



8/9 July 2017-Year A Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes
Children's Liturgy during School
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's
Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.30 - 5.15pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple, Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Lightening the Load

In the Gospel Christ says that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. But how can this be true? Doesn't each Christian among us have a heavy burden to carry?

Nobody needs me to say what makes a burden heavy. Everyone can look at his own life and make the list. And even if there is some person who has no worries or sadness for himself, he must be a very lonely person, if he is not carrying a burden for someone else whom he loves. So, in what sense is Christ's yoke easy and his burden light? One can offer one's life as gift to Christ.

To see why Christ's saying really is true after all, consider the condition Christ sets for getting the gift he offers to us, the easy yoke and the light burden: "Come to me," he says.

To come to someone is to let that person come into you. It is to be open to him, to let his will make a difference to what you yourself will and do. This isn't safe, generally speaking.

But when the person to whom you come is Christ himself, the vulnerability which openness brings with it is more than matched by the love Christ gives. In the gift of that love, everything that might be loss is turned into gift given and gift received, to be returned again in love.

Even death is like this. One does not have to face death as if it were a depredation. Within the love of Christ, what might be only irrevocable loss of one's life can become a sharing with Christ too. One can offer one's life as gift to Christ, with Christ, for Christ, as one goes through death to arrive at life in love in Christ.

And if the heavy load of death can be lightened in this way, then what Christ says is true about every other heavy burden, too: in coming to him, in shared love with him, we will find that his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

2. St Vincent de Paul Food Drive



The St Vincent de Paul Conference at Mount Pritchard/Carnes Hill are holding a "tin food drive" in the parishes to assist the needy and those who call on Vinnies at this time. Parishioners are asked to bring "tin cans" of food that can be distributed in hampers to those who seek their help.

Baskets are in the Church foyer this weekend to accept your donation.

Vinnies thanks you for your help.

3. Sunday Morning Tea



I was told during the week why many 9am parishioners did not stay for a cuppa and chat as it was too cold under the Church awning. Apologies! The Parish Council will hold the cuppa and chat next month in the sun. Hope you will stay.

4. Supporting the Parish Financially



As we begin a new financial year 17/18, the financial demands on the parish (like in every household) is increasing.

Many parishioners support the parish as generously as they are able, others I hear say "the Church is rich, they don't need my money!!"

The Church is rich, true in treasures in the Vatican and wonderful paintings of renowned artists in many Churches around the world as well as the Carravaggio in the Cathedral in Malta.

But, each Church has to support itself. St Anthony of Padua, Austral has to stand on it's own feet! The Archdiocese does not support us in anyway financially.

I am supported by the Renumeration Committee that looks after the 1st collection because we do not have enough money coming on the first collection to support me and pay the wages of the housekeeper.

One reason is parishioners do not attend Mass regularly.

Another reason is that families go to other Churches for Sacramental celebrations eg First Holy Communion or wedding when this happens the 1st Collection can drop \$100 when many parishioners go elsewhere.

I realise that until the housing boom happens, we will continue to struggle.

However, I ask all wage earners and families to support your Church and parish, as generously as, you can.

5. Altar Server Rosters

New Altar Servers new rosters are available in the Sacristy.

6. Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin shortly. Please see me for the handout sheet that details the programme.

7. Parish BBQ Night: Saturday 22 July

I invite parishioners to join us for this community function after the Vigil Mass on Saturday 22 July from 6.30pm onwards.

Date: Saturday 22 July from 6.30pm onwards

Time: 6.30pm till lights out

Drinks: Tea/Coffee etc, water for the children but bring your own soft or hard drinks.

What is Offering: The BBQ consists of:-

- * Minute Steaks
- * Sausages
- * Onions & Sauce
- * Salads: Potato, Green, Bean & Coleslaw
- * Bread Rolls
- * Tea/Coffee
- * Dessert-Sara Lea Cakes



For the Children: Face Painting, Drawing Competition with prizes

Cost: Adults - \$20

Children-\$10

I encourage you to join us for this community gathering.

