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*A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors!*

### A message from Fr Peter

In my reading this week I came across the following passage. It is taken from the book "Pope Francis, Go Fourth." I found it very challenging and hope you do too.

The mission of the Church emanates from the love of God, for "God is love: charity is his essence...and charity by its nature is communicated and shared." As the followers of Jesus come to know God's love, they are sent everywhere to communicate and share it, and by means of this to awaken faith and to transform the world according to God's plan. This is the Church's mission, and it fulfills this mission primarily through its actions—its witness. For it is, above all, in the tangible ways Christians live out the Gospel that divine love is best communicated, and the beauty of the faith made visible to others.

But how authentically do Christians witness to God's love in their lives? How many, for example, dedicate themselves to the needs of their neighbours, or to peace, or to the common good? An honest assessment reveals that the Church stands in need of a great missionary conversion and awakening. It needs to reform itself so that all of the baptised become active agents of evangelisation and so that all of the Church's institutions, structures and energies are channelled toward mission rather than toward institutional self-preservation. This is the path of true discipleship and renewal, which the Church as a whole is called to walk at this time.

### This week's meeting dates & times

Date	Time	Group Name	Venue
Sunday 28th July	5.30pm	24:7 Youth	Parish Centre
Wednesday 31st July	7pm	Charismatic Prayer & Worship	Church
Thursday 1st August	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Office Meeting Room
Saturday 3rd August	2.45pm	Bible Study	Office Meeting Room



**Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**  
Did you know that across the world millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. **This weekend 27th & 28th July** we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



### SOUP EVENING

Come to the Mater Christi Soup Evening, help yourself to a serve of soup, available after the **6pm Mass on Saturday, 3rd August 2024**. Stock is limited, so get in before it runs out... and yes, you can have warm bread with that ... all for \$2 cash / \$2.50 eftpos. All proceeds go towards the Parish outreach activity of 'Feeding the Needy'. We do encourage you to support this Parish activity by volunteering and/or donations (cash or soup ingredients). If you feel so inclined, call **Danby on 0438 003 822 or Bernadette on 0427 326 630**, we would love to hear from you.



### Liturgy at Mater Christi

Monday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Tuesday	5pm	<b>Adoration</b>
	6pm	<b>Mass</b>
Wednesday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Thursday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Friday	9am	<b>Mass</b>
Saturday	5pm	<b>Confession</b>
	6pm	<b>Saturday Vigil</b>
Sunday	8am	<b>Mass</b>
	9am	<b>Mass (HPCPS)</b>
	10am	<b>Mass</b>
	5pm	<b>Mass</b>

### Invitation

The Parish Council invites you to a parish celebration with Fr Peter for his 50th Anniversary of priestly ordination on **Saturday 31st August (the actual date) at the 6pm Mass**. A reception will follow in the parish centre. For catering purposes, it is **essential to RSVP by Friday 17th August**. Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. We are also looking for people to bring desserts. Please contact Michelle on 0432 976 374, or Theresa on 0405 776 475, or Agnes on 0439 301 020, if you are able to help. Please note: As per Fr Peter, no presents please.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

A gentle reminder to collect your set of planned giving envelopes. These are available for you in the church foyer. Thank you to all who have collected their planned giving boxes and to all our parishioners who so generously support the priests and parish in this manner of giving, your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.

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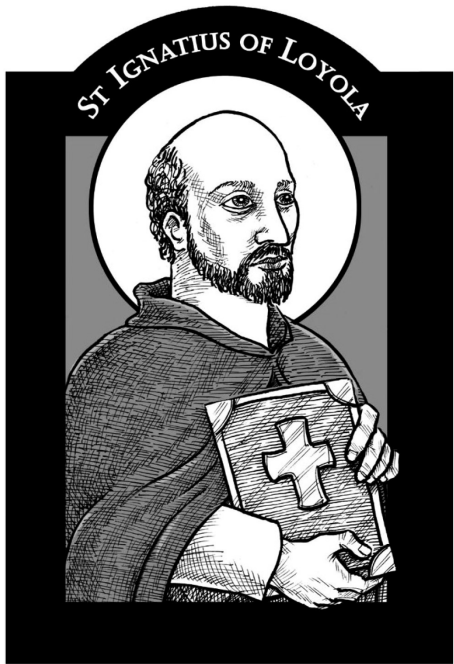
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**S**t Ignatius of Loyola was born the youngest son of a Basque noble family. As a young soldier he fought against the French army and eventually sustained a crippling leg injury. During his long recovery, he read books about the life of Christ and the saints and was duly converted. After a pilgrimage to Jerusalem he went to study in France, where he also did evangelical work as a layman. Together with a small group of followers, Ignatius offered his services to the Pope. They were ordained as priests and in 1540 the Pope gave formal approval to their religious order known as the Society of Jesus. Ignatius remained in Rome as the head of the Jesuits which grew to over one thousand members at the time of his death in 1556.



