



28/29 October 2017-Year A Thirtieth 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 the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: I love You, Lord, my strength.

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: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and
exult in the name of our God.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. God's Breaking Point

Every parent, no matter how patient, has a breaking point. Even a parent
who can tolerate endless noise and outrageous disobedience from the
children will blow up when the breaking point is reached.

The First Reading tells us that God has His breaking point. It has to do
with people who are aliens and orphans.

You might suppose that these aliens and orphans are easy to recognise.
They are the ones without money, or the ones without a family, you may
guess. But, no! People rarely are so transparent. There can be aliens
and orphans among the rich and famous, just as there can be much love
and care for those who live among the poor. Think of Mother Teresa of
Calcutta. You just don't know.

The First Reading reminds us that if we do something wrong to make the
lives of aliens and orphans more unbearable than it is and they cry out
to God, God will lose His patience with us and God will be angry.

This should alarm us all!! How often do we not love our neighbour,
whether it's our spouse, a brother or sister, relative or friend. What is the
point today? The point is to make us watchful of the way we treat one
another. Why? Because we are all Children of God.

Let us see each person who we encounter, who crosses our path as
under the protection of the God who is Father in Heaven to us all.

Let us make sure that we do not cause any person to cry to God by what
we say or do to her/him.

And let us join with God in losing all patience with those who afflict God's
hopeless or homeless children.

Then, what we will know is not the wrath of God, but the joy that comes
from being with God in His love.

2. Columban Calendars 2018



Columban Calendars for 2018 are available on the back table. Buying a religious calendar keeps you up to date with all church feast days, as well as, each month the picture is of a religious nature. Please put the money on the plate on the Piety Table. There are 5 left for \$10.

\$10 per calendar.

3. November Mass Offerings

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray and have Mass offered for them.

From this weekend, envelopes are available around the Church. Please fill in the names on the front with the donation inside and either put on the collection plate or hand the envelope to me.

Mass offerings during November are set by the Archdiocese at \$20 per offering envelope and Masses are sent to Religious Priests who do not receive many Mass intentions as a way of assisting them in their ministry.

A Mass is offered for each envelope presented.

4. October– Month of the Rosary

October is dedicated as the month of the Rosary, when we are encouraged to pick up our rosary beads and pray rosary.

Our Lady to the children at Fatima (Portugal) asked that we pray the rosary.

When Our Lady appeared to the children she asked to pray the rosary for the Conversion of Russia.

Today, we need to pray the rosary for faith in our country and in our families who have strayed from Jesus in their lives. Other intentions should be for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula; for those who are sick and our own personal intentions.

Pray the Rosary during November either individually or as a family (even if it is just one decade).

We pray the rosary before morning Mass Tuesday-Friday at 8.40am.

5. Change of Address

The presbytery and parish office has moved.

We are now at 320 Edmondson Avenue Austral (just around the corner).

Same Phone Number, same email etc.

6. Christmas Cards

A reminder that Christmas Cards are available on the back table \$10 a packet.

7. Pizza/Pasta Night

This is the last weekend to book your table/ seat for another Pizza/Pasta community evening.

The evening is always enjoyable and the food from Volare's is yummy.

Bookings are essential for catering purposes as you can appreciate.

So, the Pizza/Pasta Night is on again.

When: Saturday 4th November

Time: 6.30pm onwards

Drinks: Tea/Coffee provided; BYO (alcohol/wine)

Cost: \$20 Adults; \$10 Children under 16 years

There is a sign-up sheet on the tables outside Mass today today. You are asked to pay when putting your name and numbers on the sign-up sheets.

8. Catechists for 2018

Our Catechists are leading the way in Evangelisation in the parish. They carry the Gospel message to the children at Austral Public School.

It is so important that the Good News continues to be proclaimed but without your help it will not happen in 2018.

Think about joining our Catechists and become a Gospel proclaimer in 2018.

Parents with children at Austral Public School are asked to support your Catechist by paying for the Scripture Book your child uses. It is \$10. If you have paid already, thank you.

9. All Saints Day: Wednesday 1st November

Mass is at 9.00am only. (it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation).

10. All Souls Day: Thursday 2nd November

Mass is at 9.00am .

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

11. Secretary returns Tuesday

We welcome Mrs Cheryl McKell back on Tuesday after her two week holiday.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

30 October-4 November

F Palamara, K Vartuli,
M Pisani



6-11 November

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

28/29 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Daniela Romeo: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

4/5 November (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 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: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

28/29 October

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power



4/5 November

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

28/29 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

4/5 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

28 October

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

4 November

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Taliyah Stepic

5 November

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

28 October

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

4 November

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

29 October

Santina & Frances

12 November

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis Homily on Wednesday 25 October in St. Peter's Square.

