



2/3 September 2017-Year A Twenty-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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to
You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep
for those who fear You.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twentysecond Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Does God want us to be Happy?

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer 'no'? How
could anyone suppose God is loving if it is not true that he wants us to
be happy?

And yet look at Christ's line in the Gospel Reading. Deny yourself, Jesus
tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

Denying yourself seems the opposite of going for happiness, doesn't it?

And the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these
things for his people? Does God want us to be *unhappy*?

A man divorcing his dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier
woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way: "God
wants me to be happy," he told her, "and I can't be happy with *you*. I *will*
be happy with her."

No one can be happy whose heart has deep within it a willingness to
crush others to get what he wants.

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this man that God might
have any care for the happiness of his wife. As far as his wife was
concerned, the husband's full view of the matter could be put this way:
"God wants *me* to be happy, but God doesn't give a damn about *you*."

This little story is common in its selfishness. But we should not let our
familiarity with its callous disregard for the suffering of others blind us.

Whether it is these familiar evils or the terrible shocking evils we see in
the news, these evils show us the sickness of the post-fall human
condition. We are willing to privilege our own power or pleasure over any
greater goods, even at the cost of cruelty to others.

We can't be happy in *this* condition. No one can be happy whose heart
has deep within it a willingness to crush others to get what he wants.

Well, then, what is to be done with us? What *will* make us happy? What
will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict
others?

This is where Christ's cross comes into the story. Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (Jn 14:6) The cross of Christ is our only route to the happiness God does want for us.

Taking up our cross with Christ is healing for our sinful condition. It is the way to life, and to true joy.

2. Change of Address

About 2 years ago we asked Charles Glanville (Architects) who designed the Church to design a new presbytery for St Anthony's.

When sent here, the Chancellor Monsignor John Usher, told me to build a presbytery to house two priests and a seminarian (student Trainee), who would have pastoral experience in the parish.

As you know from looking for houses they are not cheap!

Besides accommodation, office and separate living areas had to be incorporated into the design, as well as, the other essential household needs. The presbytery had to accommodate all these areas.

The cost was worked at \$1.2 million in today's money. The parish did not have it and after renovating the Church and fixing up the presbytery we were nowhere near that amount.

I invited the head of the Church Development Fund to lunch to discuss our finances but he indicated we would not be able to pay the interest due to what we receive on the 2nd Collection. So, we put it in the too hard basket.

Bishop Randazzo attended a School Master Plan Meeting 10 weeks ago and commented on the presbytery and the living environment. The Bishop approached Sydney Catholic Schools that as they have several properties could they loan one to the parish for use as a presbytery and parish office.

I have accepted their offer and so, we are "moving house" to 320 Edmondson Avenue Austral, keeping the same phone and fax numbers and email address.

My builder will do repairs to the interior of the presbytery as the architraves are breaking up, we had an attack of white ants in the bathroom and some repairs in the kitchen.

I seek your input as to what to do with the presbytery eg: offer it to a young married couple in a reduced rent or offer it to a refugee family that we could foster and assist in establishing themselves in our community. There are many Catholic families that are in need of assistance.

The presbytery and parish office will move on Thursday 31 August.

If you have ideas please let either a member of the parish council know of your ideas or send an email to the Parish Office. Thank you.

3. Fathers Day

A very Happy Fathers' Day to all our dads this weekend.

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. Christmas Cards

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

6. Columbian Calendars 2018

Columbian Calendars for 2018 will be 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.

\$10 per calendar.

7. Green Thumb

Any parishioner or parishioners willing to look after the gardens around the Church.

The garden in front of the Church needs weeding. If you can spare a few minutes, just turn up and do it.

No permission needed!! Thank you.

8. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The CWF collection was held at all Masses over the last few weekends, and again on behalf of our Archbishop, Archbishop Anthony Fisher I thank you again for your support to agencies of the Archdiocese who do wonderful work in many areas of this great city.

The Parish raised \$1750 for CWF against our quota of \$1900. Thank you to everyone for your support.

May God Bless you
Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

4-9 September

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko



11-16 September

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

READERS ROSTER

2/3 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David 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: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

9/10 September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Margaret 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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

2/3 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Volunteer

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



9/10 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

2/3 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

9/10 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

2 September

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa Galea

Emily Galea

3 September

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

9 September

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

2 September

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth & R Micallef

9 September

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Vatican City, Aug 28, 2017 / 02:00 am (CNA/EWTN News).- On Monday the Vatican confirmed rumors that have been swirling the past few weeks about a papal visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, announcing that Pope Francis will visit the two Asian countries Nov. 27-Dec. 2.

“Welcoming the invitation of the respective heads of state and bishops, His Holiness Pope Francis will make an apostolic visit to Myanmar from 27 to 30 November 2017, visiting the cities of Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw,” an Aug. 28 statement from Vatican spokesman Greg Burke read.

The communique also noted that after Myanmar, the Pope will head to Bangladesh “from 30 November to 2 December 2017, visiting the city of Dhaka.” The logo for the trip was also published, and the schedule is expected to be released shortly.

The Pope has been talking about a visit to Asia for several months; however, until now nothing had been confirmed. Still, he managed to slip the visit in just before Christmas.

Though India was initially part of the plan for this year’s Asia trip, a visit to the country had to be cut due to complications with the country’s government.

Despite hopes from all sides, it’s taken longer than anticipated to work out some of the details with the government of Prime Minister Narhendra Modi, a Hindu nationalist seen by many as hostile to India’s Christian minority.

Francis’ decision to visit Bangladesh and Myanmar is not only a shining example of his attention to the peripheries, but it also speaks of the great attention he has placed on Asia since his election.

His second international trip as Pope was a visit to South Korea in August 2014, made in part to celebrate Asian Youth Day, and just five months later, in January 2015, he traveled to Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

The upcoming visit to Myanmar and Bangladesh, then, will mark his third tour of the Asian continent so far in his four-year tenure.



FATHERS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us for a special remembrance service in honour of our departed and loved fathers.

Date Saturday 2nd September Time 10am
Venue Forest Lawn Memorial Park, North Chapel,
Camden Valley Way, Leppington.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome.

Service held in conjunction with Guardian Funerals, Simplicity Funerals, Kenneally's Funerals, Lifes Celebrations and St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish.



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

2017 Dates: September 9 and 10 (weekend course) and November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Beryl Callaghan

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.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Monica Doumit: Same-sex marriage targets children
- Dr Kevin Donnelly: Same-sex marriage, The underlying flaw
- Catholic Schools run Life-Week
- The Melkite Church celebrates a beloved Saint
- Two new Priests for Sydney
- The Vietnamese Way-Revesby celebrates
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What stays in the corner but travels around the world?

A. A Stamp.

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 you 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.

Fathers on Tap is coming to Liverpool !!!

7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday September 4

Liverpool Catholic Club, 424-458 Hoxton Park Road, Prestons

This event will be an informal opportunity for dads and granddads, young and old, to get together and enjoy a meal and a schooner, while listening to Andrew Mullins discussing the importance of wellbeing on the journey through fatherhood.

To RSVP and for further details, please contact Mouna Roche on mouna.roche@syd.catholic.edu.au or 0475 962 413.

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.