

Sunday 20th August 2023

THE 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Welcome to all at Mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We ask God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 20 Aug 6.15pm (vigil)	19th OF THE YEAR Anthony Burgess Ints.
8.30am	Peter Doyle RIP
9.45am	Baptiste Fernandes Ints.
11.15am	Mark Burton RIP
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 14 Aug 9.30am	S. Maximilian Kolbe John Maxwell Isaacs RIP
Tues 15 Aug 9.30am	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY Stalin Rocha RIP
Weds 16 Aug 9.30am 11.00am	feria Winifed Haugh RIP FUNERAL MASS Greta Bishop RIP
Thurs 17 Aug 9.30am	feria Fiona Power Ints.
Fri 18 Aug 9.30am	feria Xavier Consantini RIP
Sat 19 Aug 9.30am	feria Anthony Burgess RIP Jamie Andre Camel Ints.
Sun 20 Aug 6.15pm (vigil)	20th OF THE YEAR Lucille & Fiona Ints.
8.30am	Edmund Peiris Weerasinghe RIP
9.45am	Mary Mc Nicolas RIP
11.15am	Gabriella Henry RIP
5.30pm	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Blessed Sacrament Lamp: Baptiste Fernandes Ints.

TODAY'S MASS



How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters. Today's Gospel is about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus is living next to you, in the brothers and sisters with whom you share your daily existence."
Pope Saint John Paul II

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 74 (73): 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God,
and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who
seek you.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in
our hearts the spirit of adoption as
your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the
inheritance which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into
the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, Go out and
stand on the mountain before the Lord. Then the Lord himself
went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the moun-
tains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was
not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord
was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But
the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the
sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered
his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of
the cave.

Responsorial psalm: 84

Response: *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R./**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R./**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R./**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it
is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures
me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my

mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and
be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my
own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given
the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn
up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are de-
scended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came
Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the
other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending
the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now
far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a
head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards
them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walk-
ing on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and
cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,
'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered.
'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the wa-
ter.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started
walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the
force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save
me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man
of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into
the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down
before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept
the offerings of your Church,
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered
and by your power you transform them into the
mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed,
save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth.
Through Christ our Lord.