



3/4 February 2018-Year B The Fifth 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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Serving the Lord Well

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus comes to Peter's house and he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick. And finding her sick, Jesus heals her. It is a familiar story about Jesus, who heals all kinds of diseases and infirmities.

But then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and rushes all their sick to Peter's house. The Gospel says that by the evening the whole city was gathered at the door of Peter's house (Mark 1:33)! Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital. The Gospel says that Jesus healed very many of them. What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you.

If the whole city is at the door of Peter's house by the evening, then Jesus must have been healing well into the night. The Gospel says that Jesus left the house well before day and went into a secluded place to pray.* He was so besieged by those who wanted healing that he couldn't pray in the house.

When his absence was finally detected, his disciples went looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you!" They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a "Doctor Without Borders."

And so maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do.

It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you.

2. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday February 5 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

PPC members are asked to attend and parishioners are asked to present ideas etc to assist building up our parish community over the next 12 months.

3. St Bakhita's Day February 18

Have you ever considered that what you buy may actually be contributing to modern slavery? From what we wear to what we eat, many of our commonplace purchases are tainted by modern slavery, including forced labour and human trafficking. Pope Francis has called on all of us to eliminate all forms of modern slavery.

So please join us:

To commemorate St Bakhita's Day Thursday February 8 2018, the international Catholic day for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Mass details: St Anthony's at 9am.

In prayer for the eradication of modern slavery and human trafficking (prayer cards at the info table) and by shopping ethically (check out the Ethical shopping guide)

4. Catechists Meeting

Our first Catechist meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday February 6. Catechists and Catechists helpers are asked to attend the 9am Mass praying for the year ahead and the students in their care and then, move to the parish hall for the meeting.

Morning tea will be provided.

Any parishioners interested in being a Catechist or Catechist helper is invited to attend the Mass and join us in the hall.

Being a Catechist is very rewarding for the training that is given, as well as, for the knowledge of the faith that the Catechist receives.



5. Ash Wednesday 14 February

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February.

There will be two Masses for Ash Wednesday, with the distribution of ashes at both Masses. Masses are: 9am and 7pm.

6. St Anthony of Padua Catholic School News

We welcome our Year 1 students and families back and we welcome all the new Kindergarten children and their families.



Our school has grown to 100 students for 2018. There are 44 students in Year 1 and there are 46 students in Kindergarten.

Our staff has grown from 8 to 15 members and they are:

Principal: Lea De Angelis

AP: Naomi Crowley

Office: Evelyn Fernandez

Staff: Jenna O'Donnell, Jenny Thornton, Veronica Bonorchis, Jessica Vincent, Leisa Rodoreda, Emily Follan, Carolina Gomez, Bonnie Lachowicz, Caroline Vassarotti, Veronica Leva, Angela Callipari, Lina De Sanits

The Sydney Catholic Schools have given us three teachers for the Kindergarten so that we can accept any new families moving into the parish as well as, into Year 1 due to the numbers.

I thank them for their support to our school.

We pray that Lea, her staff, students and families have a great year and I hope that we see them joining the parish community, as well.

7. Childrens Liturgy Rosters

Rosters for Children's Liturgy are available on the table at the back of the Church.

8. Funeral mass for the Late Anna Spada

The Funeral Mass for the late Anna Spada will be held at St Anthony's on this Wednesday at 10am.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

5-10 February

V Zoric, L Eljiz, L Lopez

12-17 February

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



READERS ROSTER

3/4 February

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

10/11 February (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 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: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

3/4 February

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara



10/11 February

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

3/4 February

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

10/11 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

3 February

Saturday Vigil

Matthew Modolo

Mark & Lauren Vassallo

4 February

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

10 February

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa & Emily Galea

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

3 February

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

10 February

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

4 February

Sister Rosa &

Jayann

18 February

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



There is no true humility without humiliation

According to Vatican News, Pope Francis gave this reminder during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta as he reflected on David's humiliation told in today's first reading.

While remembering that David was a great man, overcoming Goliath, also with a 'noble soul' since he chose not to kill Saul despite twice having the chance to do so, the Pope said David was a sinner. Francis pointed out that the Great David had committed adultery and arranged for his lover Bathsheba's husband to be killed.

However, the Holy Father observed, the Church still venerates him because he was humiliated. He 'accepted' forgiveness, repented for his sins, and let himself be transformed by the Lord. The Pontiff also recalled the insults David endured, stressing that this mockery and his being discarded is similar to that of Jesus.

"Sometimes we think that humility is to go quietly, perhaps head-down looking at the floor... but even pigs walk with their heads down: this is not humility. This is that fake, ready-to-wear humility," the Pope said, "which neither saves nor guards the heart. We have to be aware that there is no true humility without humiliation, and if you are not able to tolerate, to carry humiliation on your shoulders, you are not truly humble: you pretend you are, but you are not".

