



19/20 August 2017-Year A Twentieth 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: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twentieth Sunday of the year

1. What Matters

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and his disciples have walked all the way into Gentile territory, and one Gentile woman cries out to him repeatedly to heal her daughter.

The disciples of Jesus urge Jesus to send her away. The way the disciples see her, she's just a woman, she isn't Jewish, and she doesn't look like an important person even among the Gentiles. So, from the point of view of the disciples, she is a person who does not matter. They want Jesus to get rid of her.

In response, Jesus tells his disciples, "I am sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

And this is an odd thing for him to say, isn't it He is in Gentile territory now. Why did he go there if he has no mission to the Gentiles?

And if he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, as he says, then why doesn't he just send this Gentile woman away, as the disciples want him to do? Why does he let her keep crying out to him?

If he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, as he says, then why doesn't he just send this Gentile woman away?

Because he doesn't send her away, she comes closer to him and pleads with him for help. In reply, he says to her one of the most insulting things he says to anyone in the Gospels: "it is not right to take the bread of the children and give it to the dogs."

How could she matter less than this?

The solution to the perplexity of this story comes in the final exchange between the two of them. Jesus' treatment of her elicits from her one of the most pert responses to Jesus from anyone anywhere: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs of the children's bread," she says. And Jesus loves her for that pertness and the persistence behind it. "Great is your faith!" he says to her in praise.

It is the way Jesus deals with her that brings her to this point, isn't it?

But here is the most important thing to notice. To have faith *is* to be one of the sheep of Israel.

Because he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, Jesus went to Gentile territory for her.

Gentile, female, or whatever else makes her seem a person who doesn't matter, she has the one thing that really does matter: she won't let go of Jesus.

And now we can understand why Jesus went into Gentile territory. He was looking for her. And we can also see that what Jesus says to his disciples is after all true: he is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.

All those who cleave to Jesus, Gentile or Jew, are his sheep.

3. Hall Tables for Sale

George Ajkay, during Fr Short's time built the wooden tables that we use in the hall for our functions.

However, for those of us who have set the hall up for a function they are very heavy to get down from the stack etc.

George is in agreement that I can offer them to parishioners and we will use the collapsable white ones which are much lighter to handle.

The table and the metal legs are very sturdy and of good quality that will last a lifetime.

Each table \$120.00

First in at the presbytery with a vehicle there are 30 tables.

4. Christmas Cards

A reminder that Christmas Cards are available on the back table \$10 a packet.



5. Columban Calendars 2018

Columban Calendars for 2018 will be available on the back table. Buying a religious calendar keeps you up to date with all church feast days, as well as, each month the picture is of a religious nature.

\$10 per calendar.

6. Congratulations

We congratulate Veronica Casha (daughter of Vanessa & David) for being awarded the Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence.

Veronica attends the Vigil Mass, assists with reading the Word of God and being a member of the Vigil Choir. She is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist for her school and I will invite her to share ministry at the Vigil Mass with us.

7. 50th Wedding Anniversary



We congratulate Josephine and Nicholas Pace, parishioners of long standing as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary (August 20) with family and friends. They attend the Vigil Mass each Saturday.

We congratulate them and wish them God's abundant blessings. Ad Multos Annos.

8. Sydney Ordinations



The Archbishop Anthony Fisher, will ordain two men to the Priesthood in St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend.

The two ordinands are Rev Mr Sebastian Hew (Malay-Chinese background) and Rev Mr Gerard Woo Ling.

We pray God's blessing on their priestly ministry.

9. Catholic Mission Appeal

Catholic Mission is the official mission agency of the Catholic Church. Catholic Mission thanks all parishioners for helping to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Your gift enables them to reach out and give life to children and communities in over 160 countries around the world.

The amount raised: \$1700.

10. The Seal of Confession

The Bishop's Statement in Response to the Royal Commission:

Confession in the Catholic Church is a spiritual encounter with God through the priest. It is a fundamental part of the freedom of religion, and it is recognised in the Law of Australia and many other countries. It must remain so here in Australia. Outside of this all offences against children must be reported to the authorities, and we are absolutely committed to doing so.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

21-26 August

V Zoric, L Eljiz, L Lopez

28 August-2 September

D Gauci, J Bartolo,

M Zarb, M Camilleri



READERS ROSTER

19/20 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

26/27 August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 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

19/20 August

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



26/27 August

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugejia & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

19/20 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

26/27 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

19 August

Saturday Vigil

Mariette Taoum

Sebastian Taoum

Luke Taoum

26 August

Saturday Vigil

Lauren Vassallo

Mark Vassallo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

19 August

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

26 August

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'Mary Leads Us On Our Pilgrimage of Life and Faith'

On Feast of Assumption of Mary, Pope Francis entrusts Her With Transforming World's Sorrows Into Serenity...August 15, 2017

Mary, the '1st disciple,' gave us the greatest gift, and she leads us on our pilgrimage our life and faith. Francis stressed this during his Angelus address today at noon to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Gospel presents to us the young woman of Nazareth that, having received the Angel's announcement, left in haste to be close to Elizabeth, in the last months of her miraculous pregnancy.

The greatest gift that Mary brings to Elizabeth, and to the world, Francis exclaimed, is Jesus. Jesus took human flesh from the Virgin for His mission of salvation.

In the home of Elizabeth and Zachariah, where sadness reigned before because of the lack of children, the Pope said, "now there is the joy of a baby about to arrive: a baby that will become the great John the Baptist."

