



7 May 2017-Year A Fourth 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: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season Year A

1. The Good Shepherd

The most comforting of the Psalms begins with the line: "The Lord is my shepherd." It ends with this line: "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

Goodness and mercy, in the person of the good Shepherd, have to *follow*, because the shepherd is heading out to seek the lost sheep. The sheep is leading the way, and that is why the sheep is lost. The shepherd is the one who knows the way and ought to be leading, but he has to follow because the sheep got out ahead of the shepherd and so got astray.

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that his sheep *follow* him. Those who belong to him know his voice and so they are willing to follow him and let him lead the way.

Whether a person is faithful or lost, he will be surrounded by the love of the good Shepherd.

Of course, a sheep doesn't know the voice of the shepherd unless it knows the shepherd. The difference, then, between being a lost sheep who has to be followed by the Shepherd and being a faithful sheep who is led by the Shepherd is a matter of knowing the Shepherd.

Now the Shepherd is a person. And knowing a person is a matter of personal relationship, with all the risks and vulnerabilities that personal relationship entails.

So a faithful sheep is in a personal relationship with its Shepherd and loves him. That is why that sheep knows the voice of the Shepherd and follows him.

Here is the good news, then. Whether a person is faithful or lost, he will be surrounded by the love of the good Shepherd. Either the Shepherd will lead him, or the Shepherd will follow after him to find him when he is astray.

And so St. Patrick's prayer is right: Christ before me, Christ behind me. And, either way, Christ with me.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



The CWF collection for the various agencies of the Archdiocese was held, last weekend.

Any parishioners who would like to contribute to the parish quota is welcome to do so, in this Mass. There are envelopes around the Church.

The collection raised \$1965.00, the parish quota is \$2300.00.

I thank all parishioners on behalf of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP for your generous support.

3. Welcome Ceremony

We welcome families at the 9am Mass, this weekend, presenting their child for Baptism in the coming weeks. We welcome them and pray the Lord to watch over and keep them in His love always. Welcome to these couples and their child.

4. First Holy Communion Preparation



We begin preparation for the candidates of First Eucharist on Monday.

A reminder to parents and candidates that they need to attend all lessons in preparation so they understand the gift of Jesus they are receiving for the first time.

Due to numbers this year, the Mass will follow after our normal Sunday 9am Mass, beginning at 10.30am

Preparation:

Date: Monday May 8 at 7pm

Place: Parish Hall

Please bring writing materials, the students books are provided on Monday.

5. 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.

6. Holy Communion Services

Fr Bob is away. Holy Communion Services will be held Tuesday-Friday at 9am.

If a Priest is needed ring the parish office and the Parish Secretary will assist in this matter.

7. 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.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

8-12 May

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



15-20 May

F Palamara, F Musso,
K Vartuli, M Pisani

READERS ROSTER

6/7 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

13/14 May (5th Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Catherine Emery

Readers:

Catherine Emery: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Daniela Romeo: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

6/7 May

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



13/14 May

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

6/7 May

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

13/14 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

6 May

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

13 May

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Taliyah Stepic

14 May Sunday

Lucas Laferla

Jayden laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

6 May

S Mercierca & L Camilleri

13 May

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



“The Lord softens those with hard hearts, those who condemn all who are outside the law.” The Pope’s morning homily for the 2 May focused on the first reading, in which St Stephen was stoned to death by the temple authorities in Jerusalem. Those who stoned Stephen to death, the Pontiff noted, did not understand the Word of God. He also noted that Stephen had called them “circumcised of heart,” the equivalent of calling someone a pagan.

There are different ways of not understanding the Word of God, the Jesuit Pope pointed out. For example, he noted, when Jesus had met the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he had called them “fools.” This, the Pontiff noted, was not an expression of praise, but it was also not a strong word either, unlike Stephen’s expression.

Hearts of Stone- “They did not understand, they were afraid, because they did not want problems, they had fear, but they were good men, open to the truth” said the Pope.

“And when Jesus rebuked them, they let his words enter them and their hearts burned within them, whilst those who stoned Stephen were furious and did not want to listen!” This is, the Pope stressed, the drama of the closed hearted.