God wants us to join Him in Paradise, so He waits for us to repent, even up until the very last moment of our lives.

Pope Francis stressed this during this morning's General Audience in St Peter's Square.

As he continued his catechesis on Christian hope, his last on the theme, the Pope specifically reflected on the theme, "Heaven, the Goal of Our Hope."

"Paradise" is one of the last words spoken by Jesus from the Cross, addressed to the Good Thief, the Pope said. He encouraged those present to pause for a moment on that scene. There, on Calvary, Jesus meets this sinner and opens to him the door of His Kingdom.

Francis noted that this is interesting because it's the only time the word "paradise" appears in the Gospels, namely when Jesus promises it to a 'poor devil' who, on the wood of the cross, had the courage to address to Him the most humble request: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

While this thief didn't have good works to assert, he entrusted himself to Jesus, whom he recognises as innocent, good, so different from himself.

"That word of humble repentance," Francis said, "was enough to touch the heart of Jesus."

The good thief reminds us of our true condition before God: "that we are His children, that He has compassion for us, that He is disarmed every time we manifest to Him nostalgia for His love."

The Pope recalled how often in hospital rooms or prison cells, this miracle is repeated innumerable times. "There is no person, no matter how badly he lived, for whom only despair remains for whom grace is prohibited," he said recalling how well we all present ourselves before God with empty hands.

"Every time that a man, doing the last examination of conscience of his life, discovers that the deficits are greater compared to his good works," the Pope highlighted, "he must not be discouraged, but entrust himself to God's mercy. And this gives us hope; this opens our heart!" God, the Father, waits for our return up to the end, like the father in the Prodigal Son, the Pope reminded them.

"This is God: this is how He loves us!"

"Paradise is not a dream place or an enchanted garden. Paradise is the embrace with God, infinite Love, and we enter it thanks to Jesus, who died on the Cross for us.

Where Jesus is, the Pope said, there is mercy and happiness, and where He is not, there is cold and darkness.

"In the hour of death, a Christian repeats to Jesus: 'Remember me,' and if there isn't any one who remembers us, Jesus is there, next to us."

The Holy Father said Jesus wants to take us to the most beautiful place that exists.

"And He will bring to the Father's House all that is in us that still needs to be redeemed: the failure and mistakes of our whole life."

Pope Francis said that this marks the end of our existence, namely when everything is fulfilled and is transformed in love.

"If we believe this then, death ceases to make us afraid, and we can also hope to depart from this world serenely and with much trust."



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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“OF LIFE AND LOVE” MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

2017 Date: November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

For more information please go to our events page at www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday November 6 at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Sydney for the Bishop's blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendsecondedition.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Mgr. John Lyne (former PP Eastwood); Ernest Gasperic; Rocco Romeo; Krist Vella.; Liberatorea Lo Conti.(Funeral is Thursday at 10am)

Anniversaries: Vince Camilleri.;

Also for: Special Intentions

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, Erminia Demasi, Anton Beuk, Dr David Catterall ((PP Oran Park), Jim Brassil, Antonio Rudan.



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- Your wrong-Theologian criticises Fr frank Brennan and Greg Sheridan on gay marriage
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KID'S CORNER.



Q. Why did the emu cross the road?

A. To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Parish Notices cont'd— Please Note:

Anointing Mass

We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick during this coming Friday's Morning Mass. I encourage you to bring any senior parishioners to attend and receive this Anointing to help them in their time of spiritual need for the Lord in their lives.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal (CWF)

The CWF Appeal will take place at all Masses next Sunday. Your support to the CWF Appeal continues to assist the work of some of the Church Agencies in the Archdiocese. Envelopes are on the seat and you are asked to return it next weekend with your offering. CWF contributions are 100% Tax Deductible.

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



Supported by Maltese Community Council of NSW

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to "Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy(17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

The Festival is now little over 60 days away!! The organisers have left the group registrations open until the final cut off date of 20 October. There is still time to register! Please contact our Deanery coordinator [insert details] as soon as possible. Registrations are already over 14,000. This is an opportunity not to be missed and we are encouraging as many of our young people as possible to attend. There are 3 day registrations (\$250) and 1 day registrations available (\$125). The 1 day registration is for Thursday or Friday and includes Saturday.

The Festival is a great opportunity for parents and Grandparents to give an early Christmas gift of a registration to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Contact the Deanery coordinator for more information.

The Catholic Weekly has details about the festival in this week's issue.

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

Mackillip.org.au/fostercare

** name changed to protect privacy*

Tell Your Story in The Catholic Weekly

Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtogracesaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtogracesaus.org