Please Note: Monies need to be given when signing up for the BBQ. Tickets will be given for the BBQ as proof of payment.

8. Caritas Appeal 2017

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Appeal.

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children 's

Health in Uganda. Bringing life to the world in Uganda is fraught with problems with mothers walking days to reach a health clinic. Despite the work of Sister Mary Goretti and staff at St Luke's Health Centre, they don't have the facilities or beds to cope with a large influx of pregnant mothers.

Come prepared next week to support the Caritas Appeal. Envelopes are on the pews to take home and return with your offering.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

10-15 July

V Zoric, L Eljiz, L Lopez

17-22 July

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric, J Camilleri



READERS ROSTER

8/9 July

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Catherine Emery

Readers:

Catherine Emery: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Volunteer

Readers:

Volunteer: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

15/16 July (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Zppia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Mary Burton: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

8/9 July

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso



15/16 July

Saturday Vigil

Volunteer & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

8/9 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

15/16 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

8 July

Saturday Vigil

Mark Vassallo

Lauren Vassallo

15 July

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

15 July

School Holidays

22 July

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays





Pope's Morning Homily: You Can't Have a Closed Heart If You Want to Understand Jesus

In order to understand Jesus, we cannot have closed hearts, but rather need those that are courageous and forward-looking.

Pope Francis stressed this during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta as he asked those gathered to ask themselves to consider their own faith in Christ, reported Vatican Radio.

"How is my faith in Jesus Christ?" he urged them to reflect, as he reflected on today's readings.

Recalling today's Gospel from St. Mark, which recounted the miraculous healing of a paralytic in Capernaum, Francis stressed that 'no one can buy faith,' for it is 'a gift that changes our life.'

Must Open Our Hearts

In order to really understand Jesus, he underscored, we cannot have a "closed heart," and rather, need to follow the path of forgiveness and humiliation.

To illustrate what it means to really have faith, the Pope turned to the people of Capernaum, who were ready to do anything to get closer to Jesus, taking whatever risks may have come their way. So confident they were in Him and His healing, they overcrowded and surrounded the home where the Lord would heal. He also reminded them that the roof had to be opened for the paralyzed man to be lowered into the home.

Closed Hearts Cannot Understand Jesus

In the paralytic's story, the Jesuit Pope said, "Jesus goes a step further," of not just healing, but forgiving. "There were those there who had their hearts closed, but accepted – up to a point – that Jesus was a healer – but forgiving sins is strong! This man is over the top! He has no right to say this, because only God can forgive sins."

Only Jesus knew what they were thinking, the Pope reflected, and said: 'I am God'? – No, He did not say that. [He said,] 'Why are you thinking these things? Because you know that the Son of Man has the power – this is what makes him special [It. è il passo avanti] – to forgive sins: 'Arise, take up your mat and be healed.'"

The Holy Father observed that here, "Jesus begins to speak the language that at some point will discourage people, some of disciples who followed him – for, hard is this language, when he speaks of eating his body as a way of salvation."

He urged those gathered to reflect whether Jesus does, really, change their lives.

When Jesus shows up with a power greater than that of a man, "To give that forgiveness, to give life, to recreate humanity, even His disciples doubt, and [some of them] go away." Jesus asked a small group, 'Do you also want to go away?'"

"Faith in Jesus Christ: how is my faith in Jesus Christ? Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God, the Son of God? And has this faith been life-changing? Does my faith make this year of grace begin in my heart, this year of pardon, this year of growing in nearness to the Lord?"



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We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, but a few weeks ago it was so blocked we couldn't fix it ourselves (which is never pleasant) and we had to get an Emergency Plumber to unblock the toilet as we had not only our weekend masses but also First Holy Communion and it didn't come cheap it cost the parish \$350.00.

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Recently Deceased: Ivica Boscovich.

