

# 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR YEAR B

Christ feeds us.

Through the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus feeds the hungry people, just as he feeds us daily with his word and the Eucharist. There was plenty left over when everyone had eaten enough. We too have much to give to others because of Christ's generosity to us. He calls us to give generously in our turn, and so to preserve the unity of spirit given to us as children of the same God our Father.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,  
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may use the good things that pass  
in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING:** The second book of the Kings 4:42-44.  
*They will eat and have some left over.*

**PSALM:** 145

**RESPONSE:** **You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.**

**SECOND READING:** The letter of S. Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6.  
*One Body, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words are spirit Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 6:1-15.  
*Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.*

**Preacher:** Father Mark Catherall  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Knowing that our loving God supplies all our needs, let us pray to him now on behalf of the Church and the world.

The response in the prayers to; Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

Father, we offer this time and the love of our hearts  
as we pray for the Church with all its varied ministries;  
for the youngest to the oldest baptised members;  
for those of mellow faith and those who struggle with doubts.

*Silence* Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

Father, we offer our commitment to pray the news each day and share the pain we read about,  
longing for your peace and your justice in a world tense with aggression and distorted with selfishness.

*Silence* Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

Father, we offer our homes and our relationships for you to work in and transform;  
we offer you our meetings and conflicts and all differences of opinion for you to use to your glory.

*Silence* Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

Father, we offer you our solidarity with all who suffer or are heavily burdened;  
hear us as we pray for their comfort and refreshment, wholeness and restoration,  
but above all for the consciousness of your presence in their pain, and your love for them.

We pray in particular for the sick known to us:

Christine	Peter	Enzo	Ezekeiel	Michael	David	Doris	Andre
Margaret	Sue	Joan	Guy	Tim	Ray	Terry	
Frank	Herta	Jean	Simon	Cindy	Lois	Eva	

We pray for all those who are suffering from the Covid-19 virus and its variants, particularly those in our hospitals and in intensive care, and ask the Lord that we, our families and our community may be brought safely through this pandemic.

*Silence* Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

Father, we offer our thanks for lives well lived  
and faithful souls entering by the gate of physical death to eternal life with you.  
Prepare us all to meet you face to face.

In particular we commend to your eternal presence the members of our own families, the recently departed; and for all those whose anniversary falls at this time, namely:

25<sup>th</sup> Steven Philip Davies, Sessie Frances Cox, Vida Andrews.

27<sup>th</sup> Audrey Cull, Margaret Little.

29<sup>th</sup> Olive Sargison, Ruth Deacon, Eric Dodd.

30<sup>th</sup> Edward George Price, Mabel Anne Brookes.

✝ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;      **and may light perpetual shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace;                              **and rise in glory.**

We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

*Silence*            Loving Father: **give us today our daily bread.**

We are all reliant on the intercessions and prayers of others.  
Therefore we join our prayers with those of your saints;  
S. Philip and S. James and Mary, the Mother of God, as we say together:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessèd art thou amongst women  
and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Father, we give you our lives as well as our words of praise, so that each moment from now on becomes an offering of love.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**