Both David and Jesus burden themselves with sins, the Pontiff said, and they were both humiliated. "There is always the temptation to counter slander and oppose anything that humiliates us or makes us feel ashamed – like Shimei. But David says "No"; the Lord says "No", that is not the right path. The path is the one taken by Jesus and prophesied by David: bearing humiliation. 'Perhaps the Lord will look upon my affliction and make it up to me with benefits for the curses he is uttering this day': turning humiliation into hope.

Humility, Francis warned, is not justifying oneself immediately in the face of an offense and trying to look good.

"If you are unable to bear humiliation, you are not humble" he warned: "this is the golden rule". Pope Francis concluded, saying: "Let us ask the Lord for the grace of humility, with humiliations" saying our humiliations are opportunities to become more like the Lord.



Calling for Help!!

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

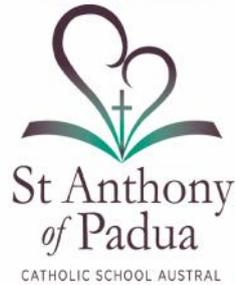
The ladies do a wonderful job, but most have been doing it for many years and need to retire.

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.



New Catholic school NOW OPEN in Austral



**NOW
ENROLLING**
Kindergarten -
Year 2, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROL CONTACT US

www.stapaustral.catholic.edu.au P 9606 8600

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews. Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

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, so parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Father Peter Neville, Carmen Mariana Freund, Jasna Stipicie, John Patrick Garard., Anna Spada, Philomena Grech.

Anniversaries: Caterina Mammone, Genoveffa Vivoda.

Also for: Deceased 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:

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi.





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- Solo Voyage: Andrew Brazier will embark on a 15,000km solo trip to raise awareness and \$100,000 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.
- The #MeToo problem: Policing sexual desire
- Crossroads Walkers: Youth walk for life
- Australia Day honours: Sister Sheelah Frances Morgan
- Movie review: I, Tonya
- Fun with Faith kids page-Pg 23

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

One Decade Rosary Booklet.
Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet & pray it each day with faith and devotion.
Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you.
Write your name and intentions in this book & once a week Mass will be offered for you.
For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



MT SHOENSTATT RETREATS

9-11 February, 2018 - Retreat for Women

Theme: "IT IS WHEN I AM WEAK THAT I AM STRONG" (2 COR. 12: 10)
Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection as we approach the season of Lent. Experience the love of God and our Blessed Mother at the Schoenstatt Shrine in this Fr. Kentenich Year. (15.9.2017 – 15.9.2018)

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

When: 7pm 9 February – 4pm 11 February 2018

Cost: \$150 Shared rooms - Deposit \$50, Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338 by 5 February

25th February, 2018 - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families of all ages and constellations

2pm: Talk for Adults: JOY in SUFFERING including Testimonies (Children's Programme and Baby sitting)

3pm: Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Benediction

4pm: Afternoon Tea

Where: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: Free

Contact: Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or juliebrcar@gmail.com

WESTERN SYDNEY MRC AGED CARE SUPPORT

If you are caring for a relative or a friend and would like help to allow you time out from your caring role, Western Sydney MRC are here to help.

We can assist in the following areas:

Flexible in-home respite

Support to access services and the community including transport to appointments and shopping

Centre-based respite including arts and crafts

Social outings

For more information, please contact Rosaria on 8778 1240 or email rosaria@wsmerc.org.au



KID'S CORNER

Q. What type of room has no windows or doors?
A. A mushroom.

Position Vacant

Housekeeper

St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office.

5 – 8 hours a week Days and times negotiable.

Cleaning & cooking required

Experience preferred

Applications Close: Friday 2 February 2018

Please contact Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 or admin@sfxlurnea.org.au

Catholic Mindfulness Workshop

THIS ASH WEDNESDAY: Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy.

When: Wednesday, February 14

Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus

Cost: \$100

Register: www.rom.org.au

CatholicCare

Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis?

Call CatholicCare's CCareline Team on 13 18 19: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, in-home ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

The Gregorian Schola of Sydney

Would you like to sing, or learn to sing, Gregorian Chant? *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney* resumes rehearsals at **6pm on Thursdays at St Bede's Pymont** (not far from Star City) from February 8. Come along and join us. We need you. Bring your friends also. "Gregorian Chant (is) specially suited to the Roman Liturgy .. (and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services" (Vatican II SC 116). It is not hard to learn and you have the satisfaction of acquiring a new skill.





SURRENDER LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Season of Lent begins on 14 February, again early in the year.

What do we do for Lent?

I invite parishioners to a Lenten Discussion/Reflection programme.

The programme is called “Surrender” presented by the Wollongong Diocese.

The programme would run on a Thursday after the 9am Mass.

Location depends on the number of parishioners involved.

The starting date: 15 February @ 9.30am

Then the Thursdays following:-

22 February
1 March
8 March
15 March
22 March

Please put your name on the sheet on the table at the back of the Church.

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@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

The Archdiocese of Sydney App

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au