



5/6 August 2017-Year A The Transfiguration of the Lord



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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: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Tis is My Son, My beloved, in whom is all My delight: listen to Him.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, August 6 for those who have Missals.

1. The Glory of Christ

On the cross, Christ is humiliated, shamed, and suffering. To ordinary people passing by, he looks more like a loser than a winner in life. And yet we treasure the crucifix because it is the symbol of God's love made manifest to us. God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son that we should not die but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Could anything be more glorious than this love? The glory of Christ is shown on the cross!

But in the Gospel reading for this Sunday, we see Christ glorious in a more obvious and ordinary way. Up on a mountain, Christ is transfigured. His clothes are radiant, and so is he. Moses and Elijah come to talk to him. And a voice from heaven proclaims that Jesus is God's beloved Son, in whom God is well-pleased. In this transfiguration, Christ looks both lovely and powerful, a winner rather than a loser on anybody's view. And Christ takes just Peter, James, and John up to the mountain to see his transfiguration.

If Christ had not been resurrected, we might have supposed that suffering is all there is to glory.

Why would Christ allow himself to be transfigured in this way before his passion? And why would Christ want to show himself transfigured to his followers? Shouldn't his suffering be for us the right way to understand true glory?

Maybe the reason for his transfiguration shares something with the reason for his resurrection. If Christ had not been resurrected, we might have supposed that suffering (or at least, suffering for the Lord) is all there is to glory. And then we might have gotten confused and thought that there is something specially good about suffering taken all by itself.

Maybe Christ allows himself to be transfigured so that his followers will understand even before the grieving events of the crucifixion that suffering is not the end of the story, not for Christ and not for his followers either.

But then why do only Peter, James, and John witness Christ in glory in this way?

Well, these three apostles went on to suffer greatly for Christ. James and Peter were among the first martyrs, and John shepherded the church through severe persecutions. Christ helped them get ready for those trials by strengthening them with the vision of his transfiguration.

Consolation increases with affliction, the apostle Paul says (2 Cor 1:5). That is a consoling thought for us, isn't it?

2. Air Conditioners in Church

I ask parishioners to be mindful that, during these winter months the aircon is running and when we enter the Church please close the door after you!

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 \$135.00

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

4. Welcome Lawrence Law



At the Sunday 9am Mass, we welcome Lawrence into the Catholic Faith.

Lawrence has not been baptised so, he will receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, as the first part of the ceremony.

When we come to the reception of Holy Communion, I will invite Lawrence and his wife Stephanie, with John-William and Chantelle Fisher to receive Holy Communion first under both species.

There will be a morning tea following the Mass so I invite you to welcome Lawrence at that time.

So, please pray for him as we welcome him into the community.

5. Charitable Works Collection (CWF)



I have held off on the CWF due to the Caritas Appeal three weeks ago. I am sorry that there is this collection on, so soon after the other appeal. There are envelopes on the seat today as a reminder that the CWF will be held at the Masses, next weekend.

Our Quota for this collection is: \$1,900.00

6. Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Tuesday is the Feast of the First Saint of Australia, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Mass: 9am

The children of St Anthony's will have a special liturgy honouring the saint at 11.30am All Welcome.

7. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Tuesday 15 August is the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and we are bound to attend Mass.

Masses will be:

Vigil Mass (Monday August 14): 7pm

Tuesday Masses: 9am and 12 noon.

Please note the times in your diary.

8. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

A reminder to members of the PPC that our PPC meeting is on Monday night at 7pm in the presbytery.

Parishioners with any issues they would like raised at the PPC meeting should put them in writing, signed and have them at the presbytery by Sunday night. Email is alright.

8. Rosters

New Readers Rosters are available on the table at the back of the Church.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

7-12 August

F Palamara, F Musso,
K Vartuli, M Pisani



14-19 August

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

5/6 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Daniela Romeo

Readers:

Daniela Romeo: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

12/13 August (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 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: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John William Fisher: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

5/6 August

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power



12/13 August

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugejia & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

5/6 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

12/13 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

5 August

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

12 August

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Taliyah Stepic

13 August

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

5 August

S & V Casha

12 August

Maria Zucco & Daniela Romeo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Tweet: As Saint Ignatius, One Must Put Oneself at the Service of One's Neighbour

On the 31st July the Church Remembered Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus. On the day that the Church remembers Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, Pope Francis sent a message yesterday, July 31, 2017, on his Twitter account. "As Saint Ignatius of Loyola, let us allow ourselves to be conquered by the Lord Jesus and guided by Him, let us place ourselves at the service of our neighbour," he said.

