



9/10 June 2018-Year B Tenth 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: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God is my saving strength.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Fear and Forgiveness

The fearful Gospel Reading says that there is an unforgiveable sin. What is that?

To see the answer, consider the Psalm: out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? Who doesn't feel this way about his sins?

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness.

And now notice how the Psalm continues: But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered—or, as another translation has it, that you may be feared.

Why think that God forgives your sins so that you might revere or fear him? Wouldn't it be more true to say that you fear God because you worry about your sins? Wouldn't you fear that if you faced God, your sins would just seem worse because you would see them in the light of God's holiness? And yet look what the Psalm says: there is forgiveness with God! God's forgiveness can gentle you into a surrender to God's love, can't it? If God himself loves you and forgives your sins, then wouldn't you love God and want to cleave to him? And so the Psalmist is right: there is forgiveness of your sins with God so that you might fear God—not with a fear of God's punishing or forsaking you, but just with a fear of your own turning away from the Lord who forgives you.

But, then, if God forgives you so that you might fear him, what sin of yours is unforgiveable?

You can see the answer for yourself now, can't you?

What happens if when God forgives you, you turn away from him instead of cleaving to him and fearing him? If you turn away from God even when God forgives you, then there is nothing left that God can do for you, is there? The gift of God's forgiveness is there for you. But if you won't open to receive it, then even God can't give it.

And what does a refusal to accept God's forgiveness come to except a refusal to believe that the love and forgiveness of God are there, there for you too? In effect, a refusal of God's forgiveness is a rejection of God as love.

And so the unforgiveable sin is a permanent refusal to accept God's forgiveness. But that refusal really is blasphemous against the Spirit of God, isn't it? What does Scripture say? God is Love. (1 John 4: 7-8)

2. 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!

3. First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion was celebrated last Sunday at the extra Mass at 10.30am. We had 11 Holy Communion Candidates who brought 430 family and friends to celebrate their special day, The children were dressed in their best clothes and were "angelic" as they welcomed their Lord, Jesus Christ, for the first time into their lives.

I thank the parents for all they did as the "first teachers of their children" in bringing them to the

Table of the Lord. I thank our parish choir for their support to the celebration and for the hours they put into practising for the Mass. Finally, my thanks to Sister Rosa and Jayann (the Novice) for instructing the children over the four week period about this beautiful Sacrament.

4. Parish Luncheon-Sunday July 1, 12 Noon

The menu for the Parish Luncheon can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

Tickets are available from this weekend or from the presbytery when the secretary is there, namely Tuesday to Thursday 8am-3pm. Monies must be given at the time of purchase for the tickets.

We cannot admit parishioners on the day if they haven't paid due to catering for the function by the club.

We need prizes for our raffles (it is a Catholic function!!!) so, if parishioners can donate, I would be most grateful. Also, a few bottles of scotch for our golden coin games.

So, Adults:\$30 per person, Children (under 10): \$15 per person. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

5. Death of Hilda Mundweil

I was informed last Wednesday of the death of Hilda Mundweil. Hilda would be well known to many people at Austral before moving to Carnes Hill.

She was a stalwart in the St Vincent de Paul Society and a great woman of faith. Her funeral is this Thursday at Carnes Hill, Holy Spirit Church at 11am. We offer our sympathy to her family and commend Hilda to our God.

6. Parish Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, June 13, is our parish feast day. Mass will be celebrated at 9.14am as our school children will be attending as well. Then, on next weekend at the Saturday Vigil Mass and at the 9am Sunday Morning Mass, we will have a "Social Gathering Together." I invite parishioners to stay awhile to celebrate our parternal feast.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

11-16 June

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri



18-23 June

L Eljiz, L Lopez,
L Simat, I Gasperic, Y Refalo

READERS ROSTER

9/10 June

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

16/17 June (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 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

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

9/10 June

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay



16/17 June

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Sgafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Margaret De Vries & Jayann Montemayor

ACOLYTES ROSTER

9/10 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

16/17 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

9 June

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

10 June

Domenico Mirarchi

16 June

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Mark Vassallo

17 June

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

9 June

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

16 June

V Bugeja & Volunteer

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

17 June

Sister Rosa &
Jayann

29 June

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'Do Not Keep Confirmation Gifts in 'a Cupboard,' Urges Pope

June 06, 2018

We better not keep the gifts we have been given in Confirmation in a cupboard.

Pope Francis reminded pilgrims of this during today's General Audience on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. During his catechesis on Confirmation, the Pope was pointing out the resemblance to Christ in the baptized, noting that Confirmation unites them more strongly as living members of the mystical body of the Church (cf. Rite of Confirmation, 25).

The Church's mission in the world proceeds through the contribution of all those who are part of it.

"Some think that there are bosses in the Church: the Pope, the bishops, the priests, and then there are the others."

"No, we are all the Church!" he stressed, adding: "And we all have the responsibility of sanctifying each other, of taking care of others."

Each person, he noted, has his or her work in the Church, but we are all part of her.

"We must think of the Church as a living organism, composed of people we know and walk with, and not as an abstract and distant reality. The Church is us, we who walk, we are the Church, today in this square. Us: this is the Church."

Warning

During a Confirmation, the Pope reminded that we exchange a sign of peace among ourselves. This, Francis said, means harmony, peace and charity among us.

"But then what happens?" he asked. "We go outside and start to speak badly of others, "flaying" them. The gossip starts."

"Gossip is war. This is not good! If we have received the sign of peace with the strength of the Holy Spirit, we must be men and women of peace, and not destroy, with the tongue, the peace that the Spirit has made."

The Pope said we should feel bad for the Holy Spirit, that He has to put up with our gossiping. "Think about it: gossip is not the work of the Holy Spirit, it is not the work of the unity of the Church. Gossip destroys what God makes," he said, stressing: "Please: stop gossiping!"

