven. We will listen to this discourse over the next three weeks, and in the final week we will witness some of the disciples turning away from Jesus. If you have the chance read the entire chapter 6 of John in one sitting, you will be able to appreciate better the eucharistic focus of the coming weeks. Intriguingly we have the possibility to hear and perceive something of the eucharistic celebration in the Johannine community.

This week’s introduction through the feeding of 5,000, locates Jesus arriving on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Large crowds follow him enthused by the signs they have seen. Jesus goes up the mountain with his disciples and sits down. We understand this as a teaching posture, recalling Moses. As the story unfolds, we are sensitive that the Passover feast is near. Jesus asks Philip how they will buy bread for all these people. It is an impossible question which Phillip cannot answer. Andrew adds that there is only a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus takes charge, giving instructions. He takes the loaves, gives thanks and distributes them and the fish to all. At the end of the meal, 12 baskets full of fragments are gathered for later use. The crowds who don’t fully understand who Jesus is, acclaim him as a prophet. We see a mixing of Passover and eucharistic traditions in play.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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.

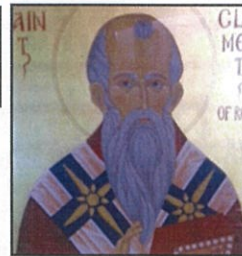
Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

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



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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Today's theme is : He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



Sunday Reflection

Jesus was always concerned for the human needs of people as well as the spiritual. In today's Gospel he knows that the people have nothing to eat and he is anxious to remedy that. In other

episodes we see him healing the sick, comforting the grieving, reaching out to the lost and outcast, to sinners. In the prayer he taught us, he urged us to ask the Father to 'give us this day our daily bread'. This bread can refer to himself, the Bread of Life, that we receive in Communion, but it also refers to the food we need for sustenance each day. In this Gospel we also note the concern of Jesus that none of the food gets wasted as he urges the disciples to collect all of the scraps left over. Today we live in an age of incredible wastefulness, a throwaway society. Huge amounts of food are dumped every day. Today is a good day to consider our use of the resources of the earth. One of the paradoxes of life is how a little can go a long way, as the boy with the five barley loaves and two fish demonstrates, while excess often leads to waste and leaves many hungry.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.'

FOR CLERGY AND RCIA TEAM MEMBERS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Workshop Day

Saturday 10 August 2024
 10am–3.30pm

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
 576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB
 Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco and lectures in liturgy and sacramental theology at Catholic Theological College. He has published books to support RCIA including: *Called Gifted Sent, Come and See and Walk with Me.*

A life-giving RCIA journey is the fruit of a vibrant, missionary parish.

Clergy and RCIA team members (experienced and emerging) are warmly invited to day of networking and formation as we seek to grow RCIA candidates into a deep friendship with Jesus Christ and a growing relationship with their local community.

- Cost: \$25 per person; max. of \$100 per parish for 5 people
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Registrations close Tuesday 6 August for catering purposes.

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PARISH DIARY

Thurs 1st Aug @ 9.15am—No Mass
 Fri 2nd Aug @ 9.15am—No Mass
 Sun 4th August @ 10am—Morning tea in the Clifton Centre
 Wed 7th Aug @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Bortolo Reitano** and for the repose of the souls of **Armida Proietto** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
 Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



Theology @ the Pub is an opportunity for those aged 18–35 (of all religious backgrounds) to meet, have great conversations over a meal and a drink, and listen to interesting talks by engaging Catholic speakers.

August's guest speakers: Matt MacDonald and Steph De Niese are counsellors and psychotherapists whose professional work is informed by contemporary human science and the Catholic Church's teaching about human dignity, love and sexuality.

Talk : As St John Paul II taught, we cannot live without love, but finding love and maintaining healthy romantic relationships are not easy. Come and hear why they believe our Christian faith—and, in particular, St John Paul II's Theology of the Body—can bring light and life to our pursuit of authentic love.

When : Monday 5 August 2024 : 6.00pm—8.30pm
Venue : The Crafty Squire, 127 Russell Street, Melbourne

Doors open for dinner at 6pm. Talk starts at 7.30pm.

For more information, visit [Theology at the Pub](https://www.theologyatthepub.org.au).

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
27/28 July	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	Reader	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
3 /4 August	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Reader	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		John Bruce	Maria Papalia
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition - 10x Thursday, 12 Sept – 14 Nov 2024, 11am–12pm

(in-person event) Roland Ashby

This series offers a beautiful space to stop for an hour to explore the ancient way of contemplation and tap into a deep spring of love, joy, peace and compassion at the centre of being.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/meditation-mindfulness-in-the-christian-tradition-sem2/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series.

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15th—26th October 2024

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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration : Sat 8.40am

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
 We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.