17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
29th July 2012

First Reading:
Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm
The hands of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading:
Ephesians 4:1-6

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

Gospel:
John 6:1-15

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a
new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us
new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms:
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages:
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation:
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Sr Mary Austin and Vincent Kelly and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)  [This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $325
Church (envelopes) collection  [This collection covers the Church capital costs, and ongoing maintenance.] $749

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Find happiness in making others happy. 1899
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Today we depart from Mark’s gospel and start reading Chapter 6 of John’s gospel on the ‘bread of life’. This discourse begins with Jesus having compassion on those who have following him. He asks what food they have, and when a small boy gives five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus uses his offering to feed the large crowd. When we give what we have, Jesus can work miracles.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only one of Our Lord’s miracles which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 54272827.
ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP’S FEAST DAY
Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre is having an open day Saturday 4th August 10am—4pm. Come and pray in the Chapel, take a tour of the Museum, and visit the gift shop. Light refreshments available.
362 Albert Street, East Melbourne.
Ph 03 9926 9300 or www.mmhc.org.au for more information.

BLESSING OF STATUE
The new statue of Mary Mackillop outside St Patrick’s Cathedral will be blessed on Sunday 12th August at 10.30 am followed by 11am Mass.

PALMS AUSTRALIA
Palms Australia is a Catholic organization that has been sending volunteers to developing countries for 50+ years. Palms’ partner communities in PNG, Tanzania, Samoa, Timor-Leste and Kiribati are in urgent need of the following skills: school admin and teachers including primary, secondary, English, science, and maths lecturer, health professionals including nurses, midwives, clinical health coordinator, paramedic, pharmacist, dental technician and lab technician, skilled trades including workshop/fleet manager, air-con mechanic, carpenter, and mechanic workshop adviser, HR manager, project admin, legal adviser, early childhood program admin, IT and computer trainer. Applications required mid-September for 2013 placements.
Please see www.palms.org.au or contact 02-9518 9551 for further information.

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International Youth minister and musician Steve Angrisano. Listen to Steve as he talks and demonstrates how, as church, we can celebrate faith with passion. Where: Cardinal Knox Centre, Lecture theatre. RSVP 9412 3300

GraceFest Workshop Day, Saturday 18 August, 10.30am—4.00pm
With keynote presentations by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez and Australian filmmaker Khoa Do. Where: Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy

Closing Mass, Sunday 19 August, 3.30pm
Celebrated by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez. Where: Sacred Heart Church, Cnr Pelham & Rathdowne Sts, Carlton.


VINNIES YOUTH BALL
Saturday 25 August, 7pm to midnight
The Victorian State Youth Team presents the 2012 Vinnies Youth Ball. Proceeds from the evening will go towards an Overseas Development Project Where: Aurora Receptions, 149 Donald St, Brunswick East
Theme: Red Carpet Glamour
Dress: Formal
Cost: $65 purchase ticket online, print and bring ticket for entry.
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/BMCL
Contact: Catherine 9895 5840
OR youth@svdp-vic.org.au

HEARTS IN ACTION LUNCH AND TALK
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Where: The Flying Duck Hotel, 67 Bendigo Street, Prahran – just ask for the Duck Room
Rsvp: Thursday 16 August
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More info: www.heartsinaction.yolasite.com

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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 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.

Responsorial 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; 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 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.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week’s reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week’s miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphorical image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd’s mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.
St Ignatius of Loyola was born the youngest son of a Basque noble family. As a young soldier he fought against the French army and eventually sustained a crippling leg injury. During his long recovery, he read books about the life of Christ and the saints and was duly converted. After a pilgrimage to Jerusalem he went to study in France, where he also did evangelical work as a layman. Together with a small group of followers, Ignatius offered his services to the Pope. They were ordained as priests and in 1540 the Pope gave formal approval to their religious order known as the Society of Jesus. Ignatius remained in Rome as the head of the Jesuits which grew to over one thousand members at the time of his death in 1556.