"When Mary arrives, joy overflows and bursts from hearts, because Jesus' invisible but real presence fills everything with meaning: life, the family, the salvation of the people . . . everything!"

This joy, the Pope said, is expressed with Mary's Magnificat, her song of praise to God.

Francis reminded those present of the great things that God wrought with humble persons, stressing humility "is like an emptiness that gives place to God." Through humble persons, "unknown to the world," like Mary, Joseph, and their home in Nazareth, God has worked wonders, the Holy Father observed.

'I would like to ask you – and also myself – but don't answer in a loud voice: each one answer in his heart: "how is my humility?"'

The Joy She Brings Us

Celebrating Mary Most Holy Assumed into Heaven, we would like Her, once again, to bring to us, to our families, to our communities, that immense gift, that unique grace, that we must always ask for first of all and above all other graces, which we also have at heart: the grace that is Jesus Christ!

By bringing Jesus, Our Lady brings to us also a new joy, full of meaning.

She brings to us a new capacity to go through painful and difficult moments with faith; She brings us the capacity of mercy, to forgive one another, to understand each other, to support one another.

Mary is model of virtue and faith.

The 1st Disciple, to Help Us Be Saints

"In contemplating Her today, assumed into Heaven, in the final fulfilment of Her earthly itinerary, we thank Her because she always goes before us in our pilgrimage of life and of faith," said Francis, stressing:

"She is the first disciple."

He then prayed she protect and support us, "so that we may have a strong, joyful and merciful faith," and "that She help us to be saints, to meet with Her one day in Paradise."

After the midday prayer, Pope Francis entrusted to Mary Queen of Peace, "the anxieties and sorrows of the populations that in so many parts of the world suffer from natural disasters, from social tensions and from conflicts.

"May our celestial Mother obtain for all consolation and a future of serenity and harmony!"



BEING WOMAN

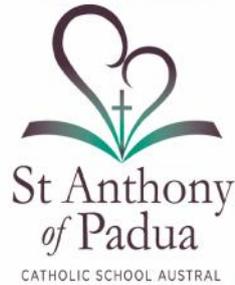
A Retreat for young women 18-35 to help them reflect on the holy Father's call for a new theology of Womanhood—their role and mission in the Church.

The speaker is Fr Michael De Stoop (PP Fairfield). Date is Friday—Sunday 25-27 August 2017.

Cost is \$99 and it's at Mount Schoenstatt Mulgoa.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: John(Johnno) Richard Johnson, Adonis Azzi

Anniversaries: Ian Stedman, Fred Poole, Giuseppe Siciliano, Lorenzo Bianchi, Charon Vella

Also for: Maria Bianchi, Rosa Bianchi, Clorineta Bianchi

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, Erminia Demasi.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Johno: The passing of a legend
- Opening salvo: Archbishop fires first shots in marriage debate
- Monica Doumit: Reversed world of the Handmaid's Tale
- The human dignity heist
- The English Way
- Matthew Tan: Mary, our mother and our model
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P34

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What is white when it's dirty and black when it's clean?

A. A chalk board.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Early bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival need to be paid by 25 August 2017. Final group registrations close on 22 September, so we still have time to register additional young people from our parish. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years are invited to contact our Deanery contact for further information [Please insert the name and contact details of your Deanery Coordinator or a Parish contact if you have one]. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia, please support this initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State school students which may be accessed through our Deanery Coordinator.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE

IF WE VOTE “NO” IN THE PLEBISCITE

1. We send a strong message on family, faith and freedom.
2. Parents can continue to teach their children about their own beliefs about gender, sexuality and marriage.
3. We win the right to civil debate where political correctness has previously intimidated many into silence.
4. Pray

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

20 August at 2.00pm, Crypt Hall at St Patrick's, Church Hill – Free of Charge.

Presenter: Mons. John Usher, the former Chancellor of the Sydney Archdiocese and former Director of the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau/Centacare/CatholicCare.

Subject: Where is their Sanctuary ?

AN UNFORGETTABLE CONCERT

That's how Markus Karas, organist at Bonn Cathedral, described the AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR's program, performed across Europe 14 times during July. Director, Douglas Lawrence selected works that explore the text "By the Waters of Babylon I sat down and wept": the Israelites mourn the loss of their homeland. Settings by Bach and Palestrina are sung alongside Bach Motets, other Renaissance works and two new Australian pieces. The program is presented at:

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt

2.30pm Sunday 27 August

Book: www.AusChoir.org/Babylon

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Blake William Fenech
(Child of David & Victoria)



FATHERS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us for a special remembrance service
in honour of our departed and loved fathers.

Date Saturday 2nd September Time 10am
Venue Forest Lawn Memorial Park, North Chapel,
Camden Valley Way, Leppington.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided.
Everyone welcome.

Service held in conjunction with Guardian Funerals,
Simplicity Funerals, Kenneally's Funerals, Lifes
Celebrations and St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish.



Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

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.

Parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

PARKING

Parishioners are asked to please **NOT PARK** on the grassed areas around the Church near the top of the driveway. The elderly are welcome to do so, but able bodied persons are asked to park in the Church parking grounds. Thank. Fr Bob

"OF LIFE AND LOVE" MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

2017 Dates: September 9 and 10 (weekend course) and November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

For more information please go to our events page at www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au or please contact us at LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org