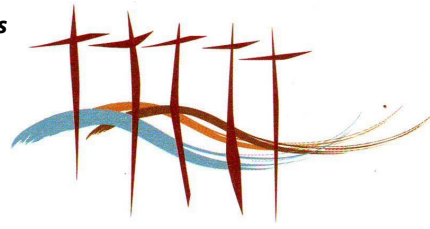


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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 August, 2018

Year B: Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35

next week's Readings: 1 Kg 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

The episode today from Exodus is part of the desert/wilderness journey. It's symbolism is rich preaching fare - a faith community's arduous journey over a long period of time through harsh terrain. Sounds very modern to me! In the Exodus reading, God has led the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery and now we find them in the midst of their trek through the desert. They have gotten free, but the journey isn't over yet. They have much to face and learn about themselves and God on the way to their promised land. The narrative is powerful and parallels our own faith experience.

However, notice the references to "the whole Israelite community" in this reading. Such references to the people as a community are found throughout the entire desert narrative, from the very beginning moments when God first leads the people out of Egypt. The whole community leaves together and the whole community is fed, afflicted, led, tested, and grumbles. So, while the reading may suggest the personal struggles we go through on our individual faith journeys, remember this is a community faith story, the whole community is being addressed. We are encouraged to reflect on the trials and sufferings that threaten the very life and identity of our own faith community as we travel together.

Let's begin by looking at the desert experience from a grammatical point of view, and I know this is strange, but bear with me. In a simple declarative sentence we have a subject, verb and object. The subject does the action, the verb identifies the action and the object of the sentence receives the action. Throughout this Exodus experience one thing is very clear - God is the subject of the sentence. God does the significant actions in the story. God is the one who sees the affliction of the people in slavery and God decides to come to their rescue. God notices, rescues, leads, protects, feeds, speaks, etc. God even hears "the grumbling of the Israelites" and decides to respond on their behalf. (In a way, their grumbling is like a prayer, or maybe, a lament. God is never far from the people and so hears their constant complaints.) Back to our grammar lesson: the people, on the other hand, are the "objects of the sentence." They are in need, can do nothing for themselves. They are the recipients of God's gracious acts.

Exodus reveals who God is to these people and to us. The struggles of the wilderness also reveal who we are; we are often weak, wavering, grumbling and in need of a faithful God who takes the initiative towards us. And more - we need a God who notices that we are in slavery, even when we are so used to our condition and do not even have the desire to make the effort to get free. God has begun the process; the people have been led out. But that is only their first step towards freedom; they have a long and arduous journey ahead of them. During the journey God will teach them who God is for them and will form them into a community of God's people.

They are undergoing trials in the desert. Trials are more profound than daily temptations. Trials threaten our very existence and our identity as a people of God. Trials make us want to give up, turn around and go back to the old slavery. As they travel to freedom, the people are meeting resistance - daily, strong forces that would overpower them. Breaking habits, addictions and debilitating ways of living is very difficult and in the midst of the process, there is a temptation to go back. Our Church underwent a profound change after Vatican II. Granted there were many false starts and sometimes rapid change from accustomed ways. It has been a painful and often a journey

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 6 August

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Tuesday, 7 August

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 8 August

St Mary of the Cross

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
10.30am Funeral Mass for Ian McInnes - Palm Beach
4.00pm Safeguarding Essentials Training Session
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
6.30pm Safeguarding Essentials Training Session

Thursday, 9 August

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

Friday, 10 August

St Lawrence

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

Saturday, 11 August

St Clare

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, 12 August

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, 12 August

Nineteenth 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
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

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filled with conflict. There are people who still want to undo the work of the Council and return us to a church where decisions were made for us and we were an isolated and barricaded island community in the world.

I would be careful not to paint God as the One who sends the trials, or the tests on our journey. Remember, the Israelites had been slaves: what God is doing is leading them to freedom. If they face hardships it is in the process of getting free and leaving the old ways behind. The desert will be arduous for them: life tests us in many ways. During difficult times we learn where our heart and affections lie; the testing happens as we struggle to leave behind what is false and commit ourselves to what will bring growth. We die in many ways along the way, as a new people are brought to birth.

Like the Israelites, the church faces trials from hostile forces both outside and within. I saw a list a few years ago of all the countries where Christians are persecuted, the list was large - over 186 countries. I am sure there are at least as many countries on that list today, probably more. But there are internal struggles as well in the community. The church, in its attempts to live as a witness to Christ in the world, finds itself adopting the values of the countries in which it is located. We begin to identify Christianity with the political and economic way of life of our nation. We are tempted to think being a good citizen and always supporting our national interests are the same as being a good Christian. In addition, the trials our church has faced these past few years, because of the clerical abuse scandals, have also weakened our pilgrim community from within. One result of the scandals is to distract us from the pressing needs in our world that we should be addressing with our energies, finances and programs. The scandals have stirred up "grumblings" from all sides; words of pain, anger, accusations, rejection, etc. In this new, most arduous desert experience, we once again need the food that only God can provide God's people in the desert -- the "daily bread" of healing, renewal and recommitment. We are on a long journey, the trials come in various forms and as a people, we easily lose our way.

We notice and feel hope because God sees the hungers of the Exodus community and sends them food. But it is not the food to which they have been accustomed, nor the kind of food they might have chosen for themselves. They ask, "What is this?" The reading encourages us to believe that God is feeding us during this present difficult journey, but it is not the way we expected to be fed. Indeed, we might not even recognize the food we are being given. In difficult times, we find strength to get through each day in the form of people who are there to support us and give us guidance for important decisions. This kind of help comes in such ordinary packages that we fail to see the hand of God in it. So, in the community, food may come in the form of prophetic voices who, though irritating at times, call us back to be the church -- the sacrament of Christ in the world.