In an interview with Vatican Radio yesterday, Venezuelan Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Religious Order, talked about the two great challenges facing the Society of Jesus.

"I would like to synthesize the challenges of the Society in two groups. The first is how we can understand our best contribution to the Church's mission of reconciliation," adding that "the contribution has a foundation and the foundation is faith. Therefore, the first challenge is to discern where God is working at this moment in human history and how He does it, in order to be His instruments and to collaborate with what He does."

Father Sosa affirmed that one must look at the crucifixes of today's world, marked by inequality and poverty. "Without social justice, reconciliation is not possible," he stressed, adding that the causes of injustice must be understood and thought must be given to alternative models of human coexistence. "The challenge we have before us is to seek to reconcile these processes, to guarantee to future generations a better life than the one we have today amid inequality and poverty."

The second great group of challenges identified by the Superior General is to adapt the Society of Jesus to the present time. "to put the Society in the condition to be able to offer a more effective collaboration to these challenges." This begins, he said, with personal conversion, with the conversion of communal life and, the most difficult, with institutional conversion.

The Pope Has Lunch at the Jesuits' General Curia

Sixth Visit for the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola 31st July.

On July 31, 2017, feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Founder of the Society of Jesus, Pope Francis had lunch at the Jesuits' General Curia in Rome, reported Paloma G. Ovejero, Vice-Director of the Holy See Press Office, on her Twitter account, publishing a photo of the private visit in the afternoon.

Yesterday's lunch marked the Jesuit Pope's sixth informal visit in the establishment located not far from the Vatican. The last time was on February 12 of this year, on the occasion of the departure of the former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Adolfo Nicolas.

Ignatius of Loyola was born in the Spanish Basque country, at Azpeitia in 1491. He founded the Society of Jesus on August 15, 1534 in Paris, France. Pope Paul II approved it in 1540. Ignatius died in Rome on July 31, 1556. He rests in the church of "Gesù" – in honor of the Name of Jesus – the first church of the Jesuits in the world.



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Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace?

Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 7 August at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for the launch of The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals.

Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is?

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday August 20 at 10.30am.

Morning Tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall.

RSVP and enquiries can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8404.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fadi Azzi

Anniversaries: Marika Zakar, Rose Agostino, Oscar Morales, Giuseppina Musso

Also for: The deceased members of the Vartuli Family.

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, Erminia Demasi.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Archbishop's Homily: Don't be Swift to judge
- The Nightmare: Australia's bizarre migration system
- It is so much cheaper! The hidden dangers of euthanasia
- You call this journalism: Monica Doumit on the ABC
- Great Vincentian: Rupert Hudson remembered
- Marilyn Rodrigues: Reading to fortify the spirit
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What kind of plates do they use on Venus?

A. Flying Saucers.

CAMELOT

CAMELOT MUSICAL: Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's *CAMELOT* starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of *My Fair Lady*, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur and his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of *CAMELOT* proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Shows: 18-20 August; Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or www.camelot2017.com

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP, 8 AUGUST 2017

An invitation to join the Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney to honour their Australian Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10am and 1pm. The Chapel will be open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb from 9 am – 4 pm. The MMP Museum will be open (free admission) from 9 am – 4 pm. All are welcome. For more information see www.marymackillopplace.org.au.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate the annual Memorial mass for the Unborn on Wednesday August 30 at 7pm, at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the lives lost to abortion and in solidarity with the women and men who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 77 candles will be bought to represent the 77 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend.

Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – ACYF

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival just a little over 120 days away and early bird registrations closing on 18 August, we are mounting a big campaign over the next few weeks to maximize Parish and Deanery registrations. Each Deanery now has an ACYF Co-ordinator available as the contact for any enquiries from young people within the parish. Enquiries about the Festival and interest to attend the Festival as part of a deanery group are welcome. The Deanery Poster lists each deanery and respective parish and contact person available to call or email. See poster on the Church Notice board.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Ariana Taranto
(Child of Adriano & Maria)

Myah Lourdes Prasad
(Child of Stephanie)



Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations.

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If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24th.

The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au.

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