



11/12 November 2017-Year A Thirty Second 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: Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The Foolish

In the Gospel parable, there are ten women waiting for the Lord. But when the Lord comes, half of these women are rejected. As the parable explains it, the problem is that five of the women are off shopping for oil when the Lord comes, and so they're left out. They are the foolish ones. The other five women are the wise ones, welcomed by the Lord.

How are we to understand this parable?

Well, notice that when the ten women originally arrived at the place where they were to wait for their Lord, the five foolish women did notice that the wise women had brought extra oil with them. But humility doesn't seem to have been one of the virtues of the foolish women. When they saw that the wise women had brought extra oil for their lamps, the foolish women apparently just felt they knew better than the wise: the oil in their lamps would not run out.

The foolish were willing to risk the welfare of the wise, provided only that the foolish had a chance of getting something for themselves.

And maybe, after all, it didn't seem very important to the foolish women whether the oil in their lamps would last. When the foolish discovered that they were wrong and were short on oil, they didn't lament their mistake. Their first thought was just to demand some of the oil of the wise.

The foolish didn't care if the wise suffered in consequence. The foolish were willing to risk the welfare of the wise, provided only that the foolish had a chance of getting something for themselves. Love for others isn't one of the virtues of the foolish either.

What would have happened if the foolish women had not risked missing the Lord by going after the oil they wanted but had just waited for him instead, without oil? What would have happened if their Lord had found them in darkness but also in humility, not trying to climb to safety on the backs of others, but just acknowledging their mistakes and hoping in the Lord?

Does anyone really think that their Lord would have cast them out?

Their folly lies in their insistence on having just what they want when they want it, no matter what the risk or the cost to anyone else. And that is why they are cast out.

2. Altar Servers

Our Altar Servers are dwindling due to families moving away from the parish. Any young people interested in serving at the Altar, please see Fr Bob.



3. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



The CWF Collection taken up at the Masses last weekend amounted to \$1195.00. On behalf of the Archbishop and the Agencies that CWF supports, I thank you all for your ongoing generous support to the Works of mercy in the church in this Archdiocese. It is the reality that without the assistance of the catholic people some of these agencies would have to close. Again, thank you for your support.

4. Pizza / Pasta Night

Another successful Pizza/Pasta Night was enjoyed by all who attended.

There were 101 Adults and 30 Children in the Hall. My thanks go to the members of the Parish Council for all they did in setting the hall up for the function and assisting during the evening.

Thank you to the ladies that provided the many variety of cakes for the supper to go with the tea and coffee. They were much appreciated.

I advertised the Pizza/Pasta Night over the last four weekends, but we are getting a little lazy in putting our names and payment on the sheets.

It is all about **catering**. The Volare Pizza people were very gracious in accomodating us all and keep food up to the table. So, I thank them for a wonderful evening.

However, in order to **cater** we need to know numbers before the event and **not** just on the night. In future, we will return to a ticket sydtem in order to cater for those attending. No Ticket, No entry! Sorry!!

Also, thank you to all who helped clean up the hall after the function.

A special mention to Harry & Liz Habib for taking away the rubbish! Thank you.



5. Bishop Anthony Randazzo Visit

Bishop Randazzo will be visiting St Anthony of Padua School this Friday November 17 to bless and meet the school community. As mentioned last weekend, it is not "the official blessing & opening," but a mini-blessing of the Kindergarten and Administration Building. After the blessing there is a walk-through of the school with a morning tea to follow where the Bishop will meet the children and parents.

Parishioners are warmly invited to attend and see the education of the 21st Century.

6. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet in the Presbytery, 320 Edmondson Avenue, on Monday Night 13 November at 7.30pm.

Any parishioner wishing to make suggestions or comments to PPC should have them into the Presbytery by email or hand by Sunday Night.

7. Readers Rosters

New Rosters for Eucharistic Ministers are available on the table at the back of the Church.