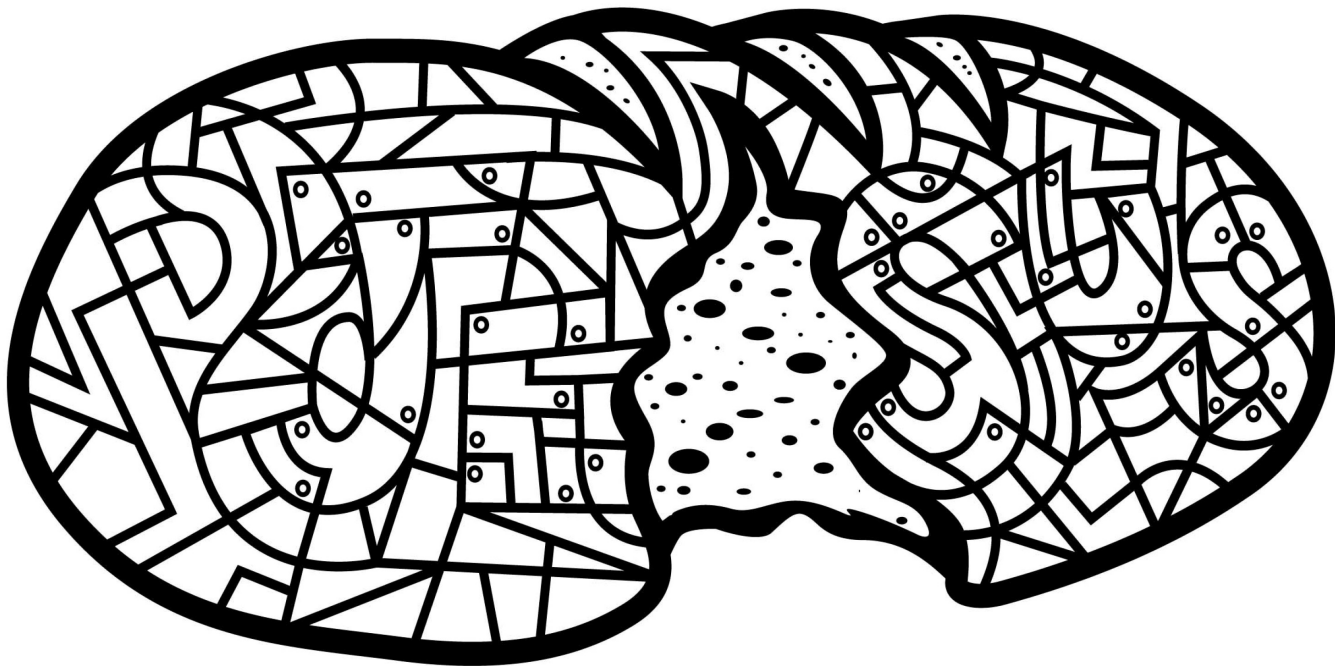
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boy	miracle	Prophet
five	mountain	thousand
grass	Passover	Tiberias

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

28 July 2024

**First Reading** 2 Kgs 4:42-44

*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.

**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** Eph 4:1-6

*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.

**Gospel Acclamation** Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us;*

*God has visited his people.*

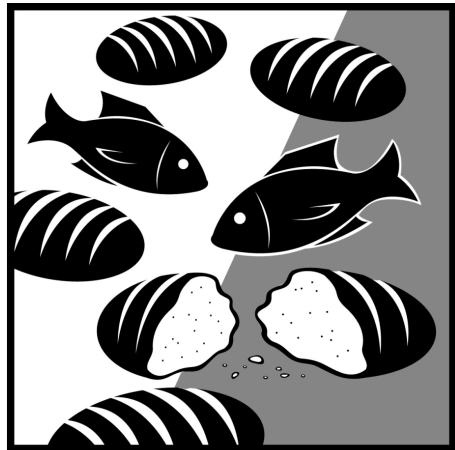
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Jn 6:1-15

*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.



**Reflection** by Greg Sunter

In the readings for Ordinary Time, we take a break from the sequence of readings from the Gospel of Mark for a few weeks and this week’s reading begins a diversion into chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The whole of John 6 is an extended discourse that explores the image of Jesus as the Bread of Life. The chapter and the discourse begin with this week’s miraculous feeding of the multitude. As this event occurs in each of the four gospels there is a compelling argument that there is some basis in fact or, at the very least, that the metaphoric image of Jesus feeding a crowd was an enduring one in Christian communities.

Jesus is described as testing the disciples, asking them where they might be able to purchase bread for the crowd. Phillip is overwhelmed at the thought of spending a fortune on enough bread for more than 5,000 people. A small boy nearby had a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. Jesus took the bread and fish, gave thanks and then had the disciples begin to distribute the food. When everyone had eaten their fill, the disciples collected twelve hampers of leftovers. Some commentators suggest that the twelve baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel – indicating that the message of Jesus will be enough to feed and sustain the whole of Israel. Having witnessed this miracle the people have a sudden insight into who they think Jesus might be – the promised Messiah come to free them from their Roman oppressors. Wary of the crowd’s mistaken understanding of what the Messiah is to be, Jesus literally heads for the hills to avoid being made a political figurehead for the people.

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