Exodus reminds us that there is enough bread for "each day." The people must gather a "daily portion." If they try to gather more than that (except when they are preparing for the next day's Sabbath) the food will rot. Each day God will be there to get us though. We are being taught in the desert to trust that daily nurturing. We have learned and confess that what we really need, that which will mean our survival as a person of faith and as a community of God's people, can only be supplied by God. We celebrate the gift of "daily bread" in this Eucharist. Of course, even as we ask for daily bread for our community of believers, we believe that God has already

heard us. What is the "daily bread" we need to continue to be a strong witnessing community? What will enable us to know that God is caring for us and will hold us together as a people witnessing to God's presence in the world? We will ask for that bread; but don't be surprised if the "manna" we get comes in surprising packaging.



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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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



Parish News and Happenings

- To our **ALTAR SERVERS** and **ANYONE WISHING TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER** - please come to a training meeting on Sunday 12 August, at 11am (after 10am Mass), Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.
- **MASS FOR YOUTH** - This Sunday, 5 August, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church at 5.30pm. Followed by music and food. We are looking for musicians and singers (please meet at 4.30pm for practice).
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** - We are currently accepting enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation, for all young people (minimum age of 8 years) who have been baptised. Registration forms for enrolment are available from the Parish Office. Enrolments close 7 August. Parent Information Sessions will be held on Wednesday 22 August and we will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at all Masses throughout the weekend of 25/26 August. We will commence preparation from that weekend, and would be most grateful for assistance from any retired RE teachers or catechists to help with small groups. For further information please email sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
- The annual Youth and Vocations Expo invites young people to explore their call - an opportunity for youth to engage with Catholic ministry organisations across Queensland. Sunday 5 August, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. Stalls open 11am. Mass 12 noon. Vocations and Youth Expo 1pm - 2.30pm.
- **DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR CHANGING THE WORLD?** Do you want to be part of something bigger and feel valued for the gifts you have? Catholic Mission Brisbane is seeking parish-based volunteers. For further information email Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au or phone 3324 3423.
- **MARYMOUNT ART SHOW** - Artist entry is open until 6 August. Please visit www.marymount.qld.edu.au for details. Gala Opening and Announcement of winners - Friday 24 August.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - 8 page spread of vocational stories ... Walk of faith for Ipswich pilgrims ... Education leaders demand fair schools funding deals ... Businesses the key to increasing anti-slavery endeavours across Australia ... Daily life of homeless on display in rare photography project.
- **TEACH WITH TIMORESE TEACHERS** - Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor. Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters
- **ST AGATHA'S PARISH, CLAYFIELD, CENTENARY MASS** - Sunday 12 August, 10am. All welcome.
- **CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS IN QUEENSLAND** - A warm welcome is extended to everyone who has been part of the Family Group Movement over the past 35 years. The Fort, Fort Rd, Oxley, Saturday 15 September. 4pm Welcoming, 5pm Mass, 6pm Happy Hour, 7pm Dinner (please bring a plate). rsvp elainestrati@gmail.com or 0414 187458.
- **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019** - Panama. In the words of Archbishop Mark Coleridge, "It won't be just a journey to Panama and Central America. It will also be a journey to the heart of the Church, even to the heart of God." The parish is excited for our youth to experience this powerful event and potential funding to assist the pilgrimage will be available. If you are interested, please contact Burleigh Parish youth co-ordinator, Iris, at 0430 960802.

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Ivy-Rose and Charly who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funerals of Margaret Agnes Cossart, Ronald Mathew O'Keefe, Robert Harvey and Suzette Bieshaar who have died in Christ. Let us remember their families 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, 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, Reg Rowan, 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 Zender, 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: Suzette Bieshaar, Ron O'Keefe, Robert Harvey, Ian McInnes, Antonio Celesto, Susana Celesto, Gordon Grams, Margaret Ann Supple, Raphael Camenzuli, Gasper Cohilj.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

for registered volunteers who are providing services for and engaging in activities with children and vulnerable adults and those in leadership positions.

Wednesday 8 August - Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
4 - 6pm or 6.30 - 8.30pm.

Entry will be by ticket only - your ticket will be available for collection when you arrive for your session.

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.



PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

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

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

CONNECT MASS

10am, Mary, Mother of Mercy

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

Liturgical Music for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Gather Your People

*Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.*

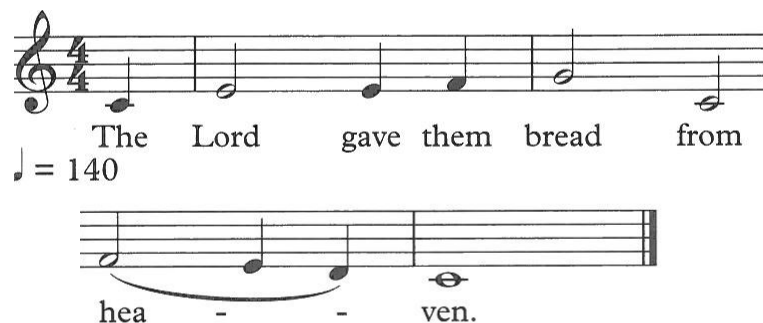
Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Acclamation:

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.

Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday:

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Tuesday:

The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

Wednesday:

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Thursday:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Friday:

Happy the merciful who give to those in need.

Saturday:

You will never abandon those who seek you, Lord.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Eat This Bread

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.*



I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Bring Forth The Kingdom

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the Kingdom of God.

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God.*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the Kingdom of God.
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the Kingdom of God.

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