

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55; 1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord ;
Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to
eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me,
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18.

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us,
he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R.

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.

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 – Romans 8: 35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,
even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him who
loved us.

For I am certain of this : neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 14: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd, and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves'. But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate, numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let's reflect...

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'." (Matthew 14:16)

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Fernando Family, Rob & Malou Bartlett, Allison Sarmiento, Denny Muñoz, Suzette Agcaoili, Dorothy Bordon, Pauline C. Dumling, Segundo Santiago

For the sick:

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Lucy Hilda Fernando, Mrs. Colleen Mary Tellis, Vincent Fernando, Vilma B. Palacios, Edurne A. Bajarias, Wayne Conduit

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)



1st & 2nd August 2020

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Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

‘Support us’ page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-qBOvfy-I0>

(st kevins parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE

INTERACTIVE LIVE CHAT

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Please register to join us in an online interactive Live Chat with our Principal, Christopher Dalton and members of our leadership team. Gain insight into our College community and have your questions answered.

OUR LIVE CHAT SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON:

MONTH	DATE	TIME
JULY	Thursday 23 July	11:30am
	Monday 27 July	11:00am
	Wednesday 29 July	9:30am
AUGUST	Monday 3 August	11:00am
	Monday 10 August	2:00pm
	Wednesday 19 August	10:30am

Register now by visiting www.shgc.vic.edu.au

For further queries, please contact Stefanie Perr, College Registrar and Community Relations & Development Manager, register@shgc.vic.edu.au or on (03) 9568 5488

Included in the latest General Guidelines

- Baptisms are to be postponed, unless there is an urgent and grave pastoral need. (Can.857; 860).
- Funerals are limited to 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.
- Weddings are limited to 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant).
- Holy communion is not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and the homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene (washing hands, etc.) as appropriate

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What is a missionary disciple?

A missionary disciple has been described as someone who has had a transformational encounter with Jesus and has then chosen to surrender and follow. A missionary disciple has encountered Jesus through a personal experience of the love and presence of God. As a result of this encounter, they have chosen to say ‘yes’ – to surrender to God’s love and God’s will for their life. They allow their entire life to be transformed by this relationship.

A common misconception and why it matters

‘A priest’s role is to keep parishioners happy.’

Consumers have preferences; disciples have stories. Parishioners can behave like consumers, choosing a parish based on what they like or prefer. People can have preferences for particular music styles or Mass times, for shorter homilies or for parish buildings that are available for their favourite activity. Parish priests almost kill themselves trying to meet their expectations. This saps their energy and can lead to disillusionment and a disjointed, ineffective use of parish resources. Disciples, however, value stories and people. When we live in a life-transforming relationship with Jesus, we begin to see Jesus working in us and through us and in the lives of others. We are willing to sacrifice our own preferences for the sake of the mission. Lee Kricher in *For a New Generation* and Fr. James Mallon in *Divine Renovation* each tell a powerful story of a church community transformed by missionary disciples prepare to sacrifice their preferences in order to grow an outwardly focussed, disciple-making church. In each community, this caused substantial resistance from entrenched ‘consumers’ who would have preferred that the church stay the same and quietly die, rather than change and evolve to meet the questions and needs of twenty-first-century searchers.