



2/3 June 2018-Year B Corpus Christi Sunday



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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: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from Heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

1. There is Power in the Blood

The Second Reading says that the blood of Christ cleans our consciences from dead works.

Anybody who does laundry can tell you that one of the hardest stains to get out is blood. Why would anybody think you could *clean* things with blood?

The answer is that it depends on what you are trying to clean. The Second Reading is talking about cleaning dead works out of the conscience. But what is a dead work?

What we could not do on our own, because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

Well, a thing that is dead just lies there, without moving. So dead works are works that don't go anywhere. And where would works be going except where the person who does the works wants them to go?

And now we have a better idea of what a dead work is, don't we? In Romans, Paul says, "I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate" (Rom 7:15). Is there anyone who doesn't understand this problem? Examples of it are easy to come by. Here's one: You set out bravely to give up smoking, and day after day you smoke.

It's not hard to see why dead works stain a conscience. Whose conscience would not feel stained by endless daily failure to do what he himself wants to do?

This is what the blood of Christ cleanses us from.

The blood is the life of a thing, Scripture says, (Deuteronomy 12:23). If in the Eucharist the blood of Christ comes into us, then Christ's life comes into us too. By his life, we are made into one body with him, one living body, with a living Spirit, the Spirit of Christ.

What we could not do on our own because our works are dead and our consciences are stained, the blood, the life, the Spirit of Christ can do in us.

When we are united with Christ through his body and blood in the Eucharist, our works live too, through him. And if our works live, then our consciences are cleansed too.

In fact, it turns out that even our dirty laundry is cleansed by the blood of Christ. The saints in heaven have made their clothes white in the blood of the lamb (Revelation 7:14).

The old Spiritual hymn is right: there is power in the blood!

2. The Feast of St Anthony Novena

As the Feast is Wednesday June 13, there is a small "St Anthony of Padua" Prayer Book available on the piety table. It has everyday prayers, novenas, and other prayers, also, the Litancy of St Anthony.

A good book to have \$5 a copy. Please leave money in the poor box.

Join us for this Novena leading up to the Feast Day by attending morning Mass from 8.40am, Mass is at 9am.

3. The Dempsey Medal

His Grace Archbishop Fisher has established this Dempsey Medal award on an annual basis to members of the Catholic clergy and laity.

Its presentation seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local parish Catholic Church.

Although the Medal is awarded for outstanding service or witness to the parish, it is primarily intended to recognise a parishioner who has made a contribution in the context of their local parish.

I applied to have the Dempsey Medal awarded to Mr Joe Cilia for his outstanding contribution to St Anthony's Parish over many years of faithful service. Joe has been a reader, an acolyte, assists the choir, attends morning Mass, is a Catechist and has been involved in the Legion of Mary for many years.

Most parishioners who attend the Vigil Saturday Night Mass know Joe for his devotion to the Mother of God as he leads the recitation of the rosary before Mass at 5.10pm.

Joe, Rita and the family have been invited to St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday July 29 at the 10.30am Mass where the Archbishop will present the Dempsey Medal. I have been asked to join the Archbishop and concelebrate the Mass.

James Dempsey was transported to Botany Bay for life for his involvement in the Vinegar hill rebellion of 1798 in Co, Wexford, Ireland. He was a lay Carmelite. He was pardoned in 1811. James was a spiritual man with a wonderful devotion to the Eucharist in his life. He assisted the condemned in the colony with prayer and his Kent Street house



became a social and religious centre where the Rosary was said on weekdays and Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Breviary) recited on Sundays.

In the same vein as James Dempsey, Joe Cilia is a worthy recipient of the Dempsey Medal, on behalf of all parishioners we congratulate and thank him for his Catholic faith, that with his wife Rita, lives it so well.

Well done, Joe!

4. Booking the Church for the Sacraments

It is unfortunate that couples for Baptism or Marriage go ahead and arrange the restaurant or function centre before checking if the date is available at St Anthony's. In the past, couples have organised the guests, the venue, the day and time and then, remember to ring the Church for that date, and time etc. Sometimes the date/time is available at other times it isn't and a couple are upset etc.

