



21 May 2017-Year A Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever. Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Sixth Sunday of the Easter and Mother's Day

1. Loving the Lord and Keeping Your Conscience Clear

The Second Reading commands Christians to keep their conscience clear. But this commandment is hard to hear, isn't it? If we are honest with ourselves, we know how unclear our consciences are.

Of course, we might think, confusedly, we do not need to be too worried about our unclear consciences, because, after all, no one is saved by doing good works or keeping one's conscience clear. Our contribution to our salvation is not to try to do the works of the law. Our contribution to our salvation is just to love the Lord.

And this thought might be comforting to us when our unclear conscience hurts us, except for this uncomfortable, nagging question: what is love of the Lord?

In the Gospel Reading, the Lord himself explains the answer to this question: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

And now, unfortunately, we have come full circle. Christians are commanded to keep their consciences clear. To do so, they need to love the Lord. To love the Lord they need to keep his commandments. And to keep his commandments they apparently need to keep their consciences clear. What sense can be made of this?

The first and great commandment is to love the Lord.

Here it helps to consider Peter himself, who is the author of the Second Reading. Peter had betrayed the Lord in the Lord's great hour of need. Is this keeping one's conscience clear? Is this keeping the commandments of the Lord?

But, in the days after his Resurrection, when the Lord asks Peter, "Do you love me," what does Peter answer? He says, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

In spite of his betrayal of the Lord, Peter does not let go of Christ. He is willing to affirm his commitment to Christ in spite of his own failings.

So here is the thing to notice. In saying that he loves Christ, Peter *is* keeping the commandment of the Lord. The first and great commandment is to love the Lord.

And this is why Peter, the rock on which the church is founded, is the pattern for all Christians. The way to keep one's conscience clear is to cleave to the Lord in love, when one's conscience is not clear.

2. Criteria for Enrolment into Catholic Schools

Enrolments are now open for our primary and high catholic schools. Aware that young families do not practise their faith as regularly as they should, you as grandparents should bring the below to attention of your children when they are considering enrolling their child in a Catholic School.

The Enrolment Policy for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney is set within the context of the Church's Mission to evangelise and is founded upon the vision and Mission Statements for Catholic Schools.

Enrolments In Catholic Primary Schools is made in accordance with the following criteria:

- A.** Baptised Catholic children of regularly worshipping Catholic families linked to their parish community
- B.** Siblings of children already attending the school.
- C.** Children of families who have "special pastoral circumstances" as assessed by the Enrolment Committee.
- D.** Catholic families not covered above or who are outside the parish
- E.** Children of regularly worshipping Orthodox families.

These would be the first five enrolment criteria that we will consider when applications for enrolment will be called for in May 2017.

However the basic rule is "Keep holy the Sabbath day" If we attend Mass and support the church we won't have a problem.



3. Paschal Precept



A reminder of the Paschal Precept that obliges all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year, as well as receiving Holy Communion at least once a year (as a minimum).

The Paschal Precept is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday (10 June). This is to acknowledge that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and sinfulness.



4. Masses Next Week

Weekday Masses will return to normal this week.

5. Parish Feast Day

June 13 is the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua. Both the the Parish and School will join together to celebrate.

As the Feast Day is on a Tuesday we will celebrate after the 9am Mass on Sunday June 11 with a Sausage Sizzle and activities for the children.

Keep watching this page for more details.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

22-27 May

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri



29 May– 3 June

V Zoric, L Eljiz,
L Lopez

READERS ROSTER

20/21 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

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

27/28 May (Ascension of the Lord)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 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

20/21 May

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Ken O'Leary



27/28 May

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

20/21 May

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

27/28 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

20 May

Saturday Vigil

Mariette Taoum

Sebastian Taoum

Luke Taoum

27 May

Saturday Vigil

Mark Vassallo

Lauren Vassallo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

20 May

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth & R Micallef

27 May

S & V Casha

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis sent this strong message during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, while considering what is *really* peace.

In his homily, Francis reflected on Jesus' words at the Supper in St. John's Gospel: "I leave you peace, my peace I give you." Francis also highlighted that today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks of the many tribulations that Paul and Barnabas experienced in their journeys to proclaim the Gospel. "A peace without a cross," Francis stressed, "is not the peace of Jesus" for only He and His peace can give us peace amidst tribulations.

Jesus, the Jesuit Pope reminded, emphasized that the peace He gives is not the one given by the world. The world, Francis criticized, wants "anesthetized peace" to "prevent us from seeing the Cross."

"The peace that the world offers us is a peace without tribulations. It offers us an artificial peace reduced to 'tranquility.'" It is, he said, a peace "that is only concerned about one's affairs and one's security, lacking in nothing, [...], a tranquility that 'shuts' oneself without seeing beyond."

"The world teaches us the way to anesthetized peace: it anesthetizes us from seeing another reality of life: the Cross."

For this reason, Francis said, St. Paul says one must enter into the Kingdom of Heaven on the road with many tribulations.

"But is it possible to obtain peace amidst tribulation?" Francis asked. "From our side, no; we are unable to make peace that is tranquility, a psychological peace, our peace, because tribulations are there, whether pain, illness or death. But," he continued, "the peace that Jesus gives is a gift: it is a gift of the Holy Spirit." This peace, he stressed, lasts through tribulations and beyond, and "cannot be bought."

"Without its crosses, its not real," he said. The peace of God, the Pope pointed out, is "a gift that keeps us going."