The Jesuit Pontiff recalled how in Psalm 94, the Lord admonished his people not to harden their hearts. The prophet Ezekiel, Francis said, makes a “beautiful promise” to change the heart of stone into a heart of flesh, a heart that knows how to listen and receive the witness of obedience.

“This causes suffering in the Church. The closed hearts, the hearts of stone, the hearts which do not want to be open, do not want to hear, the hearts which only know the language of condemnation.”

“They know how to condemn, they do not know how to say ‘Explain it to me, why do you say this? Why this? Explain it to me.’ No, they are closed. That’s all they know. They have no need of explanations,” said Pope Francis.

Closed Hearts Cannot Let Spirit In-The rebuke that Jesus speaks of also led to the killing of the prophets, “because they spoke to you what you did not want to hear. A closed heart cannot let the Holy Spirit enter in.”

“There was no place in their hearts,” Francis observed, “for the Holy Spirit. The letter today, the Jesuit Pontiff recalled, speaks of how Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit, had understood everything, and was a witness to the obedience of the Word made flesh, and this was done by the Holy Spirit. “He was filled,” the Pope said.

“A closed heart, a hardened heart, a pagan heart, doesn’t let the spirit in and feels himself in himself.”

The Pope underscored that the disciples on the road to Emmaus represent us, “with our many doubts, many sins. Many times we want to move away from the Cross, from the truth, but let us make space to hear Jesus, who makes our hearts burn. “The other group, who are closed in the rigidity of the law, who do not want to hear Jesus, are saying worse things than Stephen did,” he said.

“Today, we look at the tenderness of Jesus, the witness of obedience, that great witness, Jesus, who has given life, which makes us look for the tenderness of God, confronting us, our sins, our weaknesses.



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Tiana Marlene Macri
(Child of George & Kate)

Amalia Waetford-Marusic
(Child of Nikola & Nakita)



Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:

William John Muscat (Windsor)
and
Elizabeth Buttigieg (Austral)
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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)



PARKING

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

St Francis Xavier's Parish, Lurnea **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Our parish is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land early next year 2018. Anyone interested or for more
information on this pilgrimage please contact Will on 0404 270579 or email will.querubin@gmail.com

Places are limited so please be quick

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Anna Serena Luciani

Anniversaries: Joan Irene Hayes, George Passmore

Also for: Dec'd Members of the Vartuli Family, Teresa and Giuseppe Vartuli

**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



- St Patrick's, Bondi turns 100
- Sydney Catholics flock to sign abortion petition
- Great little secret" BXVI retreat Centre
- Women's mentoring programme to launch
- Home ownership crisis
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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What type of lightning did Noah use for the Ark?

A. Floodlights.

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Marriage Congratulations

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

Joseph Violi

And

Angelina Sergi

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



SPECIAL MOTHERS DAY MASS

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MASS IN MEMORY OF ALL MOTHERS.

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria invite you to join us for Mothers Day Masses being held at Rookwood, Liverpool and Kemps Creek Cemeteries. If you require any further information please contact us on **1300 114 997** or email at enquiries@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

LCC MEMBERS MASS & LUNCHEON

The 47th Annual Members Mass will be celebrated at All Saints' Church, (Cnr Elizabeth Drive & George Street) Liverpool, on Sunday May 21 2017. Mass will commence at 11am.

At the conclusion of the Mass a luncheon will be served in the Function Centre of the Club followed by entertainment.

Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only-\$40 per member-Bookings are essential.

Tickets are now available from the Club at the rear reception.

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

THE LEGION OF MARY CONFERENCE

A Legion of Mary Conference is being established at St Anthony's and the Conference is looking for support from interested parishioners.

The main work of the Legion is visiting the sick and elderly and any ministry the Parish Priest directs the Legion members to undertake.

As the parish is growing, so the spiritual needs of the parish increase, as well.

I am sure many parishioners believe they are doing enough, our hands are full with family and work commitments. However, ask a "busy person" and they do find time for the work of God.

The initial enquiry night will be held in the side-chapel in the Church on Monday night.

Time: 7pm, Monday night May 8.

Place: The Church

All Welcome.



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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

"INTO THE DEEP" ONE DAY SILENT RETREAT

A day of prayer on the Christian Following, given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday, May 21 (9am to 4pm). Cost \$50 inclusive of meals. Held at the Centre, Randwick. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisdyney@gmail.com

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