8. Anniversary Mass

A one month mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Rocco Romeo on Thursday 23 November at 7pm, in the Church. All welcome to join the Romeo family for this Mass.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

13-18 November

V Zoric, L Eljiz,
L Lopez



20-25 November

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

READERS ROSTER

11/12 November

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 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

18/19 November (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

11/12 November

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



18/19 November

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

11/12 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

18/19 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

11 Novmeber

Saturday Vigil

Volunteers

18 November

Saturday Vigil

Mark Vassallo

Lauren Vassallo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

11 November

S & V Casha

18 November

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth &
R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

12 November

Lina & Faye

26 November

Sr Rosa & Sr Gina

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Call the Eucharist the “heart” of the Church, Pope Francis on November 8, 2017, began a new series of catecheses during his General Audience in St. Peter’s Square.

“Today we begin a new series of catecheses, which will point our look on the “heart” of the Church, namely, *the Eucharist*,” the Holy Father proclaimed. “It’s essential for us Christians to understand well the value and meaning of the *Holy Mass*, to live ever more fully our relationship with God.”

The Pope recalled the many Christians over time who have been willing to die to defend the Eucharist. He cited an example from the year 304, during Diocletian’s persecutions, when North African Christians were arrested while celebrating Mass in a home. When authorities asked why they did something that was prohibited they replied: “We can’t live without Sunday,” which meant: if we can’t celebrate the Eucharist, we can’t live, our Christian life would die.”

“Those Christians of North Africa were killed because they were celebrating the Eucharist,” Francis continued. “They left the testimony that one can give up earthly life for the Eucharist, because it gives us eternal life, making us participants in Christ’s victory over death.”

The Holy Father recalled that liturgical formation of the faithful was stressed by the Conciliar Fathers. He said the new series of catecheses will aim to help the faithful “to grow in knowledge of the great gift that God has given us in the Eucharist.”

“It’s very important to turn to the fundamentals, to rediscover what is essential, through what one touches and sees in the celebration of the Sacraments,” the Pope stated. “The question of the Apostle Saint Thomas (Cf. *John 20:25*), to be able to see and touch the wounds of the nails in Jesus’ body is the desire to be able in some way to ‘touch’ God to believe Him.

“What Saint Thomas asks the Lord is what we are all in need of: to see Him, and touch Him to be able to recognize Him. The Sacraments come to meet this human need. The Sacraments, and the Eucharistic Celebration particularly, are signs of God’s love, the privileged ways for us to encounter Him.”



Calling for Help!!

We are in desperate need of help for the Church cleaning.

The ladies do a wonderful job, but most have been doing it for many years and need to retire.

If you could help out could you please let Fr Bob know or ring the parish office on 9606 0206, and we will put you on the roster. It only takes a couple of hours and the more we get the better.

It is only about once every 6 or so weeks. Remember many hands make light work. Thanking you in advance for your help.

Parish Choir calls for help at the 9am Mass of a Sunday and to assist in helping at Christmas Masses.



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The Epiphany Pilgrimage

Are you looking for a different way to start the new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on January 2 2018 and finishes at Bell on January 8 2018.

For further information and to register for all or part of the pilgrimage see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Lorraine Stedman, Libertore Lo Conte, Rocco Romeo, Krist Vella, Ernest Gasperic.

Anniversaries:

Also for: The 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:

Tony Pustahija, Paul Farnsworth, Levi Rolands, Olga Del Vescono, Peter Calarco, Erminia Demasi, Anton Beuk, Dr David Catterall ((PP Oran Park), Jim Brassil, Antonio Rudan.



- Quality time for Fathers and Sons
- Super Mario Bros meets the Catechism
- Christmas stamps feature Cathedral Lights
- Selling palliative care short: Monash psychiatrist speaks
- ACYF news
- Putin: Villain or hero?
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. Where do pencils go on vacation?
A. Pencil-vania.

Remembrance Day

It was early Autumn. The swimming season was almost over. Next Saturday's meet was RSL Youth Club's last of the season and a party followed the formalities.

The harebrained activities were planned around the children but the morning climaxed with the best, most popular event of the season, the fathers' race. Few fathers were game but only few were needed to raise the excitement to fever pitch.

