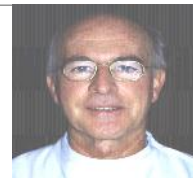




18 June 2017-Year A Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ



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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: He fed them with the finest wheat and
satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the living Bread from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread
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 Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. (Feast of
Corpus Christi).

1. Bread from Heaven

When the Israelites came out of Egypt, God did one miracle after
another for them. He got water from a rock for them; and, when they
were hungry, he fed them with bread from heaven. "Mah nah?—what is
this?" the Israelites asked when they saw it; and 'manna' has been its
name ever since.

Why didn't God just miraculously produce real, ordinary bread for them?
Moses answers this question in his speech to the people: God fed them
with manna so that they might know one does not live by bread alone. If
God had fed them ordinary bread, they wouldn't have learned the lesson.
As it was, first they hungered, and then they were fed miraculously with
the who-knows-what-this-is bread from heaven. And so they learned to
trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live.
The Word of God and the bread from heaven are present here as one.

But this is only half the lesson, as Moses explains it: one does not live by
bread alone; what else is needed is the word of God.

And so, when the time was right, the only-begotten Word of God came
so that people might not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

That is why Christ said that he was the true bread from heaven. One
does not live by bread alone but by this true Word of God.

And, by a miracle which completes the lesson of the manna, this Word is
the bread of life for all the faithful. The Word of God and the bread from
heaven are present here as one.

In the Eucharist, then, there is everything that one needs to live, if one
will only learn the lesson and trust in the God who feeds his people with
himself.

2. Your Support to the Parish Community



The tax deductibility that parishioners were receiving through the school building funds has been disbanded thanks to the Federal Minor Parties - namely the Nick Xenophon and the Greens. However, the Archdiocese and therefore the parish is still able to offer some tax deductibility in the FY 17/18 at 25% of your giving.

This means that those who support the envelope system in the parish can claim 25% tax deductibility in FY 17/18.

As Catholics, while the tax deduction was a welcome relief we have to realise that what we now offer on the two collections is "my gifting to the support of the priest" (1st Collection) "and the parish" (2nd collection). The 1st collection gives the priest and housekeeper a wage, food and electricity come out of the 1st collection, while the 2nd collection pays the secretary's wage, superannuation to the priest and staff, plus pays the bills. I invite parishioners who do not have envelopes at present to consider taking a set of envelopes to support the Parish and see your giving as "a gift to God" for the many blessings you have and continue to receive.

For those that don't have envelopes please fill in the Census Form on the table and put it in the box, and envelopes will be available the following Sunday.

3. Relics of St Anthonys

A committee to further the devotion to St Anthony of Padua are bringing his relics out from Padua during the month of June.

It is to mark the centenary of the apparitions of the seers of Fatima held recently.

A relic of St Anthony (a piece of his floating rib) which was venerated by Sister Lucy (a Fatima seer) and Pope Francis will be at Toongabbie this month.

Details are:

Place: St Anthony of Padua Toongabbie

Date: Wednesday 21 June

Mass: 7.30pm or 9am

For more information ring 9631 3316 at Toongabbie Church.



4. Discover Catholic Rome

On the table at the back of the Church are booklets on "Discover Catholic Rome." The booklet outlines affordable catholic pilgrimages you might consider joining and enjoy the experience of exploring the Eternal City with other catholic people. Each pilgrimage is led by a Priest and you will discover "the Rome" that many tourists don't discover.

Accommodation is first class at the hotel, "Diomus Australia". With the beautiful chapel attached to it. Further information see Fr Bob.

5. Celebrating St Anthony of Padua Day



We celebrated our Patronal Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua, last Sunday at our Masses.

At the 9am Mass we were joined by many from our school and the children joined in the Mass through the prayers of the Faithful, the Offertory and in the reflection hymn after Holy Communion. I am sure St Anthony would have been pleased with our effort.

A sausage sizzle, tea/coffee and water was provided by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) after mass. For the children, there was face painting that proved very popular with them all. Parishioners joined in together for the sausage sizzle and all 200 snags went, as well as, staying around talking and enjoying the cakes and eats provided by the PPC and ladies of the parish. We locked the Church up around midday.

My thanks to all involved:

Our Parish Council: Anthony Zanetic, George Ajkay, Pam Ajkay, Frances Musso, Faye Palamara, Margaret Cvetko.

Giuseppe Campisi from Campisi Butchery on 15th Avenue for the sausages.

Joe Grima for his help with the BBQ.

