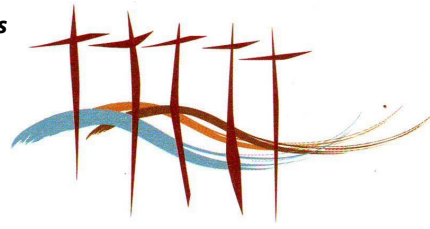


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 August, 2018

Year B: 1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

next week's Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Did Elijah just forget to pack some food and water for his desert trip? Not very wise of him, considering the arduous of desert travel. Is it just physical hunger that has him praying for death? How bad are things for him? Pretty bad -- and it is not just food for his body that has him so distressed. In fact, his physical needs take second place to his depleted spirit.

How did Elijah get himself in such a predicament anyway -- hungry, thirsty and downhearted in the desert? Enter the infamous Jezebel. She was from Tyre and Sidon, the pagan wife of Ahab, Israel's king. He allowed her to continue worshiping her pagan gods. She even incited her husband to abandon the worship of Yahweh and adopt the rituals of the deities Baal and Asherah. On Mount Carmel Elijah confronted the pagan prophets Jezebel brought with her, won a contest against them and had them slaughtered. (The account is quite spectacular, with even some hints of humor. 1 Kings 18:17-40) As a result, Jezebel threatened Elijah's life and he fled to the desert. That's where we find him today, praying for death. He could go no further on his own.

But God had plans for the discouraged prophet and would support and guide him on. An angel gave Elijah food and encouragement. "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" Angel is derived from the Greek "angelos," which means "messenger." Sometimes an angel seems to be a distinct being; other times it may represent God's presence - the biblical writers' way of respecting the divine transcendence.

We know that the first readings are chosen because they show similarities and links to the gospel selected for the day. So, we note that Elijah, hungry in the desert, anticipates Jesus' time in the desert. (We Christians also identify with the church's time in the desert of Lent.) We know our personal desert times when we have experienced our limitations and dead ends. God provides food for Elijah and Jesus responds to the temptation to turn stones into bread by reminding humans we don't just need bread for life, but "every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

The Elijah narrative encourages us to trust in the gracious love of God. It's not a story about someone who has merited and "deserves" help from God. It is a tale of a human who can't help himself. Which leaves plenty of room for God to move in with bread and water, nourishment to continue the journey.

Which is what God is providing for us today at this Eucharist for whatever desert we find ourselves. Keep in mind God's nourishment isn't just for us as individuals, but for a community that finds itself in the desert. As I write this, the New York Times features a front page story of sexual abuse charges against a very high ranking American cardinal. Will it never end! How much more will the church have to suffer hunger in this desert of scandal?

I wonder how many famers in the West of our land wake up each day hungry for life and water/food for their families and livestock.

We may not find ourselves hungry and thirsty in the same desert Elijah was in. But life has given most of us a taste - maybe a big one - of our own hunger, fatigue and discouragement. We are all on a journey and we need a food that, not only satisfies us temporarily, but will sustain us to the end

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 13 August

9.00am **Mass** - Miami
- followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 14 August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
7.00pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

Thursday, 16 August

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 17 August

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 18 August

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 19 August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 19 August

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
Year 9 Connect Mass
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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with wisdom to guide us on the right path. Life will present us with joys and satisfaction, as well as moments of struggle, loss and pain. We will have love and achievement, but also broken relationships and disappointment. Some of our best made plans and goals falter and even fail. Those we love will support us; but some will let us down when we need them the most. Our travels vary, but as the scriptures remind us today, God will be our constant and supporting presence, guiding and sustaining us in the unique ways we are each called to serve God.

That's what Elijah discovered at the lowest point of his life, when he was so disillusioned and discouraged he wanted to die. Like us, the program Elijah had to learn was total reliance on God. He was at his life's limits with no visible means of support. He felt let down by God and unable to provide for himself. Where was the God who first called him into service? By what means could he survive? Certainly not by his own.

What does Elijah learn and what does his experience teach us? He was at the end of his rope and saw no way out. Yet, he gave himself into God's hands and God fed him with the bread and drink he needed to continue his journey on the mission God had given him.

We learn from Elijah and Jesus today of God's love for us. We are invited to put our faith into practice. Faith is not an escape from the sometimes harsh realities of life. Elijah must return to face his enemies. Jesus will not escape the pain and death that lies ahead for him. Nor can we just shrug our shoulders and leave everything for God to take care of. Our faith enables us to experience God's presence with us both as comfort and encouragement, so that we can do what we have to do.

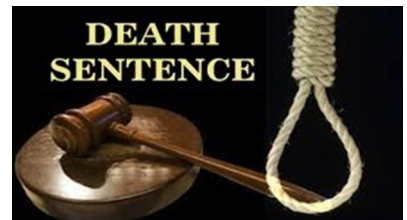
- PART OF THE FIRST COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND WILL BE DONATED TO OUR SISTER PARISHES OUT WEST. WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FUTURE. *Padre*

Pope Francis has ordered a change to the catechism of the Catholic Church, altering existing language to read "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." It vows that the church will work "with determination for its abolition worldwide."

Although Catholics have been generally opposed to the death penalty for some time — St. John Paul II updated the catechism in 1997 with stronger language criticizing capital punishment — Francis' change clarifies that the church fully opposes the act.

