



Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

In every human heart there is a hunger that cannot be satisfied by material things alone. We long for peace, hope, love and a sense of purpose. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus feeds the hungry crowd with only five loaves and two fish, revealing that God's generosity always exceeds our expectations. What seemed insufficient in human hands became more than enough when entrusted to Christ.

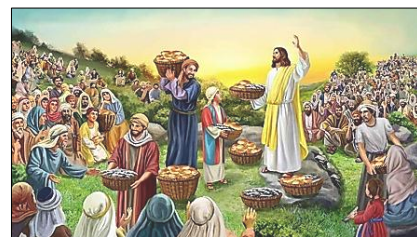
The miracle reminds us that the Lord continues to nourish His people today, especially in the Eucharist. At every Mass He welcomes us, feeds us with His Word and His Body, and sends us out renewed to become bread for others through acts of kindness, compassion and service.

As many families continue to enjoy the summer holidays, may we also make time to nourish our spiritual lives. Even during periods of rest, Sunday Mass remains the place where Christ gathers His family, strengthens our faith and renews our hope.

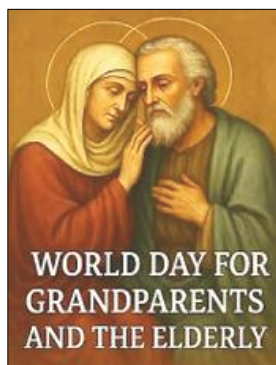
May this Eucharist deepen our trust in God's providence and inspire us to share generously the gifts we have received, confident that whatever is placed into the hands of Christ can become a blessing for many.

May God bless you and your family throughout the coming week.

*May the Most Holy Trinity renew our faith, deepen our love,
and make our parish a living sign of God's presence in the world.*



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU



Last Tuesday, we were delighted to celebrate the **Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** with Holy Mass followed by a time of fellowship over tea, coffee and refreshments.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this celebration so special.

We are especially grateful to those who prepared and served the refreshments, decorated the hall, and welcomed our elderly parishioners with such warmth and kindness. Your generosity, care and willingness to serve reflected the love and gratitude that our parish has for our grandparents and older members.

A special word of thanks also goes to everyone who joined us. Your presence, friendship and shared joy made the gathering a wonderful expression of our parish family.

May God bless all who contributed to this beautiful celebration and may our grandparents and elderly parishioners always know that they are valued, cherished and held close in our prayers.



JUBILEE YEAR OF
SAINT FRANCIS
1226 - 2026

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus takes the little that is offered—five loaves and two fish—and transforms it into

an abundance that satisfies everyone.

The miracle begins not with plenty, but with a willing heart ready to place everything into the hands of Christ.

This simple truth was at the heart of St Francis of Assisi's life. He discovered that true wealth is not found in possessing more, but in trusting God completely. By offering his life to Christ without reserve, Francis became a source of hope, peace and renewal for countless people.

As we continue to celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year, let us ask for the grace to place our own "five loaves and two fish" before the Lord—our time, our talents, our prayers and our acts of charity. In Christ's hands, even our smallest gifts can become a blessing for many.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, teach us to trust You as St Francis did. Take the little we have, bless it, and make our lives a source of Your love and hope for everyone we meet. Amen



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

'Come and eat.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145(144) R cf. 16*
You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

'Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ.'

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

'They all ate and were satisfied.'

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (*Viaticum: communion for dying*), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.

Pope Leo XIV – Angelus

In his Angelus address last Sunday, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that discovering the Kingdom of God changes our lives completely.

Like the treasure hidden in the field or the pearl of great price, Christ is worth placing at the very centre of our lives.

Let us ask for hearts ready to recognise God's gifts and respond with generous faith.

Dunkeld Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

We give thanks for the safe return of Bishop Andrew McKenzie and all the pilgrims who took part in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

May the graces received through prayer at the Grotto continue to strengthen our Diocese and inspire us to place our trust in Our Lady's loving care.

Let us remember all the pilgrims in our prayers, especially those who came seeking healing and renewed hope.

Around the Diocese

Parish life continues to flourish across the Diocese of Dunkeld. The diocesan website regularly shares inspiring stories and news from our parishes, reminding us that together we form one family of faith. *Please keep all our priests, religious and parish communities in your prayers.*

August – A Time to Renew Our Prayer

As we begin the month of August, may it be an opportunity to renew our commitment to daily prayer, participation in Sunday Mass, and works of charity.

During these summer weeks, let us remember those who are travelling, those who are lonely, and those who cannot leave their homes because of age or illness.



PREPARING FOR OUR PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Why do We Catholics go to Mass every Sunday?

Because every Eucharist is far more than a gathering of believers. It is Christ Himself who invites us, speaks to us through His Word, feeds us with His Body and Blood, and sends us into the world to live the Gospel.

Every Sunday is an opportunity to encounter the Lord who never ceases to nourish His people.

"They all ate and were satisfied."
(Matthew 14:20)