



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

SUNDAY 18 JULY 2021

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and recreation. With so much pain and suffering in our world at the moment, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other. The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and he is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away. Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice in this context refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail. As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are wellmeaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the “shepherd”, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species. We might advocate at this time for a more equitable distribution of vaccines so that all may know the saving power of God.

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR MASSES.

Please note that unfortunately the Cathedral will be closed from Friday 16 July through to Wednesday 21 July. Hopefully after that the lockdown will be lifted so that we can open again on Thursday July 22. Thank you for your patience.

MASS TIME TABLE (in lockdown)

Monday to Friday 1pm Mass —live streamed on CAM

Saturday 8.00am— live streamed on CAM

Sunday 11.00am—televised Mass on C31 and live streamed on CAM.

Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Should the lockdown be lifted by Thursday July 22, regular Mass and reconciliation times will resume, subject to capacity limits and public gathering restrictions:

Monday to Friday 7am & 1pm Mass

(also live streamed on CAM)

Saturday 8.00am (also streamed on CAM), 6pm Vigil

Sunday 8am, 9:30am, 11.00am

(televised on C31 streamed on CAM), and 6:30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Cathedral as soon as possible.

With warmest regards,

Fr Werner Utri.

Dean St Patrick's Cathedral.

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TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR B

Entrance Hymn CWBII 543

Lord of Creation

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
If I ever disown you, I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I’ll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Text: Jack Copley Winslow 1882-1974, alt;

Entrance Antiphon Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

1st Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6
The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

(R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

2nd Reading Ephesians 2:13-18
Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 6:30-34
They were as sheep without a shepherd.
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(All bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man. **(Continue)**
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

TO THE SON Lord Jesus,
You grew in wisdom and maturity as you
lived in the family of Nazareth in daily
communion with St Joseph and Mary your
mother. From St Joseph you learned the
dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom to support their
children and to guide them in the way
and work of your Kingdom.
St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker, pray for us.



Image: Saint Joseph and the Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 11.00am Mass

Organist: Dion Henman
Cantors: James Emerson
Kristina Lang

11.00am Mass

Mass setting:

Mass of the Holy Trinity - Tuuk

Offertory:

Loving shepherd of thy sheep– Philip Ledger

Communion: Of the glorious body telling
(French Trad. Arr. Bullard)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 20 July - St Apollinaris

Wednesday 21 July - St Lawrence of Brindisi

Thursday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

Friday 23 July - St Bridget

Saturday 24 July - St Sharbel Makhluf

**WEEKLY WEDNESDAY EXTRAORDINARY FORM
LATIN MASS HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL
AT 5.30PM**

STARTING AGAIN WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST

(subject to the lockdown lifting)

**HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM**

(subject to the lockdown being lifted)

READER'S ROSTER

Weekend Masses 24th and 25th July

Saturday 6.00pm

Ashley D'Monte & Sr Betty O'Donnell

Sunday 8:00am

Robert Muldeary

9:30am

Maurine Phelan & Florence Luk

11:00am

Rosa Gonzalez & Liliane Rusek

6:30pm

Vanessa Sammy & Martina Chin

**This weekend Special Collection for
Catholic Missions
- Propagation of Faith will be held on
17 and 18 July 2021.**

Catholic Mission operates through the international structure of the Catholic Church and is part of the international Catholic network known as the Pontifical Mission Societies. Catholic Mission respects the principle of "local initiative" and "self-determination" as all project funding requests originate from an existing community or work, often from a parish community or a religious congregation. The special collection helps with Catholic missionary priests, brothers, and nuns in mission areas. Please go to website: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au> or phone 9412 8412.

**Meditation on Jesus - For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul
(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)
August 7th from 1pm – 4pm.
(Cost: \$20, Concession \$15).
Registration is necessary by phone or email.
Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD
At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.
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Your presbytery and church contribution supports the priests of the Cathedral with the running of the Cathedral parish, maintenance and operation of the day to day costs associated with the presbytery and Cathedral.

Thank you for your generosity.

www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au

(Cathedral is listed as Melbourne Cathedral Parish)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Lawrence Robert Ahern, Purnawati Wibawa and Graham Neal and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Steven Lunardi, Alice Ford, Michael Patrick McKew, Mary Jo Haffner and Shannon Risson.

May they be welcomed at the banquet of God's kingdom.

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

Assistant Priest

Rev Trevor Tibbertsma

Cathedral Master of Ceremonies

Priest in Residence

Rev Zaher Mhanna

Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital

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