"The new text, following in the footsteps of the teaching of John Paul II in 'Evangelium Vitae', affirms that ending the life of a criminal as punishment for a crime is inadmissible because it attacks the dignity of the person, a dignity that is not lost even after having committed the most serious crimes," said Cardinal Luis Ladaria when announcing the change, according to the Catholic News Service. Ladaria, who is the prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, noted that Francis approved the changes on May 11.

Francis has long been a vocal opponent of the death penalty, and he hinted at a possible change during a 2017 address to church leaders, where he also called the practice "inadmissible."



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Wednesday 15 August

Masses

Calvary Church, Miami - 7am

Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters - 9am

Ozanam Villa - 9.30am

Our Lady of the Way Church, Palm Beach - 5.30pm

Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads - 7pm

(Mass and Sung Divine Office)



Parish News and Happenings

DATES CLAIMERS

PARISH MULTICULTURAL MASS – all Parish Masses 22/23 September. The Archdiocese theme for this year is Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees (Pope Francis for World Day of Cultures 2018). We encourage parishioners and friends to join us in wearing their cultural dress at Mass which we hope will be celebrated in different languages. Cuppa after Mass.

PARISH DINNER – Friday 28th September 2018. 6-9pm Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre. Please bring along BYO plate of your speciality/country/region. Non-alcoholic drinks available. BYO alcoholic drinks. This is a great community event for the whole parish to come together. Make new friends and enjoy each other's company. Padre will speak about his mountaineering adventures and have his mountain book for sale and signing (\$20 per book).

- **ROSIES STREET MISSION** - Rosies are asking to use the old office at Infant Saviour for their South Coast Street Mission HQ. No, there will not be homeless at the office, as it is a place to prepare their vans (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings) and store consumables. All interested parishioners are welcome to come and hear Rosies Mission hopes and needs at a meeting on 8 September, 9am, Infant Saviour Church. I fully support the idea and believe an outreach parish is a mission parish - but I would really like parish endorsement for this project. *Padre*
- To our **ALTAR SERVERS** and **ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER** - please come to a training meeting this Sunday 12 August, at 11am (after 10am Mass), Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - Thank you to all families who have registered for enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation - for all young people (minimum age of 8 years) who have been baptised. Calendar of dates will be emailed once enrolments have been processed. Parent Information Sessions will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 22 August with refreshments. We will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at all Masses throughout the weekend of 25/26 August. Preparation will commence from that weekend, and assistance from any retired RE teachers or catechists to help with small groups would be appreciated. For further information please email sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - Sunday 19 August, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 5.30pm. Singers and musicians welcome - please meet at 4.30pm for practice.

REAL MEN DO NOT DO CHURCH? WRONG. But living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18, consider this: on the 8th and 9th September (8th - full day; 9th - morning only, including Mass) experienced leaders from the menALIVE team will be running a menALIVE weekend at Marymount College and in the grounds of Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Contact Chris Kennedy 0412 270828 - christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au or Jim Littlefield 0488 350565 - jimlittlefield41@gmail.com and become a better man: a man ALIVE in his faith.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Charlie who was baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Ian McInnes who has died in Christ. Let us remember his family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Leigh Boulcher, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Carmel Clifford, John Costigan, Graham Dall, Brian Deere, Patricia Dowling, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Lance Fry, Joseph Gardener, Anne Gavaghan, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Lucy Holland, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Nona Hudson, Harry Hunter, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Tina Mass, Denise McCarthy, Denis McEnery, Sheldon McEnery, Anne McInnes, John Mooney, Stephen Murray, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Mike Parker, Phyllis Pola, Donna Redman, Peter Reid, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Dean Taylor, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Nigel Tomlinson, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Norma Ward, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zandler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Gasper Cohilj, Ian McInnes, June Dwyer, Roger Hills Evans.

May the choir of angels come to greet you ...

May you find eternal life.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Waters

CONNECT MASS 10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy

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| Yr 9 | 19 August |
| Yr 5 | 16 September |
| Yr 8 | 21 October |
| Yr 7 | 25 November |

Liturgical Music for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

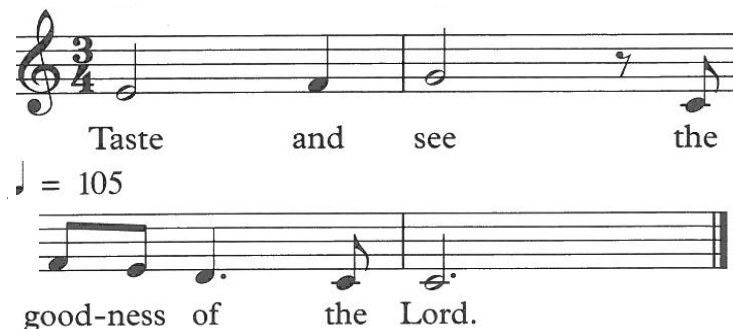
Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst;
and what-so-ever ye ask, I will do.
allelu, alleluia.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Tuesday:

How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Wednesday:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Thursday:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Friday:

You have turned from your anger to comfort me.

Saturday:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Come And Eat This Living Bread

Come and eat this living bread.
Take and drink this wine.
Come, be nourished, healed and fed,
shaped into God's sign.
Gathered 'round as family
many are made one.
Forming love's community
one we now become.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

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Marymount College 5586 1000

menALIVE Group 0412 270828

Men's Dinner 5576 2623

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