



3/4 March 2018-Year B Third Sunday of Lent



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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: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house. For ever singing Your praise.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Third Sunday in Lent Year B**

1. The Instruction Manual

In the First Reading, God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on.

Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply.

Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil.

The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him? Elsewhere in the Gospel (John 2: 15), Christ uses a whip to drive the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this, he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives the moneychangers out of the Temple. If he had turned the other cheek to the moneychangers, he would have been an enabler of their evil. But it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (*Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio*). Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well.

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2. Sacramental Programme for First Eucharist

Those families whose children have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to begin preparation for First Eucharist, their First Holy Communion.

Please collect the form from Fr Bob.



3. Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday 9am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross as a worthy penance to perform during this season of Lent.

4. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday 5 March in the presbytery, starting at 7.30pm. Parishioners with ideas/suggestions should forward them to the parish office by Friday March 2, either by email or letter.

5. Parish Finance Committee

Members of the Finance committee are asked to attend the first Finance Meeting for 2018 on Wednesday March 7 at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.

6. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Parish Council has agreed to hold two functions in the coming weeks.

(a) Youth Movie Night-Saturday March 3

We will have a movie night after the Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall.

Date: Saturday March 3

Time: 6.30pm-9pm

Cost: \$15 includes food & drink (Pizza).

Tickets: Available from this weekend.

Age: Year 3 students-Year 9 students.

(b) Seniors Bus Trip—Friday March 9

Where: Mt Annan Gardens

When: Friday March 9

Time: 10.30am pick-up at the Church (morning tea etc provided).

Please indicate your intentions to join us by filling in the sheet next weekend.

Cost: Your presence and time together.



7. Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

The Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers Course is now open to parishioners as an important Ministry in the parish community.

It is important that parishioners considering offering themselves are regular in their attendance at weekend Mass.

As we are involved with the sacred it is important that we understand the special ministry that this ministry entails in the community.

Parishioners considering offering themselves are asked to fill in the enrolment form on the back table and give it to Fr Bob.

The course begins on Tuesday night the 20 March at 7.30pm. The night will go from 7.30-9pm. The second session will be the following week the 27 March.

8. Days of Penance

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (14 February) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (29 March). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 14 February, and Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

9. Chocolate Easter Lambs

Chocolate lambs are back this year some white chocolate and some milk chocolate price is \$10 per lamb.



10. One Month Mass—Anna Spada

The one month Mass for Anna Spada will be celebrated on Monday evening at 6pm at St Anthony's. All welcome to join the family.

11. One Month Mass—Anna Stella

The one month Mass for Anna Stella will be celebrated on Thursday evening 8 March at 7pm at St Anthony's. All welcome to attend.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

5-10 March

Volunteers

12-17 March

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb,



READERS ROSTER

3/4 March

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: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

10/11 March (4th Sunday of Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

3/4 March

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara



10/11 March

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

3/4 March

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

10/11 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

3 March

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Zac & Taliyah Stepic

10 March

Saturday Vigil

Mark & Lauren Vassallo
Matthew Modolo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

2 March

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

10 March

Rita & Chiara Moro

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

4 March

Lina & Faye

9 March

Mass Fr Bob & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Continuing with the catechesis on the Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Word — on which I reflected in the past catechesis —, is followed by the other constitutive part of the Mass, which is the Eucharistic Liturgy. In it, through the holy signs, the Church renders continually present the Sacrifice of the new Covenant sealed by Jesus on the altar of the Cross (Cf. Second Ecumenical Vatican Council, Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 47). The first Christian altar was the Cross, and when we come to the altar to celebrate Mass, our memory goes <back> to the altar of the Cross, where the first sacrifice was made. The priest, who represents Christ in the Mass, carries out what the Lord Himself did and entrusted to the disciples in the Last Supper: He took the bread and the chalice, rendered thanks, and gave them to the disciples, saying: "Take, eat . . . drink: this is my Body . . . this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of Me." Obedient to Jesus' command, the Church ordered the Eucharistic Liturgy in moments that correspond to the words and gestures done by Him, on the vigil of his Passion. Thus, in the preparation of the gifts, the bread and wine are taken to the altar, namely, the elements that Jesus took in His hands. In the Eucharistic Prayer we give thanks to God for the work of Redemption and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It's followed by the breaking of the Bread and Communion, through which we relive the experience of the Apostles, who received the Eucharistic gifts from the hands of Christ Himself (Cf. *Ordinamento Generale del Messale Romano*), 72). The preparation of the gifts corresponds, then, to Jesus' first gesture:

