



15/16 July 2017-Year A Fifteenth 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: As for me, in justice I shall hold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on the ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live forever. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Speaking In Parables

In the Gospel Reading, Christ explains why he speaks in parables to the crowds. The knowledge of these things has been granted to you, Christ tells his disciples, but it hasn't been granted to them.

But if God can give the gift of knowledge, why wouldn't he give it to everyone? Why would a loving God hide knowledge from some people? To see the answer, think about gifts. If you give a gift to someone you love, then what you give is intended to do that person good. It isn't a gift if what you are giving will harm him or hurt him, and you know that it will. The people who want more understanding are the people who count as his disciples.

But knowledge can hurt rather than help if the recipient isn't ready to receive it. Good counselors are skilled in knowing the times when their clients are able to bear some knowledge, some insight into their situation and themselves. Till their clients are ready, good counselors hesitate to impart such insight for fear of making their clients worse, rather than better with it. To force knowledge on a person not ready to see it is stupid or cruel or both. It isn't loving.

And that is why Christ speaks in parables. Among those who come to him, there are some people who want to hear him but are not willing to be counted among his disciples, at least not yet. Christ's parables give those people what they can receive, given that they are not yet ready to receive him. They can learn something from the parables even so. But to those who come to Christ ready to receive him and willing to be counted as his disciples, he can give the gift of knowledge straightforwardly. In receiving him, those people are also ready to receive the knowledge Christ can give.

And here it is worth noticing that Christ speaks in parables to everybody who comes to him. But some people care enough about him and his words to want more than they can get from those parables alone. They take him as their teacher and want to learn from him. That is why they come to him to ask him to explain the parables he was telling them as well as all the others. The people who want more understanding are the people who count as his disciples.

As Christ says, to them who have more, because they want more, more will be given.

2. St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Vinnies would like to thank parishioners for their support to the "tin food drive" held in the parish over the last few weeks. Your contribution assists us in making up food hampers for those who seek assistance from Vinnies at this time. Some pensioners and disabled people are doing it "tough" during this cold winter spell, so all help is much appreciated by Vinnies clients and Vinnies helpers. May God Bless you.
Krystina Whittaker-Area Supervisor.

3. Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

4. Caritas Appeal 2017

In Bujuni, a remote parish
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Bringing life into the world is
often fraught with danger.
Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today.

5. Christmas Cards: On back table

Yes! Christmas is 6 months away, but it's never too early to prepare. Christmas Cards from Majellan Publications are available.

Price: Pkt of 10 for \$10 (Leave monies on the plate on the table).

6. Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

During the past many weeks Lawrence Tan and myself have been journeying in faith as he prepares to come into the Catholic Faith. The journey for an adult is in the RCIA programme where the candidate is presented to the parish community. At the 9am Mass, this weekend, Lawrence will be welcomed into the parish community as a Catechumen Member and so, will be anointed with the Holy Oil of Catechumen (one of two oils used at a person's baptism). As Lawrence has not been baptised this will happen in due course during Mass. Please pray for him as he journeys in faith to join this community with his wife Stephanie, Lawrence will have two Godparents, to journey with him. They will be his sponsors when he is confirmed after he is baptised. Again, please pray for him.

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: 6-15 Yrs -\$10

Children: Under Yrs-\$5

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.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

17-22 July

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



24-29 July

V. Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

READERS ROSTER

15/16 July

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

22/23 July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

15/16 July

Saturday Vigil

Volunteer & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



22/23 July

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Viringina Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

15/16 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

22/23 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

15 July

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima
Claudia Sarpa
Nicholas Sarpa

16 July

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

22 July

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri
Alyssa Galea
Emily Gales

23 July

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

15 July

School Holidays

22 July

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext





Catechesis: One Must Be Able to “Change” to Bring the Message Closer

The Holy Father’s Message

To His Excellency Monsignor Ramon Alfredo Dus,

Archbishop of Resistencia,

President of the Episcopal Commission of Catechesis and Biblical Pastoral Care.

