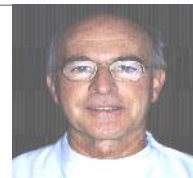




16/17 September 2017-Year A Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twentyfourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Love And Forgiveness

In the Gospel reading, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone who sins against him. What is the number of times, Peter wants to know, that he has to forgive that sinner? But this question is confused. There is no such number as the one Peter is looking for. There is no limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone who has sinned against us. What stands between us and God is only our willingness to receive the gift God is offering.

We can understand the point of this Gospel story if we see the connection between love and forgiveness. Refusing to forgive is refusing to love, and it is never acceptable not to love. That is why it is never right to withhold forgiveness either.

The relation between love and forgiveness also helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer [on the one hand,] and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her.

If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can *want* the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her.

God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God is offering the good to every person too, no matter what his sins may be.

So God does not keep a careful distance from us even when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our willingness to receive the gift God is offering. If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given *and* received.

2. 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.

3. 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.

\$10 per calendar.



4. Hall Tables for Sale



George Ajkay, during Fr Short's time built the wooden tables that we use in the hall for our functions.

However, for those of us who have set the hall up for a function they are very heavy to get down from the stack etc.

George is in agreement that I can offer them to parishioners and we will use the collapsable white ones which are much lighter to handle.

The table and the metal legs are very sturdy and of good quality that will last a lifetime.

Each table \$120.00

First in at the presbytery with a vehicle there are 30 tables.



5. Green Thumb

Kerry De Vries has very kindly offered to look after the planter box at the front the Church, and has planted some plants. He will take care of them.

If anyone wants to look after the garden at the side of the Church you are most welcome. Thank you.

7. Christmas Cards

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

8. Social Justice Sunday

A reminder that Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday September 24, which is next Sunday.

9. St Anthony of Padua Catholic School News

We welcome back the children from their "holiday school" at Good Shepherd, Hoxton Park. We thank Brother Pat and the Principal for their hospitality over the 6 months Kindergarten has been at Good Shepherd.

While there, they had their own building and playing area, so, were not involved with Good Shepherd School.

Sydney Catholic Schools has supported the move financially during this time and I thank them for their support to our school.

The parish has been using some of the School Building Fund monies to buy various equipment and school aids that our Principal does not have provision for in her budget.

The monies we put into the School Building Fund over the 3 1/2 years I have been here and which parishioners received a tax deduction can only be used at the School. So, the parish is assisting the school now and into the future.

As you can see the school looks great. Marc Moribito Constructions have done a great job and the school will be the showpiece in the area and I'm sure many families will be "knocking at the door" to enrol their child/children.

We look forward to the school and parish working together to create one community in the years ahead.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

18-23 September

F Palamara, F Musso
K Vartuli, M Pisani



25-30 September

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

16/17 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Daniela Romeo

Readers:

Daniela Romeo: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

23/24 September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

James Gill: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

16/17 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



23/24 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

16/17 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

23/24 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

16 September

Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

23 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Taliyah Stepic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

16 September

S & V Casha

23 September

School Holidays

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis' Video-Message

Dear Colombian People.

In a few days, I will visit your country. I will go as a pilgrim of hope and of peace, to celebrate with you our faith in Our Lord and also to learn from your charity and constancy in search of peace and harmony.

I greet you warmly and I thank Mr President of the Republic and the Bishops of the Episcopal Conference, for the invitation to visit Colombia. I also thank each one of you, who receive me in your land and in your heart. I know that you have worked, and have worked a lot to prepare this meeting.; my gratitude to all those who have collaborated and continue to do so, to make it a reality.

“Let Us Take the First Step,” is the motto of this trip. It reminds us that it is always necessary to take a first step for any activity and project. It also pushes us to be the first to love, to create bridges, to create fraternity. To take the first step encourages us to go out to encounter the other, and to stretch out our hand and give one another the sign of peace. Peace is what Colombia has been seeking for a long time and works to obtain — a stable and durable peace, to see one another and treat each other as brothers, never as enemies. Peace reminds us that we are all children of the same Father, who loves us and consoles us.

I feel honoured to visit that land rich in history, culture and faith, of men and women who have worked with tenacity and constancy so that it is a place where harmony and fraternity reign, where the Gospel is known and loved, where to say *brother* and *sister* is not something strange but a true treasure to protect and defend. Today's world is in need of consultants of peace and dialogue. The Church is also called to this task, to promote reconciliation with the Lord and with brothers, and also reconciliation with the environment, which is God's creation and which we are exploiting in a savage way .

May this visit be a fraternal embrace for each one of you, in which we feel the consolation and tenderness of the Lord.

Dear Colombian brothers and sisters, I wish to live these days with you with a joyful spirit and gratitude to the Lord. I embrace you affectionately and I ask the Lord to bless you. to protect your country, and to grant you peace.

May our Mother, the Holy Virgin take care of you. And please don't forget to pray for me. Thank you and see you soon.



ROSARY CRUSADE

Our goal is to reach 1 million Rosaries dedicated for marriage. We currently have dedicated 645,803 rosaries. We need you to pray and dedicate a further 355,000 rosaries for marriage. It is very simple. Register your intention to pray at <http://rosarycrusade.org.au>

People register the number of Rosaries they will pray for marriage each week. Included with this project is a palm sized prayer card that implores the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia which is prayed with each Rosary. We would like to distribute material for promotion in your parish at no cost. Info: David 0437 679 865, E: nacf.sydney@hotmail.com



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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

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Marc Robert Slaverio, Maria Vaccaro

Also for: Holy Souls

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, Jean Smith.



- To vote with Pope Francis is to vote no
- St Joseph's Rockdale celebrates 125 years
- Sydney offers \$100,000 for stem cell research
- Witness to life: Mass for the unborn
- Courtesy's importance
- The Church's advertising problem: what you see is not what you get
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. Why was the Maths book sad?

A. Because it had too many problems.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Early bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival need to be paid by 25 August 2017. Final group registrations close on 22 September, so we still have time to register additional young people from our parish. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years are invited to contact our Deanery contact for further information [Please insert the name and contact details of your Deanery Coordinator or a Parish contact if you have one]. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia, please support this initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State school students which may be accessed through our Deanery Coordinator.

COALITION for MARRIAGE

The postal plebiscite on marriage begins on 12 September. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach LGBTIQ issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say no. More Info: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

SILENT RETREAT

Discover the "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Friday 22nd September (6pm) - Sunday, 24th Sept (2pm finish) in Bowral. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

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

HYMN TO WELCOME POPE FRANCIS TO COLUMBIA



Carlos Corvacho's "Lets Takes the First Step,"

Is the song chosen by the jury in the

"Sing to the Pope" competition, organised

In Colombia to choose the official hymn

For the Holy Father's Apostolic Visit.

The video-clip is an initiative of the United Catholic Musicians,

Which was recorded by the

Eucharistic Communicator Sisters of Colombia.

The hymn will be sung live to the

Holy Father on September 7, 2017,

In Simon Bolivar Park.

"You bring us light, you bring us peace,

You bring us words of truth and our people

Will be able to find freedom in God," the choir

Will sing loudly in Bogota, Villavicencio, Medellin and Cartagens,

In each of the events with the Supreme Pontiff.