Karen Bradley and Summer Power for the donation of Bread Rolls.

Sam & Anna Furnari from Furnari Bakery for Rolls
Vincenzo Bartuccio for the Lillies.

6. First Holy Communion Celebration 2017

We Welcome our children as they celebrate First Holy Communion at a Special Mass at 10.30am. We pray for them as they join us at "the table of the Lord" for the first time, Blessed Imelda - pray for them.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

19-23 June

L Pecotich, A Mammone,
M Sarpa, M Gimellaro, M DeVries



26 June-1 July

F Palamara, F Musso,
K Vartuli, M Pisano

READERS ROSTER

17/18 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

24/25 June (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Daniela Romeo: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

17/18 June

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



24/25 June

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

17/18 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

24/25 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

17 June

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden laferla

24 June

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Tailyah Stepic

25 June

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

17 June

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

24 June

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



To Change a Person's Heart We Must First Embrace the Person

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning! Today we are doing this Audience in two places, but connected by the giant screens: the sick, so that they don't suffer the heat so much, are in Paul VI Hall, and we here. However, we remain all together and we are connected by the Holy Spirit, who is He who always makes unity. We greet those who are in the Hall!

None of us can live without love. And an awful slavery into which we can fall is to believe that love is merited. Perhaps a good part of contemporary man's anguish stems from this: to believe that if we are not strong, attractive and beautiful, then no one will be concerned with us. So many people today seek visibility only to fill an interior void: as if we were persons eternally in need of confirmation. However, can you imagine a world where all beg motives to awaken others' attention, and no one is willing, instead, to freely love another person? Imagine such a world: a world without the gratuitousness of loving! It seems a human world but, in reality, it is a hell. So many narcissisms of man are born from a sentiment of solitude and orphanhood. Behind so much apparently inexplicable behaviour there lies the question: is it possible that I do not deserve to be called by name, namely, to be loved? Because love always calls by name . . .

When an adolescent is not or does not feel loved, then violence can be born. Behind so many forms of social hatred and of hooliganism there is often a heart that has not been recognized. Evil children do not exist, as there are not altogether evil adolescents, but unhappy persons do exist. And what can render us happy if not the experience of love given and received? A human being's life is an exchange of looks: someone who looking at us wrings from us the first smile, and we who freely smile at one who is closed in sadness, and thus we open to him a way out. Exchange of looks: look in the eyes and the doors of the heart open.

The first step that God took towards us was that of an anticipating and unconditional love. God loved us first. God does not love us because there is in us some reason that elicits love. God loves us because He Himself is love, and by its nature love tends to diffuse itself, to give itself. God does not even link His benevolence to our conversion: if anything this is a consequence of God's love. Saint Paul says it perfectly: "God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8) – While we were yet sinners – an unconditional love We were "distant," as the Prodigal Son of the parable: "While he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion . . ." (Luke 15:20). Out of love for us God undertook an exodus from Himself, to come to find us in this land where it was senseless that He should walk. God loved us also when we were mistaken.

Who of us loves in this way if not one who is father or mother? A mother continues to love her son even when this son is in prison. I remember so many mothers, who were in a queue to enter a prison, in my previous diocese. And they were not ashamed. The son was in prison, but it was their son And they suffered so many humiliations in the searches before entering, but: "It is my son!" "But lady, your son is a delinquent!" "He is my son!" Only this love of mother and of father makes us understand how God's love is. A mother does not ask for the cancellation of human justice, because every error calls for a redemption, but a mother never stops suffering for her son. She loves him even when he is a sinner. God does the same thing with us: we are His beloved children! But could it be that God has some children that he does not love? No, we are all loved by God. There is no curse on our life, but only a benevolent word of God, who drew our existence out of nothing. The truth of it all is that relation of love that binds the Father with the Son through the Holy Spirit, is a relationship in which we are received by grace. In Him, in Christ Jesus, we were willed, loved & desired. There is Someone who has imprinted in us a primordial beauty, which no sin, no mistaken choice will ever be able to cancel altogether. Before God's eyes, we are always little springs made to gush good water. Jesus said it to the Samaritan woman: "the water that I shall give [you] will become in [you] a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

What is the medicine to change the heart of an unhappy person? What is the medicine to change the heart of a person that is not happy? [They answer: love] Louder! [They shout: love!] Good! Good, all good! And how does one make a person feel that he is loved? It is necessary first of all to embrace him. To make him feel wanted, that he is important, and he will stop being sad. Love calls love, in a stronger way than hatred calls death. Jesus did not die and rise for Himself, but for us, so that our sins would be forgiven. Hence, it is the time of resurrection for all: time to raise the poor from discouragement, especially those lying in a sepulchre for a much longer time than three days. Blowing here, on our faces, is a wind of liberation. Germinating here is the gift of hope. And the hope is that of God the Father who loves us as we are: He loves us all and always. Thank you!



Celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus

This feast is an opportunity for us to remember that as Catholics we believe in Jesus, truly present with us in this Sacrament.

- He is present with us in the tabernacle, as we come to Mass.
 - Do we genuflect or reverence with a bow (if we cannot genuflect) when we enter the Church.
 - Do we spend time in prayer with Jesus preparing ourselves for Mass.
- He is present in Holy Communion
 - Do we thank and praise Him for this gift to us when we receive Him?
 - Do we spend time in loving adoration of Him present with you?
- He is present with us in the Eucharist.
 - ”Lord, I do believe, help my unbelief.”

MEN ALIVE

Men Alive, men’s weekend - when was the last time you felt **FULLY ALIVE?**

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 June, 2017

At:

St Mary Mackillop Parish, Oran Park

Venue:

St Justin’s Primary School Library,

94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

God is glorified when men are fully alive—St Irenaeus

Registration Forms on the Table at the back of the Church

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Wanda Ward, Imre Szabo, Craig McAuley, Lina Coluccio

Also for: Mary Vella

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, Tony Macri, Paul Farnsworth, Connie Vella, Levi Rolands, Olga Del Vescono



- Catholic schools' open arms to refugees
- Cops fight to stay safe in Australia
- Student suspended over uniform protest
- Book launch: What's with "Zombie Jesus"?
- School parents protest
- Support Caritas' Africa appeal now!
- Fun with Faith-Kids page –pg 30

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ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL OF VOWS

The Marriage mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday July 2 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am.

All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

Registered couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 or 65 years wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.



In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or at MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

YOUTH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT

Divine Retreat Centre. 15 & 16 July 2017 from 9.00am – 4.30pm. The Lord guides and gives us strength for our journey. Each one of us have been called for a specific purpose in life. The purpose in life that will bring us closer to Him. This retreat will give everyone opportunities to hear from God in amazing worship experiences and help us to realise God's greater destiny in our lives. Come and experience what the Lord has in store for us. Age group: 18 to 30 years. Divine Retreat Centre, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. Fr Michael Payyapilly – Director of Vincentian Missionaries. For any queries please contact Clary on 0434 099 088, Divine Retreat Centre Tel. 02 4372 1598 or email: clary.anato@gmail.com or ronymvc@gmail.com.

PARKING

Parishioners are asked to please **NOT PARK** on the grassed areas around the Church near the top of the driveway.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Many of you will be familiar with the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral which fills our great Cathedral with beautiful music at over 600 services every year.

On Friday, 30 June at 7.30pm, the Choir will be joined by The Orchestra of the Antipodes – one of Australia's most celebrated and best-known ensembles, as they perform JS Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, all of which will showcase the ethereal beauty of the boys' voices that make the Cathedral Choir's characteristic sound.

This programme would be difficult to perform in the Cathedral, so it is exciting that once again audiences will have the opportunity to hear the Choir and guest orchestra perform in the crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall, Angel Place.

I am delighted to be able to offer staff of the Archdiocese a 10% discount on all tickets (except for premium) with the code: CASStaff300617

I do hope that you will join me at this very special concert. The success of the Cathedral Choir relies on support from people such as yourselves.

You can hear Director of Music, Thomas Wilson, talk about the concert here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6mjtRgPPJ0&feature=youtu.be>

And if you wish to buy tickets you can do so from <https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/bach-bernstein-britten>

I hope to see you on Friday, 30 June at City Recital Hall,



ACCOMODATION NEEDED

A catholic Malaysian couple and two girls (ages 7 and 11) seek accomodation in the area. At present staying with a Catholic couple in Ingleburn, but as family are coming to stay shortly this family needs new accomodation.

Can you assist? They speak good english and are a Catholic family.

Catholic Communications Archdiocese of Sydney

ONLINE YOUTH SURVEY Last week the Australian Bishops released an online youth survey to seek feedback for the Youth Synod in 2018

www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey.

This survey will provide an important means for our young people aged 16-29 to communicate their needs, hopes and desires for our Church with our Australian Bishops.

Australian Catholic Youth

Festival This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved.

For more information,
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