Anniversaries: Petra San Jose, Giuseppe Garzaniti, Salvatore Santarosa

Also for:

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Lorraine Stedman, Tony Pustahija, Paul Farnsworth, Levi Rolands, Olga Del Vescono, Peter Calarco, Tina De Angelis (Lea Our School Principal's mother), Connie Bianchi.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Mark Shea: More to Church than priestly and religious life
- Let justice take its course, bishops urge
- Joy Adan: Perseverance conquers life's deep waters
- Fr Flader: The line through the human heart
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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What holds the sun up in the sky?

A. Sunbeams.

Loss of Faith, Threatens Christianity

Australia was created as a nation under God. Soon, it will fall. In the latest census, only 52 per cent of the population identified as Christian. Atheist groups are celebrating the decline of Christianity and the prospect of a nation without God, while cultural relativists are heralding a brave new world of multiculturalism.

Contrary to popular sentiment, the loss of Christian faith is not a cause for celebration or apathy. Christianity is the generative principle of the free world. Without it, liberal democracy will become hollow and the light of liberty will be put out.

The Atheist Foundation of Australia campaigned for people to mark “no religion” on the national census. Despite Christianity being the leading religion in Australia, “no religion” was ranked first on the list of possible responses to the religious affiliation question.

Across the West, governments are withdrawing funding for Christian groups while activist networks intensify the war of attrition against the faithful by means of propaganda and lawsuits. Religious freedom exists in the 21st century West, but the cost imposed on Christians who exercise it can be prohibitive. In the education sector, the media and even the military, there is advocacy against Christianity.

The anti-Christian position is invariably couched in the language of diversity, inclusion and minority rights.

The most aggressive displays of intolerance towards Christians sometimes come draped in the rainbow flag. Queer activists have participated in violent protests against advocates for heterosexual marriage.

More recently, big business has entered the fray by denouncing conservative governments that uphold democratic processes such as the proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage.

Beyond the winner’s circle, the battle for the free world is raging and Christians are on the front line.

It is no coincidence that at the time of Christianity’s decline in the West, Islamists have stepped into the breach to denounce democracy, the secular state and freedom of speech.

For those who venerate democracy and liberty, the fall of Western Christianity is more than a spiritual tragedy. It announces the death of the world’s greatest civilisation.

AUSTRALIAN CENSUS 2016: Some Interesting Facts.

People with no religious affiliation reaches 30 per cent (Pexels)

Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge believes the latest census data showing a drop in religious affiliation suggests “the young are more interested in unorganised spirituality than organised religion”, The Catholic Leader reports.

Catholicism remains by far the dominant religion in Australia with more than 5.2 million followers, however the 2016 census data shows a decline in religious affiliation, particularly among the young.

In 2016, 22.6 per cent of Australia’s 23.4 million population listed Catholicism under religious affiliation, compared to 25.3 per cent in 2011.

However the 2016 census shows that the number of people who listed “no religion” had risen to about 30 per cent, almost double the figure in the 2001 census.

About 13 per cent of Australians listed “Anglican” as their religious affiliation (second behind the Catholic Church), compared to 17.1 per cent in 2011.

For Archbishop Coleridge, who is leading the plans for a plenary council to discuss the future of the Church, the census data is nothing new.

“There’s nothing very surprising about the new census figures, which tend to confirm what we already knew,” he said.

“It doesn’t necessarily mean that people, young or old, are less religious than they were; but it does mean that they’re religious in very different ways than in the past. And the Church needs to look carefully at that, lest the communication gap between believers and non-believers grow even wider.”

As well as reporting Catholicism in the census, Australians are becoming affiliated with other major religions in the past decade.

Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism have all significantly increased, while Buddhism has declined.

Archbishop Coleridge said the Church should consider the advice of a famous psychologist and consider the facts as “friendly”.

“They may not seem to be in the census figures just released – at least for religion, but our task may be to discover how these seemingly unfriendly facts are friendly, or at least no cause for panic,” he said.

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