Please, please the first port of call should be to check to see if the Church is available or that Baptisms are celebrated on that Sunday.

Please Note: Baptisms are celebrated at 10.30am after the Sunday 9am Mass.



5. Parish Feast Day Gathering

The Parish Council decided to celebrate the parish feast day with a meal at the Austral Bowling Club.

It's nice and handy for parishioners. The club wasn't available on certain dates (Fr Bob's great nephew is celebrating First Holy Communion) so, the date is:

Date: Sunday July 1st

Time: 12 noon onwards

Place; Austral Bowling Club

Cost: Adults \$30 Per person, Children (under 10) \$15.00 per child.

Please save the date and come along for a community celebration for our parish feast day.

We will start taking monies and names from next weekend. Sorry! But as the Club needs exact numbers we must have the money and names before the event. Parishioners cannot just turn up on the day and hope there is a seat

Available.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

4-9 June

M Casino, D Ayoub, L Vitale,
M Garzaniti, R Khattar



11-16 June

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

2/3 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 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: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

9/10 June (10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 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: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

2/3 June

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara



9/10 June

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

2/3 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

9/10 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

2 June

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

3 June

Domenico Mirarchi

9 June

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

10 June

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

2 June

Sarah & V Casha

9 June

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

3 June

Lina & Faye

17 June

Sister Rosa &

Jayann

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Morning Homily: Marriage 'Silently Preaches' That 'Love Is Possible'

May 25, 2018: Marriage 'silently preaches' that 'love is possible.'

According to Vatican News, Pope Francis stressed this during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta as he offered Mass in the presence of seven couples celebrating their 50th and 25th wedding anniversaries, and reflected on today's Gospel reading according to Mark (Mk 10: 1-12), where Jesus affirms the beauty of marriage.

"From the beginning of Creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one," says Jesus. The Holy Father observed that the Lord "leaves the problem of separation and goes to the beauty of the couple."

"We must not stop . . . at 'one can,' or 'one cannot' separate a marriage. (. . .) Sometimes, by misfortune, it doesn't work and it's better to separate to avoid a world war, but it's a misfortune," stressed the Pontiff.

"Let us look at the positive," he invited, telling an anecdote of a couple that was celebrating 60 years of marriage and, to his question: "Are you happy?" They answered with emotion: "We are in love!"

"It's true that there are difficulties," the Pope acknowledged, "there are problems with children or with the couple themselves, arguments and fights... but the important thing is that the flesh remains one, and you can overcome, you can overcome, you can overcome."

"And this," he said, "is not only a sacrament for them, but also for the Church, a sacrament, as it were, that attracts attention: "See, love is possible!" And love is capable of allowing you to live your whole life "in love": in joy and in sorrow, with the problems of children, and their own problems... but always going forward. In sickness and in health, but always going forward. This is beautiful."

Marriage "is not only a Sacrament for them, but for the Church, as if it were a Sacrament that attracts attention: "However, see that love is possible!" continued the Pope. "Marriage is a silent preaching to all others, a preaching of every day."

Francis lamented that this is not considered news to the newspapers or to the TV news programs. "This couple, together for so many years... it's not news. Scandal, divorce, separation – these are considered newsworthy. (Although at times its necessary to separate, as I said, to avoid a greater evil). The image of God isn't news. But this is the beauty of marriage. They [the couple] are the image and likeness of God. And this is our news, the Christian news."

Patience is "perhaps, the most important virtue in a couple — both in the man as well as the woman," he affirmed, before ending with a prayer that God may "give the Church and society a more profound, more beautiful awareness of marriage."

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "May we all be able to understand and contemplate that the image and likeness of God is in marriage."



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@wsmrc.org.au

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Aria Sharon-Violet Hurdle
(Child of Andrew & Jacinda)



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: Lenny Michael Musumeci

Anniversaries: Idisoro Bianchi, Giuseppe Carra, Giovanni Arcidiacono, Marie Millicent Gardiner, Lawrence Macri, Zofin Prygiel.

Also for: Carmen Vella, 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, Domenic Zucco, Kurt McKell, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith.





Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00

- Singing for the Pope
- Students pose tough questions for Archbishop Fisher
- Thousands turn out for Shoenstatt's 50th
- Mary honoured across Australia
- Movie Review: Deadpool 2
- Super Catholic mum: Lisa Hendey

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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



Position Vacant Caritas Australia.

The primary purpose of the role of the Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney/Community Participation Leader Eastern Region NSW is to promote social justice action in the Archdiocese of Sydney, through prayer, reflection, formation, education awareness, Advocacy and volunteering. As Diocesan Director, the person will be required to develop and lead the Mission of Caritas Australia in the Archdiocese of Sydney by building strong relationships and partnerships with the Clergy, parish communities, Diocesan agencies, volunteers, parishes and schools in the Archdiocese.

The details of the position can be located on our website:-
<https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>.

If you would prefer to speak to me directly I am available to answer any further questions you may have regarding the role. I can be contacted on my mobile 0499 022 915.
Rev Fr George Sigamony
The position closes on **Friday 15th June 2018.**

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
June retreats
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre,
247 St Andrews road, Varroville
Phone: 02 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Artist's retreat

The Light of Hope and Peace
Jun 15: 6:00 pm – Jun 17 1:30 pm
Cost: \$280.00 (concessions apply)

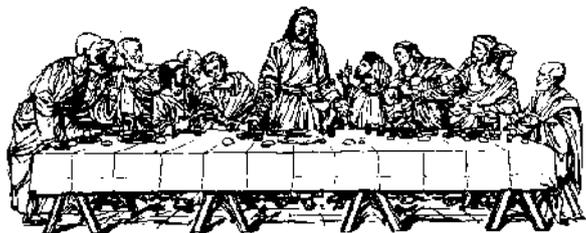
Presenters: John Charadia & Guest Tutors
Christmas – the birth and ongoing growth to maturity of our faith in Jesus. In the words of Verna Holyhead, “flesh and spirit, concealment and revelation, time and eternity, divine glory and vulnerability: these contradictions are all wrapped in the holy gift of Christmas.”

KID'S CORNER



Q. What type of bow can't be tied?
A. A Rainbow.

KNOW THE MASS



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

Movie Night

**You are invited to
Join us to enjoy
“Life of the Party”
Starring Melissa McCarthy**

PLEASE JOIN THE STAFF FROM
MAX PERRAM'S FUNERAL SERVICE ON
WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018
5PM ~ AT CUCINA 105, MOORE STREET LIVERPOOL
FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
FOLLOWED BY A SCREENING OF
“LIFE OF THE PARTY”
RSVP ~ JULIE 9602 6175 OR JTROUPKOS@MAXPERRAM.COM.AU
BY FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018
**(MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES,
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE)**
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Courage in Sydney

Courage is a movement for those with same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings. Any interested person can call the Sydney chaplain on 0418 136 785.

A men's group meets monthly in Sydney, privately, for fellowship, discussion & prayer, guided by the priest chaplain. Confidentiality assured.

Encourage in Sydney

Linked to Courage is the movement Encourage, for family members of those with same-sex attraction, who pray together for their loved ones and discuss the issues involved in confidentiality, in the presence of the priest chaplain. Encourage is committed to chastity as taught by the Catholic Church.

St Canice's Kitchen, Elizabeth Bay - Sunday Volunteer Teams Needed:

St Canice's Kitchen has been an integral part of the Kings Cross community for the past 30 years. The kitchen is open 7 days a week for lunch and 1 night for dinner thanks to the generosity of its numerous volunteers and donors. For many years we have had a tradition where the Sunday lunch for the poor and homeless is provided by groups from other parishes throughout Sydney. It has proved to be a highly rewarding experience for them. The kitchen is currently in need of some new Sunday teams of volunteers (approximately 7 people) to run a shift providing around 120 lunches and desserts and be available from 9am to 1.30pm (the kitchen is open from 11am to 1pm). If your parish would be able to provide a team of volunteers (and meals) for a Sunday shift or if you would like further information would you please contact Lynelle Lembryk on 0403 795 381 to discuss.