

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.

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: [Ephesians 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.

Gospel Acclamation: [Luke 7:16](#) Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: [John 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.

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*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
28th July 2024*

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

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WEEKDAY MASS
Week 29th July - 4th August

Tuesday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian No Mass

Wednesday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian No Mass

Thursday
Immaculate Conception, Mirani No Mass

Friday
Adoration - Holy Rosary Church,
Mass- Holy Rosary Church, Marian No Mass

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday
Holy Rosary Church, Marian 6.00pm

Sunday
St Francis de Sales Finch Hatton 7.00am

Reconciliation: - Before Weekend Mass
Regular Mass times :-

Holy Rosary Marian

Every Tuesday & Wednesday 6pm
(Healing Mass 2nd Wednesday of the month)
Every Friday 8.30am Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament. 9am Mass
Every Saturday 6pm

Immaculate Conception, Mirani

Every Thursday 8am
(Healing Mass 1st Thursday of the month)
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 7am

St Francis de Sales, Finch Hatton

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month 7am

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mt Charlton

2nd Sunday of the month, 4pm.

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR JULY

For the pastoral care of the sick:

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

****Please Note** As the Priests will be away all of this coming week, there will be No Mass until Saturday 3rd August 2024, 6.00pm.**

“The Catholic Dinner Club will meet on Mon. 29th July at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start at the Boomerang Hotel, Nebo Rd. The guest speaker is **Vanessa Ramswarup** Diocesan Community Engagement Manager. New members and visitors are always welcome. RSVP to Peter Sheedy by text or mobile on 0418 186 691”.



Please Pray For:

The Sick: Jim Scriha, Earl Neilsen, Eric O’Neill, Kacey Sanfilippo, Charlie Axiak, Joseph Agius, Nancy Curran, John Fordyce, Matt O’Neill,

The Recently Deceased: (2024)

Annie Anderson, Athol Campbell, Charlie Grech, Carmel Robins, Charles Borg,

Anniversaries that occur at this time: (Dates are in front of names)

11/7 Sarino Ferlazzo, 1/8 John Breen, 17/8 George Lando,

Remembrance Mass that have been requested: Jan Webb, Michael Sarich, Stuart Sarich, Trevor Lamb, John Caruana, Charlie Caruana, Angie Caruana, Annie Scriha, Dale Axiak, Sarino Ferlazzo, John Breen, George Lando, Monica & Tony Baldwin, Monty & Bess Martin,

Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list.

Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will remain in the bulletin for 30 days. Thank you.

Marian Markets: Thank you to our organisers and volunteers who helped with our last Markets.

Also a special thank you to those who provide us with the yummy home baked goodies to sell.

It was a successful market with the result being \$1410.55.



*This weekend we have **Hallie Reynolds, Gracie Oliver & Jude Jenner** being Baptised in Holy Rosary Church, Marian on Saturday Morning. Please pray for Hallie, Gracie & Jude and their families as we welcome them into our faith community.*

Mackay Franciscan Sisters of the Heart invite you to Our Lady of Victories Mass

Friday 6th September 7pm - Procession, followed by Mass.

St Francis of Assisi Aged Care - 2 Dupuy Street, Mackay

Outdoors. Supper to follow. Please bring Plate of nibbles to share.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

This Sunday is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and the theme is “Do not cast me off in my old age” (Psalm 71:9). Pope Francis exhorts us to “show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families.” We can respond by organising to call or visit grandparents in our own families or elderly people that we know, and by praying for all grandparents and elderly. To read Pope Francis’ message in it’s entirety scan the QR code.



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