Dear Brother:

A warm greeting to you and to all who will take part in the different meetings of formation, which the Episcopal Commission of Catechesis and Biblical Pastoral Care has organized.

When one of Saint Francis of Assisi’s followers insisted that he teach him how to preach, he answered thus: “Brother, [when we visit the sick, help children, and feed the poor] we are already preaching.”

Enclosed in this beautiful lesson is the catechist’s vocation and task.

In the first place, catechesis is not a “job” or a task that is external to the person of the catechist, but one “is” a catechist and one’s whole life pivots around this mission. In fact, to “be” a catechist is a vocation of service in the Church; what has been received as a gift from the Lord, must in turn be transmitted; hence the need for the catechist to return constantly to that first proclamation or “kerygma,” which is the gift that changed his life. It is the fundamental proclamation that must resonate again and again in the life of a Christian, and even more so in one who is called to proclaim and teach the faith. “There is nothing more solid, more profound, more certain, more dense or wiser than that proclamation” (Evangelii Gaudium, 165). This proclamation must accompany that faith which is already present in our people’s religiosity. It is necessary to take charge of all the potential of piety and love enclosed in popular religiosity, not only so that the content of the faith is transmitted, but so that a true school of formation is created, in which the gift of faith, which has been received, is cultivated, so that acts and words reflect the grace of being disciples of Jesus.

The catechist walks from and with Christ; he is not a person that begins from his own ideas and tastes, but one who lets himself be looked at by Him, by that look that makes the heart burn. The more Jesus is at the center of our life, the more He makes us come out of ourselves; He de-centers us and makes us close to others. That dynamism of love is like the movement of the heart: “systole and diastole”; one concentrates to encounter the Lord and open immediately, coming out of oneself out of love, to give witness of Jesus and to speak of Jesus, to preach Jesus. He Himself gives us the example: He would withdraw to pray to the Father and immediately went out to encounter the hungry and thirsty for God, to heal and save them. Hence the importance of the “mystagogic” catechesis, which is constant encounter with the Word and with the Sacraments, and not something occasional prior to the celebration of the Sacraments of Christian initiation. The Christian life is a process of growth and integration of all the person’s dimensions in a communal journey of listening and response (Cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 166). In addition, the catechist is creative; he seeks different means and ways to proclaim Christ. It is beautiful to believe in Jesus, because He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6) who fills our existence with joy and gladness. This endeavor to make Jesus known as supreme beauty leads us to find new signs and ways for the transmission of the faith. The means can be different; what is important is to keep present Jesus’ style, who adapted Himself to the persons that were before Him to bring them close to the love of God. One must be able to “change,” to adapt oneself, to make the message more accessible, even when it is always the same, because God does not change but renews all things in Him. In the creative endeavor to make Jesus known, we must not feel afraid because He precedes us in that task. He is already in the man of today, and waits for us there.

Dear catechists, I thank you for what you do, but especially because you walk with the People of God. I encourage you to be joyful messengers, custodians of the goodness and beauty, which shine in the faithful life of the missionary disciple.

May Jesus bless you and the Holy Virgin, true “Educator of the Faith,” take care of you.

And, please, do not forget to pray for me. FRANCIS

Vatican, July 5, 2017



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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Ivica Boscovich.

Anniversaries: Marc John Arcuri, Vincent & Josephine Bonnici, Reginald Scott, Mary Poole.

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.





- Where it's dangerous to believe
- Jane Austen at 200
- Headed your way: Camelot, the musical
- Baby Charlie Gard: Simcha Fisher and Monica Doumit
- Mustard Seed Opens
- Genesians stage Emma
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KID'S CORNER.



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A. Your age.

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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.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Alessandra Inzitari
(Child of Anthony & Laura)



Marriage Congratulations

Last weekend at St Anthony's
we celebrated the marriage of

Danny Bradley

And

Rhiannon Pace

We congratulate them on their marriage and wish
them a wonderful life together.



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

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