



22/23 July 2017-Year A Sixteenth 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: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Sixteenth Sunday of the Year.

1. The Wheat and the Tares

In the Lord's field, there is the wheat and the tares (weeds). Some people are good wheat and are gathered to the Lord. And then there are people who are tares. It isn't good to be the tares. The tares get gathered into bundles for burning.

So how do we know which people are those bad, destined-for-burning tares?

We don't, the Lord says. At least, we don't, not now. For all we know, the rudest, proudest, worldliest person sitting so smug in the next pew might be among the wheat, when the angels come at the end to gather the wheat to heaven. The most despicable sinner might be wheat too. You can't tell the tares until the end when the angels come, the Lord says. You are not the judge, not for the other guy and not for yourself either.

By the same token, of course, the humblest, most hard-working person, sitting there so meekly in the next pew, might be among the tares. The most admirable and saintly person might turn out to be tares too. We don't know the wheat any more than we know the tares.

The Lord knows his own. But we don't. We can judge thoughts, choices, acts, and habits; but we don't know enough to judge a person's final resting place when the angels come at Judgment Day.

And so the Lord's parable about the wheat and the tares can raise a terrible question: what am I? Am I tares, too? If I can't tell the wheat from the tares, how can I tell whether I am wheat or tares?

The problem with finding an answer to *that* question is that the question is confused. You are not the judge, not for the other guy and not for yourself either. Nietzsche said derisively of Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" But how would we know what the redeemed look like? (For that matter, how would Nietzsche know?) Our job is not the job of judge, because we are not up for that job.

Our job is to come to Christ and cleave to him. His job is first to save us, tares that we are, and then to judge us the wheat his salvation has made us be.

2. Caritas Appeal 2017

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers-for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for local missionaries like Sister Mary Goretti to provide essential services for women and children in their time of need. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support of this life-giving work of mission.

We thank parishioners for your support to last weeks Caritas Appeal which amounted to \$1200.00

3. St Anthony of Padua School Mass Friday 28 July



Our Parish School will celebrate the feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the parents of Our Lady. Today, it is grandparents day and the children's grandparents have been invited to join them in their first school Mass since beginning school, this year. The Mass is this Friday at the 9am Mass in the Church.

Due to the Mass being a little longer, there will be no exposition after the Mass.

4. Sacrament of Reconciliation



Parents who have collected a Reconciliation Form over the past few weeks are asked to get a new form from me as the Parent-Meeting date has had to be changed.

Forms are available from Fr Bob in the sacristy.

5. Christmas Cards: On back table

Yes! Christmas is 5 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. Parish BBQ



The Parish BBQ is being held tonight (Saturday) after the Vigil Mass.

My thanks to the Parish Council Members for their assistance and help in organising the function.

My thanks to Giuseppe Campisi (Campisi Meats) for his support to our function.

I hope everyone has a great night.



7. John Edmondson VC Gardens

The John Edmondson VC Gardens is the nursing home complex, part of the RSL complex in Tenth Avenue.

The staff are looking for parishioners to come and spend 30 minutes or so, with the residents as part of pastoral care for them. Staff have their many duties, so they cannot just stop and sit and talk to the residents. So, they are asking for our help. After the death of the couple up Palm Beach earlier this week due to no one looking in on them (yes, it is said they enjoyed their independence), it is important that we respect and care for our elderly.

Many are Catholic in the home. Can you help? Please see me!

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

24-29 July

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



31 July-5 Aug

L Pecotich, A Mamone, M Sarpa,
M Gimellaro, M De Vries

READERS ROSTER

22/23 July

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

29/30 July (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

James Gill: 1st Reading

Catherine Emery: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

22/23 July

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



29/30 July

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugejia & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

22/23 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

29/30 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

22 July

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa Galea

Emily Galea

23 July

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

29 July

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

22 July

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth & R Micallef

29 July

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Fr Lombardi Recalls His 10 Years Serving the Press Office and Two Pope's

"The most beautiful aspect" of Pope Francis' Pontificate "are all his discourses on mercy, the love of God, the reception of others and forgiveness, which are easily understood by others," said Father Federico Lombardi, SJ.

He recalled his 10-year service and experience as Director of the Holy See Press Office, in words reported by the American agency Rome Reports on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Father Lombardi mentioned Pope Francis' "spontaneity." "I had to quickly learn to understand this aspect of Pope Francis, his preference for improvisation, which expresses spontaneity and is able to establish a direct dialogue between him and the public," he explained.

"Now, with the possibilities of Twitter and also the diffusion of images and messages by electronic post, one can obtain updated information in real time. It is an absolutely normal and absolutely necessary evolution for those that live in the world of information," he added.

Father Lombardi described Pope Benedict's renunciation as the most striking event of his career. "I would say that Pope Benedict's renunciation was the most perturbing event . . . it was the most historically innovating of which I had to speak, because this had not happened in centuries and it was not a normal thing."

Pope's Twitter Account: More Than 35M Subscribers

Pope Francis' Twitter account in nine languages, now has more than 35 million subscribers, reports Vatican Radio. It has seen a sharp rise in the last month, especially in English (with more than 11 million subscribers).

The @Pontifex account, opened by Pope Benedict XVI on Dec. 3, 2012, is among the most followed in the world and the one that records the most retweets. Since March 19, 2015, Pope Francis is also present on Instagram with the account @Franciscus which has recently exceeded 4 million subscribers. "The Pope's ability to fuel public debate on complex issues is of great interest," says Professor Paolo Peverini, lecturer in semiotics at the LUISS Guido Carli University and consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communication.

"In my opinion," says the professor, "we should especially emphasize the growth that characterizes the Instagram account, @Franciscus, which involves young users. This is the "capacity of Pope Francis," the Italian professor underscored, to be "heard" by users who a few years ago, may have been a bit distant from the Church.



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SCHOOL NEWS

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Ivica Boskvich, Monsignor Greg Weaver.

Anniversaries: Marc John Arcuri, Peter and Georgina Camilleri, Giulia Carra, Nata Mileto, Charlie and Martin Schembri.

Also for: Dec'd 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.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- What makes the Maronites buzz?
- Theology on Tap: It's back!
- Camelot 4 page wrap
- Mark Shea: Life is amazing
- The mysterious St Maroun
- Monkeys with guns
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P24

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KID'S CORNER.



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A. Your breath.

CAMELOT

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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

Ellegra-Rose Vella
(Child of Christopher & Irene)

Emily Rhonda Susan La Ferla
(Child of Dean & Raylene)



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.

Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

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

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