



20/21 January 2018-Year B The Third 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: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to
the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength
and honour in His holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your
faces not be abashed..

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. True to God's Word

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedeviled philosophers and theologians.

God commands Jonah to tell the people of Ninevah these words: *Forty days more and Ninevah shall be destroyed.*

Now, the people of Ninevah believed that God's words are true, and they repented. And God was pleased with them for believing his words and repenting.

BUT—God's words seem to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah's telling the people God's words, the city is still standing.

And so here is the puzzle: could God say words that are false, and could God be pleased with the people of Ninevah for believing a falsehood? Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle.

But here is a simple thought.

God's words are always true, and God is always true to his word.

When God's words call you, God puts your life at a cross-road. You can ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with a willingness to trust and obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life behind for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in God and for him.

The people of Ninevah respond to God's call in this second way. They believe God's words and will to be obedient to God, and that is why they repent their former ways. As a result they become very different from the people they had been. The whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, *two* ways in which the Lord's words to Ninevah can be true. Ninevah can be destroyed either because God demolishes the city or because the people cease to be the Ninevah that they were. Either way, the old Ninevah will no longer exist.

Therefore, God's words to Ninevah *were* true. When the people of Ninevah responded to God's words with trust and obedience, they ceased to be what they were—and the old Ninevah was destroyed.

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2. Anniversary Mass

Mass for the repose of Peter Calarco, will be celebrated on Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm in the Church. All Welcome.



3. Readers: Please Note

My thanks to George Ajkay for the Gospel stand attached to the lectern.

We can now give greater emphasis and importance to the Word of God.

The Gospel Book will now be carried into each weekend Mass, reminding us of the importance of God's Word, speaking to each one of us. The Reader who proclaims the Second Reading will process in with the Gospel Book ahead of the Ministers.

The Reader proclaiming the Second Reading should come to the sacristy about 3 minutes before Mass begins, collect the Gospel Book and prepare to walk into the Church at the Start of Mass.

The Gospel Book is placed on the altar on the side Father Bob stands. Place the Gospel Book on the Altar, come back to the front of the Altar, bow with the Priest and Minister and return to your seat.

4. St Anthony of Padua School Reopens

St Anthony of Padua School reopens this week with the secretary available for enrolements or school enquiries.

On Monday week, 29th January, the school staff will gather in the Church for Mass seeking the Lord's blessing on their endeavours during this coming year. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in all they do to make our school a shining light in our community. Please join us and pray for our teachers. Year 1 will return on Tuesday 30 January 2018. Kindergarten will begin on Wednesday 31 January.

We pray that St Anthony of Padua will inspire our students throughout the coming year.



5. Help Wanted

We are in need of readers for the Masses and I invite parishioners to consider being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, to accept this ministry we do need to attend Mass on a weekly basis (unless sick etc). We also need more Altar Servers.

Please complete forms on the back table if you are interested.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

15-20 January 2018

V Laferla, L Pecotich,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



22-27 January

Volunteers

READERS ROSTER

20/21 January 2018

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

27/28 January (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 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

20/21 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay



13/14 January

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

20/21 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

27/28 January

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

20 January 2018

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina and
Leo Steimbesser

27 January

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Zac & Taliyah Stepic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

20 January 2018

School Holidays

27 January 2018

School Holidays

9am Sunday
School Holidays

NURSING HOME ROSTER

21 January

Lina & Faye

4 February
Sister Rosa &
Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



POPE FRANCIS: FIX YOUR EYES ON MARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

On the first page of the calendar of the New Year, which the Lord gives us, the Church puts as stupendous miniature the liturgical solemnity of Mary Most Holy, Mother of God. On this first day of the solar year, let us fix our gaze on her, to take up again, under her maternal protection, the journey along the paths of time.

Today's Gospel (Cf. Luke 2:16-21) takes us back to the stable of Bethlehem. The shepherds arrive in haste and find Mary, Joseph, and the Child, and refer to the proclamation given to them by the Angels, namely, that that Newborn is the Saviour. All are astonished, while "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (v. 19). The Virgin makes us understand how the event of Christmas is to be received: not superficially but in the heart. She indicates the true way to receive God's gift: to keep it in the heart and ponder it. It's an invitation addressed to each one of us to pray, contemplating and enjoying this gift that is Jesus Himself.

It's through Mary that the Son of God assumes corporeity. However, Mary's maternity isn't reduced to this: thanks to her faith, she is the first disciple of Jesus and this "dilates" her maternity. It was Mary's faith that at Cana caused the first miraculous "sign," which contributed to arouse the disciples' faith. Mary is present with the same faith at the foot of the cross and receives as son the Apostle John. And, finally, after the Resurrection, she becomes the praying Mother of the Church, on which the Holy Spirit descends powerfully on the Day of Pentecost.

As Mother, Mary carries out a very special function: she puts herself between her Son Jesus and men in the reality of their privations, indigence, and sufferings. Mary intercedes, as at Cana, aware that, as Mother, she can, rather, must make present to her Son the needs of men, especially the weakest and most disadvantaged. It's in fact to these persons that the theme is dedicated of the World Day of Peace that we celebrate today: "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace," so is the motto of this Day. Once again, I wish to make myself a voice of these our brothers and sisters, who invoke for their future a horizon of peace. For this peace, which is a right of all, many of them are prepared to risk their life in a journey that in most cases is long and dangerous; they are willing to face toils and sufferings (Cf. Message for the 2018 World Day of Peace, 1).

Please, let's not extinguish the hope in their heart; let's not suffocate their expectations of peace! It's important that, on the part of all — civil institutions, educational, welfare, and ecclesial realities, there is the commitment to ensure to refugees, to migrants and to all a future of peace. May the Lord grant us to work in this New Year with generosity, with generosity, to bring about a more solidary and hospitable world. I invite you to pray for this, while together with you I entrust to Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, the <year> 2018 that has just begun. The old Russian monks, mystics, said that in times of spiritual turbulence it is necessary to recollect oneself under the mantle of the Holy Mother of God. Thinking of the many turbulences of today, and especially of migrants and refugees, we pray as they taught us to pray: "We seek refuge under your protection, Holy Mother of God: do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. "

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Rocco Surace, Fortunato Crocono

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, Anton Beuk, Peter Calarco, Mary Agostino.

Also for: Dec'd members of the Vartuli Family, Carmen Vella and Grezzju Vella.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi.

