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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

SIXTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:13–18

Gospel Mark 6:30–34

“They were as sheep without a Shepherd.”



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: A Douglas

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

S Crooymans & F Chaplow

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

SEVENTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

2Kings 4:42–44

Psalm 145

Ephesians 4:1–6

Gospel John 6:1–15

‘He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.’



MINISTERS

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Fel Aralar & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The quotation of Pope Francis resounds in the hearts of many priests all over the world even after some years of its utterance. It goes like this, "Priests should be shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." He mentions three qualities like seeking out, inclusion and rejoicing. God's anger towards shepherds is portrayed in the first reading. He is unhappy with the irresponsible attitude of shepherds that lead to the scattering of his flock. He expresses his resolve to appoint a shepherd by Himself. Paul summarises the action of Jesus Christ saying that He had reconciled us to God through the cross.

In Psalm 23, King David illustrates the great joy with God being his shepherd. Lord Jesus is the one and only good shepherd and Great High Priest of the New Testament; but God has made his entire holy people a royal priesthood, through his Son. Jesus, going to the extent of sacrificing his own life for the sake of His flock, leads the flock. If Jesus were to find the people of His time to be sheep without a shepherd, it is difficult to imagine the people of this generation. One of the former generals of the Society of Jesus, Pedro Arrupe would call the world a confused one. People are in dire need of good shepherds more than ever. Hence, every baptized Christian is endowed with the responsibility of praying for good shepherds to lead the flock towards God.

Holy Spirit, guide our shepherds in the line of our Lord Jesus Christ that they may be ever faithful to God in guarding their flocks.

CATHOLIC CARING SUNDAY—21ST JULY 2024

"Poverty makes me feel invisible and forgotten."

Please support Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation's annual appeal and help those in poverty be seen, heard, and helped.

A donation to Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation is needed more than ever this year as our brothers and sisters battle with the cost-of-living crisis, job losses and food and housing insecurity.

To make your donation please scan the QR code below, use a donation card, donate through their website www.caringfoundation.org.nz, use a special collection envelope, or donate directly to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00 using your surname and initials and 'Caring' as references.

You can also donate directly into our parish bank account with your pledge number and 'Caring' as reference.



THE CATHOLIC
caring
FOUNDATION
*Caring for Families,
Caring for Communities*

For the next five weeks we will follow the story of the multiplication miracle and the long discourse which follows it in John's Gospel. The 'bread of life' discourse provides important teachings on the Eucharist. It is significant that the setting is shortly before the Passover, which was the Jewish feast recalling the escape of the people from slavery in Egypt and their being fed by God with bread (manna) from heaven in the desert. One of the expected signs of the coming of the Messiah was another, even greater, feeding with manna. The people have been attracted to Jesus because of his cures of the sick and now they come looking for more. Jesus provides more than enough; there is an abundance. The actions of Jesus in this text remind us of the Eucharist. He takes, gives thanks and gives out the bread. But the crowd misunderstand his gift. They seek a Messiah who will liberate them from Roman oppression or who will provide their material needs. Jesus is not interested in being that kind of 'king'.



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
SUNDAY 28TH JULY**

Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 -- "**Do not cast me off in my old age**" -- as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This Sunday is chosen as it's the closest to the **Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne**, Grandparents of Jesus.

"By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that - as Scripture states - "It is not good for man to be alone" (Gen 2:18),"



**POT LUCK LUNCH WITH FILIPINO FOOD
SUNDAY 28TH JULY
after MASS**

Have a go at making some Filipino food—some suggested recipes will be on the noticeboard, so either take a copy or take a photo of one or a few of them.
Google to find some other ideas!

**CUP OF TEA and DUTCH SOUP AFTER MASS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF NEXT MONTH
—4TH AUGUST**



DUTY—STEPHEN CROOYMANS



**Anointing Mass
Fri 2nd August @ 10am**

MINISTERS – 4TH AUGUST 2024

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: James Aralar
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Kay Brydon & Eileen Leonard
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

MINISTERS – 11TH AUGUST 2024

GREETER: Kay Brydon
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: James Aralar
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Laurel Blakey & Frances Chaplow
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 4TH AUGUST 2024
EIGHTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
Psalm 78
Ephesians 4:17,20-24
Gospel John 6:24-35 6:30-34



**READINGS – 11TH AUGUST 2024
NINETEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel John 6:41-51



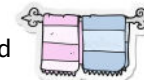
FLOWERS

W/E 28/7 F Crooymans
W/E 3/8 F Chaplow
W/E 10/8 A Douglas



CHURCH LINEN

JULY Kay Brydon
AUG Lorraine Hayward



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS



Friday 2nd August @ 10am

Parish Council—Thursday
8th August @ 5pm



July 25 James Aralar
28 Chris Schouten
Aug 1 Josie Clark

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of July: Nancy Pye, Ted Ryan, Claude Mangan, Truus Roskam, Bill Hoogeveen, Marie Laurich, Joe Lighthart, Peter Roskam Senior, Michael Hopkins.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.