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2nd AUGUST 2020 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUPPLY AND DEMAND: The supply of food among the huge crowd that had gathered in the “lonely place” was very small, only five loaves and tow fishes; but the demands of hunger were great since the people had been there a long time without food. How could their hunger be satisfied? There was only one way and that was by putting the loaves and fish into the hands of Christ. Through the association of the food with Christ it would receive the marvellous power of multiplication.

Our Lord always had an ulterior motive in working miracles. He did them out of kindness but always they were pointers to something else. In this miracle perhaps we can see how our own feebleness can be multiplied into strength through union with Christ. Our minds and hearts, all our faculties, our actions however in significant in themselves take on great importance once they are allied with Our Lord. Our whole life placed in his hands becomes full of greatness and meaning.

One day Our Lord's hands would feel the imprint of nails as a sign that by his death he would satisfy our spiritual hunger and that of millions. We are told that when Christ was given the bread, he blessed it and broke it before it was distributed, foreshadowing what he would do under very different circumstances when the shadow of the cross was already casting its shadow over a group gathered at a supper table. Once again, he would take bread and bless it and break it and distribute it. But now it would be the “Living Bread which came down from Heaven”. This bread would be offered all over the world to countless millions. And just as at the feeding of the thousands there were basketfuls of food over, showing how generous Christ is in giving, so the divine bread that he gives would be a generous giving. All the *ciborium*s in the world would be proof of it. God is always lavish with his gifts, but surely his greatest act of generosity was when he gave his own Son to our world in such a way that he not only died for us but gave himself to us all as food.

Masses and Prayers: Ellen Mavis Hilder, Jack Fickers (recently deceased), Ellen and John Perkins, Father William Evans, Cardinal Edward Bede Clancy, Father Chris Sheehy, Father George Connolly, Linda Ellen Hilder, (anniversaries). Harriet de Freitas (ann.7/8), Kevin Graham (ann.5/8), Chris Athanas (ann.7/8), Michele Puntoriero (ann.6/8), Mary Nott (ann.5/8), Margaret Eddy (ann.3/8), Moira Clark (ann.8/8), Joan Moloney (ann.9/8),

Further Relaxation of restrictions concerning Churches. From Friday, 24th July, further restrictions have been imposed due to a spike in the number of new infections. There is now a limit of 100 people who can attend Mass, provided the 4 square metre per person rule is adhered to. However, our Church will hold at least forty persons according to this regulation, any overflow would have to be accommodated in the Marion Hall. There is still the requirement of taking names and contact details of attendees.

Since the 7th June, we have returned to the normal Mass timetable i.e. 5 pm (Vigil), 8 am and 10 am. Weekday Masses will remain for the time being at 8 am, Monday to Saturday (9 am on Public Holidays). I invite parishioners who wish to attend the Sunday Mass, preferably to email the office otleycc@bigpond.net.au , or contact Nicki, the Parish Secretary, on Thursday or Friday, to make a reservation (9580 1864). Please nominate the Mass you wish to attend and the number of persons. Parishioners who attended Mass last Sunday have already made their reservation for subsequent weeks. However, if the demand exceeds the requirements, I would be happy to add another Mass to the Sunday, timetable, perhaps at 9 am. Please note, with the social distancing rule, only a maximum of fifty persons can be accommodated in the Church.

Confessions are now available before the 5 pm Vigil Mass (4 pm to 4.45 pm).

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Sister Gabriel of Our Lady's Nurses, Coogee, advises that due to the Coronavirus pandemic they will not be holding their usual annual fete in October this year. On behalf of Our Lady's Nurses, she thanks everyone who has supported them over the years.

Sunday Mass

2nd August 2020

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Procession

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
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Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

Let us pray.

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Refer to your Sunday Missal or Liturgy Sheet)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us offer our prayer in the name of
Jesus, who had compassion on the multitude and whose bounty feeds us all.*

1. That the disciples of Jesus may distribute the bread of life to all who hunger, sharing generously with others all that the Lord so graciously shares with us. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
2. That persons of differing cultures may recognize our common humanity as we sit down together at the banquet of life. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
3. That members of the New South Wales Catholic deaf community, who minister to the deaf and hearing impaired, may be richly blessed in their endeavours as they explore new ways to announce the good news and create opportunities to maintain their identity in a changing culture. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

4. That the parishes of the Archdiocese will be blessed with many holy priests, religious, married couples and single people, who, drawing strength from the Eucharist, will live their vocation to the full and give constant witness to the efficacy of God's love in our world. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
5. That we who eat the one bread of Christ's body and drink the one cup of Christ's blood, may pour out our lives more generously in mutual service. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
6. That we may entrust to God the dead who once ate the Bread of Life with us, knowing that neither death nor life can separate us from the love of Christ. *Let us pray to the Lord.*
7. That the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all Consolation, will assist us to faithfully receive the word of God as she did, and to cherish it in our hearts and lives. **HAIL MARY.**

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and promised us that when two or three are gathered together in your Name you will grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your people, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN.

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. Health of the sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, our Salvation, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most 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 have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be *etc.*

Communion Antiphon

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless us and keep us.

May he let his face shine upon us
and show his mercy towards us.

May he turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace

May Almighty God bless us all, in the name of the Father, and of Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us praise the Lord and glorify him in our lives. Thanks be to God!

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