"He took the bread and the chalice of wine. It's the first part of the Eucharistic Liturgy. It's good that it's the faithful that present the bread and wine to the priest, because they signify the spiritual offering of the Church, gathered there for the Eucharist. It's beautiful that it's in fact the faithful that bring the bread and wine to the altar. Although today "the faithful no longer bring, as before, their own bread and wine destined to the Liturgy, yet the rite of the presentation of these gifts keeps its value and spiritual meaning" (*Ibid.*, 73). And in this connection, it's significant that, in ordaining a new presbyter, the Bishop, when he gives him the bread and wine, says: "Receive the offerings of the holy people for the Eucharistic sacrifice" (Roman Pontifical – Ordination of Bishops, of presbyters and of deacons). <It's> the people of God that brings the offering, the bread and wine, the great offering for the Mass! Therefore, in the signs of the bread and wine the faithful people put their own offering in the priest's hands, who places it on the altar or table of the Lord, "which is the center of all the Eucharistic Liturgy" (*OGMR*, 73). That is, the center of the Mass is the altar, and the altar is Christ. It's always necessary to look at the altar, which is the center of the Mass. Offered, therefore, in the "fruit of the earth and the work of man," is the commitment of the faithful to make of themselves, obedient to the divine Word, a "pleasing sacrifice to Almighty God the Father," "for the good of all His Holy Church." Thus "the life of the faithful, their suffering, their prayer, their work, are united to those of Christ and to His total offering, and in this way they acquire a new value" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1368). Our offering is certainly a small thing, but Christ is in need of this small thing.

The Lord asks little of us, and He gives us so much. He asks little of us. He asks us for good will in ordinary life; He asks us for an open heart; He asks us for the will to be better to receive him who offers Himself to us in the Eucharist. He asks us for these symbolic offerings, which will then become His Body and His Blood. An image of this self-giving movement of prayer is represented by incense that, consumed in the fire, gives off a perfumed smoke that goes up on high: to incense the offerings, as is done on feast days, to incense the cross, the altar, the priest and the priestly people manifest visibly the offertory bond that unites all these realities to Christ's sacrifice (Cf. *OGMR*, 75). And don't forget: it's the altar that is Christ, but always in reference to the first altar, which is the Cross, and on the altar, which is Christ, we bring our little gifts, the bread and wine, which then will become so much: Jesus Himself who gives Himself to us. And all this is what the prayer over the offerings expresses. In it the priest asks God to accept the gifts that the Church offers Him, invoking the fruit of the wonderful exchange between our poverty and His richness. In the bread and wine, we present our life to Him, so that it's transformed by the Holy Spirit into Christ's sacrifice and becomes, with Him, one spiritual offering pleasing to the Father. While the preparation of the gifts is thus concluded, it disposes us to the Eucharistic Prayer (Cf. *Ibid*, 77). May the spirituality of the gift of self, which this moment of the Mass teaches, be able to illumine our days, our relations with others, the things we do, the sufferings we meet, helping us to build the earthly city in the light of the Gospel.



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.



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Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

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: Patricia De Stoop, Mary Vella.

Anniversaries: Anna Spada.

Also for: Mary Vella, Dec'd members of the Vartuli Family, Special Intention.

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

- Wollongong gets a new shepherd
- Harley-riding priest-meet Father Suresh
- Chaplain not ready to escape jail yet
- Parents never give up
- Movie Review: Mary Magdalene
- Great Saint, poor movie

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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.

AFTERNOONS FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promote in regards to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties.

Where: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

When: Saturday 17 March 2018

Time: 2-4.30pm

Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or Phone (02) 9307 8404.

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



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 did one wall say to the other wall?

A. I'll meet you in the corner.

Leave

blank

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

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 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griegtogracesaus.org

Marriage Congratulations

Last weekend at St Anthony's we celebrated the marriage of

Luke Vella

And

Emma Heuving

We congratulate them on their marriage and wish them a wonderful life together.



Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:

Dean Jonathon Zinghini (Oran Park)
and
Kate Madeleine Sandy (Terry Hills)

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Alessandro Joseph Tilocca (Austral)
and
Diandra Clemente (Lurnea)

Anyone knowing any reason why these couples should not be bound in the Sacrament of Marriage is asked to inform the Parish Priest.
(Canon Law Nos 1066 and 1069)



QUOTA'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Quota International of Liverpool will celebrate their 11th International Women's day Breakfast on 8 March and is extending an invitation to you and your friends to come and help us celebrate.

Where: Hunts Country Comfort Liverpool
Cnr York Street & Hume Highway, Casula

When: Thursday 8 March 2018 at 7.15am

This year we are proud to have as our Guest Speaker, Kiersten Fishburn, Chief Executive Officer of Liverpool Council. Kiersten was promoted to this position in late 2016, having held a number of Executive Positions at the Council focusing on community, culture and engagement.

Whilst Director of the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre from 2011 to 2016 Kiersten led the creation and delivery of a contemporary arts and cultural development program.

Kiersten's topic will be "**Women in Leadership**". She will also be available to answer questions.

Cost: \$25 (full breakfast) when booking please advise of any dietary requirements

RSVP: 1 March, 2018

Enquiries: June Young OAM 0412968504 or Lorraine Perry 0409880805.

PROJECT COMPASSION **FOR A JUST FUTURE**

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018.