

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

## 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



# THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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## 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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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9.00am & 5pm

**MASSES** Mon: 9 am Tues: 9 am

**WEEKDAY** Wed: 12pm St Ignatius of Loyola

**MASSES** Thur: 9am St Alphonsus Liguori Fri: 12 noon

### CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.00 pm

\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE** God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house;

**ANTIPHON:** He himself gives might and strength to His people.

**COMMUNION** They received blessings from the Lord

**ANTIPHON:** and mercy from God their Saviour.

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**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tommy Hudson, Michael Blanch (Armidale).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Wally Warner(2/7), Lyn Slade(10/7), Peter Parsons(12/7), Frances Martin (12/7, Margaret O'Callaghan(12/7), Sheila McNamara(20/7), William Barry Davy(25/7), Heighton Betts (28/7), Tony Williams (31/7), Jack Sampson (9/8).

**DECEASED:** Noeline Turner, Bishop Peter William Ingham, John Nash, Peter Newley, Gary Donaldson, Colin MacPherson.

**SICK:** Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Fr Anthony Koppman, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.



**Fr Anthony,**

May you now have time to smell the roses,  
especially the living one given with thanks and with love;  
We hope this rose will remind you of us here at St Patrick's each time it  
comes into your view, and blesses you with its blooms.

### OTHER COMING EVENTS:

**28 July:** World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**4 Aug:** \*Priest Retirement Fd & Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal. Please come prepared.

**8 Aug:** Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop and reflection in the Parish Centre after 9 am mass.

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (BSB 082 105)

**1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery**  
(Diocesan collection) Acc No:001023642

**2nd Collection (Local) West Tamworth Church**  
(St Patrick's Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198

*"We can never be sure that all that looks good is really so." (1875)*



**PRIEST MOVEMENTS AT ST PATRICKS:** Our most sincere and heartfelt thanks go to Fr Anthony for his tremendous leadership and pastoral care during his time with us. May God never cease to bless him and may he continue to regain good health. We will certainly miss his presence.

*Goodbye is like a game of hide and seek - you say it,  
but you secretly hope to see them again soon.*

**OUR WARMEST WELCOME** is extended to Fr Sabu Pulimalayil rcj to lead St Patrick's as Administrator from 25th July. Please welcome Fr Sabu and make him feel at home here in our parish. We thank God for all our priests who bring us learnings and blessings.

*Welcome Fr Sabu. It means a lot to us to have you here with us.*

### PASSING OF THE MOST REV KEVIN M MANNING DD BISHOP EMERITUS OF PARRAMATTA:

Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale in 1991 and served until his appointment as the Bishop of Parramatta in 1997. His funeral will be held on Friday 2 Aug. at 11 am at Parramatta St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**FATHER JOHN CURRAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD:** A general invitation is extended to the friends of Father John Curran to celebrate a Mass with him at Saint Michael's Catholic Church Manilla Sat 24<sup>th</sup> August at 11am for his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Followed by lunch at Manilla Services Club (25 Court St). RSVP required for lunch by 9<sup>th</sup> August to Marie Flett on 0427 851 120.

**FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP:** Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Thursday 8th August. Josephite Companions and Parishioners are invited to attend 9am Mass at St Patrick's Church followed by a short reflection and morning tea in adjoining Parish Centre. Please bring a plate if you can and join us for this special feast day.

*We wish all our Grandparents and elderly parishioners  
many blessings  
on their special day today.*



### PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP

God our Father, in Jesus, your Son, You have given to your Church the perfect model of priest, prophet and king, and so You have blessed us through His sacrifice, taught us through His Word, and guided us through His rule. We ask You, Father, to guide and enlighten those who will be tasked with helping to choose the next bishop of our diocese. May the person they choose be one of deep and true prayer, a person of a compassionate heart and firm resolve, and a person of joy and peace, who desires above all to do Your will. We entrust our prayers to our Patroness, Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 28/7/24

**Vigil:** R Sr Kathryn N Pullman  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown J Woodbridge  
**5.00pm Sun:** R A O'Halloran C Lavell  
**Counting Team** G & M Thrift A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** K O'Brien M Brown  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 4/8/24

**Vigil:** R C Ledwos Di Bolitho  
**9am Sun:** R M Holley R Paul  
**5.00pm Sun:** R J Parrenas J Parrenas  
**Counting Team** P Shiels; A Bowden  
**Fri Cleaning** J Hutt J Moran  
**Altar Linen:** M Vella

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

