

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday, 28th July 2024

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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

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.

The Word of the Lord

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life, Do not abandon us, take care of us, And grant us, once again, The ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children. Renew our hearts with your Word And do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness And teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" To those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly A day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Wonthaggi

Saturday 6.30pm
Sunday 10.30am

Inverloch

Sunday 9.00am

Weekday Mass or Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Times

Inverloch

Tuesday	Mass-Church followed by Rosary	11.00am
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Wonthaggi

Wednesday	Mass—Church	9.30am
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Thursday	Rosary—Kaye Dal Largo	7.00pm
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Friday	No Mass at 9.30am Funeral Mass –Kaye Dal Largo	11.00am
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RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wonthaggi: Before 6.30pm Mass on Saturday
and upon request

Inverloch: Sun before 9.00am mass

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child Safety Officer. The officer can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 721 111

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Nellie McDonald

Anniversaries:

For the deceased clergy of our diocese.

PARISH ROSTERS

WONTHAGGI:

3rd Aug
Greeting: C Napoli
Reader: C Napoli
Sacristan: L Akers
Special Minister: D Gardner
Offertory: K Daly
T Roos

4th Aug

B O'Keefe
B O'Keefe
C Gow
A Kelly
R Churchill
M O'Callaghan

INVERLOCH:

28th July
Reader: E Leszkiewicz
Special Minister: P Warby

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

St Joseph's Parish:

Presbytery (1st Collection) \$824.80
Planned Giving envelope (2nd Collection): \$2033.00
Loose cash (2nd offering) \$309.80

*Thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated.
No money kept on the premises.*

Newcomers or Update Details

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Our Lady Star of the Sea Inverloch.

If you are new to the Parish or have changed your details or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please complete your details and drop the form on a Collection plate or drop off to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

New Parishioner Change of Address or Phone #

Thanksgiving: Envelopes or Electronically

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Renewal Program – the Parish Commitment Weekend.

Last week we considered our **engagement** in parish life. How our involvement in parish ministries is central to building parish community – and central to actively living our faith through service to others. This week we turn our attention to **parish finances**.

WE ASK FOR YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

What is the current state of our Thanksgiving income?

Thanksgiving is the major source of parish income. It suffered during the COVID-19 years and has continued to decline – leaving us with an annual operational deficit. We need a significant increase to stabilise our finances and properly fund our priorities.

This is a challenge – but can be achieved with the support of ALL parish families.

What does my Thanksgiving pledge pay for?

Supporting our parish mission, pastoral care, and outreach programs.

The operating costs of the parish – professional parish staff, insurance, utilities etc.

The maintenance of our churches and parish facilities.

How much should I pledge?

Only you can answer this question. But an important reflection is “How do I use my discretionary income?” What is left after paying the essentials of life? How we do is a strong indicator of our priorities in life. We simply ask that your support is a meaningful one in your own individual circumstances.

We unashamedly ask those with the greatest capacity to contribute the most – with special thanks for those on restricted incomes whose continued support is very much appreciated.

How do I pledge?

Use the hard copy Commitment card at all Masses this weekend – Sat 27 & Sun 28 July.

Use the Commitment form from the Program brochure. Return your completed pledge at Mass this weekend – or to the Parish Office no later than Wed 31 July.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Q: Why do you think it is important to support our parish financially through our Thanksgiving Program?

“We all have a role to play – it is a shared responsibility.”

“Our commitment to a regular Thanksgiving pledge is not an expense or an impost. It is OUR INVESTMENT in our great parish. It is an offering of thanks – and a clear expression that we are committed to the parish – that it means something to us.”

“Our parish cannot operate without our strong, regular financial support – to fund our parish mission - our pastoral and outreach initiatives, our professional parish staff, maintenance of our churches and general operational expenses.”

POPE FRANCIS SAYS

“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”



Parish/Diocese News

Prayer Group will be held at Wonthaggi Church on Mondays at 1.15pm. All Welcome.

Prayer Shawl Group Plenty of wool & patterns are freely available. Come along to enjoy a cuppa & chat while knitting or crocheting! For enquires please contact: Philippa Warby 0408 331 340.

Safetrac Module for Working With Children:

Just a reminder that the volunteers that have been emailed a module to complete from Safetrac, that they are now overdue. If you are having trouble, please contact Ann in the Parish Office.

Koinonia John the Baptist House of Prayer held on Wednesday evenings 7pm-8.30pm. Scripture, prayer, intercession. For more information please contact Pat Kelly 0407 505 232.

Parish Luncheon will be held on Sunday 11th August 12.00pm at Taberner’s Hotel, McBride St Wonthaggi. Please write your name on the list at either church by 5th August. Contact Denise Jeffries 0419 721 433. Maureen Maartenz 0407 055 447. Julie De Bondt 0407 535 032.

St Joseph’s Wonthaggi

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of every month.

Our Lady Star of the Sea—Inverloch

Cuppa after Mass will be held on the first Sunday of every month.



Diocesan Consultation meeting: Phase 1 – Review

The Consultation process for the Inverloch Church will be held after mass today Sunday 28th July.

We welcome Brother Tony Clark as he will facilitate this session.

The aim of this first consultation is to look back over the past five years (2019 to 2024), and together, to reflect on the question: “As people of faith and mission, what has God’s Spirit been doing in and through us during these past five years?” The simple meeting process invites participants to be guided by God’s Word and prayer, to engage in attentive listening to themselves, to each other, and to the Holy Spirit, using a method called, ‘Conversations In The Spirit’. This will be explained at the meeting. It is important that everyone’s stories, memories and perspectives are heard. Please use the ‘Consultation and Assembly Prayer’ to help prepare yourself for this exciting opportunity in our Diocese.