"God's peace is real peace, that enters the reality of life, that does not deny life; that is life. There is suffering, there are the sick people, there are many bad things, there are wars ... but that peace within, which is a gift, is not lost, but goes ahead bearing the Cross and suffering."

"Peace without the Cross, is not the peace of Jesus: it is a peace that can be bought. But it does not last; it comes to an end." Pope Francis prayed for all faithful to obtain the grace of inner peace, a gift of the Holy Spirit.

"When I get angry 'I lose peace,' the Pope said. "When my heart is 'troubled,' it is because I am not open to the peace of Jesus, because I am unable to bear life as it comes, with its crosses and sorrows that accompany it."

However, we must be able to ask for the grace to ask the Lord for his peace, one which enables us "not to lose *that* inner peace." St. Augustine said, the Jesuit Pope recalled, 'The life of the Christian is a journey between the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God.'

Pope Francis concluded, praying, "May the Lord make us understand well what this peace is which He gives us with the Holy Spirit."



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What can I do when "the well runs dry" in my life of prayer?

Entering the Heart of God at mid-year

Presenter: Michele Connolly

When: May 26, 6:10 pm – May 28: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$230 (discounts for pensioners/unemployed/students)

We read and pray the Gospels for the four great Feasts of the middle of the year: Pentecost, Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Getting to know Elizabeth

Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD

When: May 26, 6:10 pm – May 28: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$230 (discounts for pensioners/unemployed/students)

A time to ponder on the life and teaching of the new Carmelite saint: Elizabeth of the Trinity

PARKING

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

Christianity across the Ages

A Journey of Faith and a Journey through the Evolution of Western Music.

Powerpoint Presentation of slides combined with related story-telling by

Marie Therese Levey rsj PhD, FASMC(Musicology)

Regional Centre. 5Alexandra Ave, Croydon June 2 9am-12pm

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Bookings essential Email marie.levey@sosj.org.au

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Giuseppina Musso

Anniversaries: Laurie Macri

Also for: Annunziata 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



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Archbishp Fisher consecrates world to Mary
- The voice: Matt Maher to headline Australian Catholic Youth Festival
- The Mondragon miracle
- Deconstructing “bullsh*t: Margaret Somerville on her Q & A appearance
- Fr Flader: Dogmas are cool
- George Weigel: Don’t let our bishops be Hillary
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KID’S CORNER.



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and
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Anthony John Vella (Austral)
and
Kayla Emelda Cauchi (Richmond)

Anyone knowing any reason why these couples should not be bound in the Sacrament of Marriage is asked to inform the Parish Priest. (Canon Law Nos 1066 and 1069)



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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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.

MGL Vocations Day:

Saturday 27th May 2017 The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg brekky, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:30pm. Held at St Declan's parish, 55 Peshurst St, Peshurst. Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/RSVP: Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621. The MGLs are a homegrown missionary congregation of priests and brothers serving the Church in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Find out more at www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Thursday May 25

It would be easy to concentrate on the mystical experiences God gave this saint, rather than on her life. In fact, it would be difficult to do differently, so overwhelming were those gifts from God. The temptation for many modern readers (including the author) would be to see little to identify with in these graces and walk away without seeing more. The other temptation would be to become so fascinated with these stories that one would neglect to dig deeper and learn the real lessons of her life.

But Mary Magdalene de Pazzi is not a saint because she received ecstasies and graces from God. Many have received visions, ecstasies, and miracles without becoming holy. She is a saint because of her response to those gifts -- a lifelong struggle to show love and gratitude to the God who gave her those graces.

In fact Mary Magdalene saw her ecstasies as evidence of a great fault in her, not a reward for holiness. She told one fellow sister that God did not give this sister the same graces "because you don't need them in order to serve him." In her eyes, God gave these gifts to those who were too weak to become holy otherwise. That Mary Magdalene received these gifts proved, in her mind, how unworthy she was.

Born in Florence on April 2, 1566, Mary Magdalene (baptized Catherine) was taught mental prayer when she was nine years old at the request of her mother. Her introduction at this age to this form of prayer which involves half an hour of meditation did not seem to be unusual. And yet today we often believe children incapable of all but the simplest rote prayers.

At twelve years old she experienced her first ecstasy while looking at a sunset which left her trembling and speechless.

With this foundation in prayer and in mystical experience, it isn't surprising that she wanted to enter a contemplative monastery of the Carmelite Order. She chose the monastery of St. Mary's of the Angels because the nuns took daily Communion, unusual at the time.

Mary Magdalene was no pale, shrinking flower. Her wisdom and love led to her appointment to many important positions at the convent including mistress of novices. She did not hesitate to be blunt in guiding the women under her care when their spiritual life was at stake. When one of the novices asked permission to pretend to be impatient so the other novices would not respect her so much, Mary Magdalene's answer shook this novice out of this false humility: "What you want to pretend to be, you already are in the eyes of the novices. They don't respect you nearly as much as you like to think."

Mary Magdalene's life offers a great challenge to all those who think that the best penance comes from fasting and physical discomfort. Though she fasted and wore old clothes, she chose the most difficult penance of all by pretending to like the things she didn't like. Not only is this a penance most of us would shrink from but, by her acting like she enjoyed it, no one knew she was doing this great penance!

In 1604, headaches and paralyzation confined her to bed. Her nerves were so sensitive that she could not be touched without agonizing pain. Ever humble, she took the fact that her prayers were not granted as a sure sign that God's will was being done. For three years she suffered, before dying on May 25, 1607 at the age of forty-one.