The manly contest was approached with light-hearted, good spirited joviality, and executed with serious determination—wisecracks and friendly put-downs couldn't disguise the competitive male spirit. Men will be boys, and these men, while boys, had fought a war.

The line up for the fathers' race told a tale from history, global history.

One of the "Rats" who survived Tobruk, Mr Collins remained physically intact, but mentally scarred. Shattered nerves destroyed his equilibrium and he glanced precariously on the block, trembling from head to toe. Beside him in lane two, Mr Lamonerie flexed his muscles and played the fool. He looked a treat in his old fashioned bathing trunks, until he turned around. A sniper with a machine gun had caught him unawares in Greece and a series of deep red scars dotted the flesh across his back.

The twisted skin on Mr Zioski's arms was a constant reminder of a frantic fight to douse a fiery cockpit during the Battle of Britain. Before mounting the block, he rubbed the scars with his homemade ointment, and Mr Hebersham facetiously pinched a bit for his stumps. Mr Hebersham was a naval veteran. He was missing two fingers on his left hand but he'd returned from the War in one piece. A fine sailor he might have been, a careful butcher he wasn't.

The Master Plumber stood tall in lane five, the skin on his legs scarred from shrapnel and pockmarked by tropical ulcers. A Coast Watcher during World War Two, a commando and spy in the elite "M Special Unit", John Morgan was one of the few who worked behind enemy lines and lived to tell the tale. "Gentlemen, take your mark!" The swimmers assumed a diverse array of questionable diving positions and the marshal yelled, "Go!" The gun wasn't used in deference to Mr Collins.

LEST WE FORGET

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

World Medical Association condemns Victoria's assisted dying bill

WMA says euthanasia conflicts with basic ethics of medicine.

The world's peak medical body has called on Victorian MPs to reject the state's proposed euthanasia scheme, The Weekend Australian reports.

The World Medical Association ignited a firestorm on Friday 27 October after weighing in to Victoria's Voluntary Assisted Dying debate and urging MPs to block the bill, arguing that assisted dying goes against medical ethics.

The Geneva-based association represents more than 10 million physicians and more than 112 national medical associations and has consistently opposed euthanasia schemes throughout the world.

On the Victorian scheme, the association condemned the practice of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide and reiterated a belief that a doctor assisting a patient to die – even at the patient's request – was unethical.

"The WMA calls on Australia's Victorian Upper House to reject the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill," the statement released on Friday read.

"It will create a situation of direct conflict with physicians' ethical obligations to patients and will harm the "ethical tone" of the profession.

"It also warns that vulnerable people will be placed at risk of abuse and that a precedent will be set that physician assisted suicide and euthanasia are ethically acceptable.

MARY MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES

Can you provide a young person a safe, stable and supportive home environment?

MacKillop Family Services is seeking two sets of foster carers to provide separate long-term homes for a 13 year old boy and a 14 year old girl.

Luke and Dani* are kind, fun, energetic teens who have intellectual development delays. The both need carers who can give them stability, who can spend time helping them learn new skills and reach their life goals.

Carers who can provide one-on-one care with no other children in the home would be ideal. Carers receive a fortnightly carer allowance and 24/7 support from MacKillop.

If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact MacKillop Family Services.

Phone: 1300791677

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** name changed to protect privacy*

Advent Women's Retreat at Notre Dame Sydney

On Monday the 4th of December from 9am to 4:30pm, all women are invited to spend a day around the theme of "The Mystery of His Nativity." There will be Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession and to inspiring talks. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. The retreat is taking place at the Broadway Campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia. It is free, but registration is essential: 02 8204 4189 or online: www.trybooking.com/SPJK.

All Souls Day Mass

At Catholic Mausoleum, Rookwood Cemetery 19th November 2017. 3.30 pm

In memory of Fr Claude borg and Alfred Fenech.

Celebrant: Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA.

Please attend and pay your respect,
all community is welcome.

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