Not for Ourselves

"Nobody receives Confirmation only for himself, but rather to cooperate in the spiritual growth of others." the Pope said. Only in this way, by opening ourselves and coming out of ourselves to meet our brothers, Francis noted, can we truly grow and not merely deceive ourselves we are doing so.

What we receive as a gift from God must in fact be given – a gift is to be given – in order to be fruitful, and not buried because of selfish fears, as the parable of the talents teaches (cf. Mt 25: 14-30).

"The seed too, when we have the seed in our hand, it is not to put it there, in the cupboard, to leave it there: it is to be sown."

Stressing we must give the gift of the Holy Spirit to the community, Pope Francis urged the confirmed "to not 'cage' the Holy Spirit, not to resist the Wind that blows so as to push them to walk in freedom, not to stifle the burning Fire of charity that leads to consuming life for God and for brothers."

The Holy Father prayed that "the Holy Spirit grant us all the apostolic courage to communicate the Gospel, with words and deeds, to all those we meet on our way."



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@wsmmc.org.au

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.



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: Imre Szabo, Craig McAuley, Nunzio Pace, Rose Caruana.

Also for: Dec'd Relatives and Friends of the Vartuly family, Souls in Purgatory.

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, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith.





Catholic Weekly—Available

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- Supercharged for charity
- An obvious Saint: Caroline Chisholm
- Two new Jesuits
- Pro-lifers threatened
- Movie Review: Solo: A Star Wars Story
- Religious Freedom Bill launched

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**Parish Safeguarding Support Officer
Volunteer Required**

We want you, we want you, we want you as a New Recruit! No, not for the Navy, but for the Parish!!

The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney has recently launched an initiative to recruit Parish Safeguarding Support Officers (PSSO) to support the Parish Priest to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environments for children, young people and the vulnerable in Parish communities. The PSSO may already be an employee or volunteer in the Parish but the role is on a volunteer basis only.

The ways in which the PSSO could support and assist the Parish Priest:

- Providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the Parish who work with children, including reading and signing of the *Code of Conduct for Working With Children and Young People*
- Raising awareness of Safeguarding in your Parish
- Creating Risk Assessments for Parish events/activities
- Responding to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements
- Reporting any issues or concerns that come to your attention according to Archdiocesan protocols
- Monitoring the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols
- Any other Safeguarding issues as requested by the Parish Priest

For more information about this important support role, please speak with your Parish Priest to express your interest in becoming the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.

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 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. Where do bees go to the bathroom

A. The BP Station.

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

Parish Luncheon Menu Sunday July 1

Date: Sunday July 1st

Time: 12 noon onwards

Place; Austral Bowling Club

Cost: Adults \$30 Per person, Children (under 10) \$15 Per person.

Menu: Entree: Bruschetta & Garlic Bread and Garden Salad

Main: Butter Chicken with Rice Pilaf, Fried Fish & Chips, Roast Pork, Penne Primavera Topped with Parmesan Cheese (Veg), Moroccan Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Sauces & Condiments.

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

Please present your tickets at the Bowling Club on arrival.



Church Gardens

The gardens on the Edmondson Road side of the Church need some pruning and clearing.

Any "green thumbs" amongst us who can spend a little time cleaning up those gardens for our feast day would be most appreciated. Do it at a time that suits you and bring your own tools.

Thank you in advance.

Legion of Mary

From time to time the Legion of Mary makes an appeal to try to encourage more members to join us in helping Mary to reach out and bring more of her children around her Son.

The Legion of Mary started in Ireland by Frank Duff in 1921 and came to Sydney 75 years ago. Frank Duff was a member of the St Vincent de Paul but then he realised that there was more spiritual poverty than material poverty and so he started the Legion and went around to encourage people to practise their faith and God must have been pleased with what Frank did because if it wasn't for God's blessing, the Legion would not have survived all this time.

Most of our work is visiting people within the parish, mainly sick or elderly. One day Jesus will be asking us if we visited him when he was sick or in hospital on that day we would wish that we have visited him a 1000 times, we still got the time, this is another opportunity to keep the boss happy!

There are many more things we can do, depending on ones talents, many times we stay back because nobody encourages us, we need to be encouraged and that's why we need to join a group like the Legion of Mary to support one another and have some fun as we go.

Normally we meet every Thursday after the mass, and the meeting would be finished within the hour. We spend some time in prayer, we read, we discuss a few things and we finish with a prayer, it is always a happy time, once you start coming you will be looking forward for another meeting. If the day does not suit you we can negotiate that too. But, don't say you have no time, we all have the same time just a matter of how we spend out time and our time is a gift from God. One day we have to give an account on how we spent our time.

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.



Speaking the truth in love
Eph 4:15

30 May 2018

Dear Father

Public Health Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2018

As you may be aware, this bill has passed the Legislative Council and will be introduced into the Legislative Assembly soon, perhaps as early as the week of the 5th June. The bill legalises so-called 'safe zones' around abortion clinics to prevent street councillors from reaching out to desperate mothers seeking abortion and other pro-life groups from praying or demonstrating outside abortion clinics.

I am asking you to please alert your parishioners to this Bill as soon as possible and urge them to voice their opposition by contacting their local MP.

The impact of this Bill, if enacted, would be far reaching. The proposed laws present a direct threat to freedom of religion and speech and would effectively remove the ability of pro-life groups to promote the often very practical support they can provide to vulnerable woman who are contemplating the termination of their pregnancy. My experience of individuals and groups who do this work is that they are always peaceful and prayerful. Changing the law would mean that even praying the rosary within 150 meters of one of these facilities would no longer be legal.

These new laws are an overreach. The existing laws and the powers of the police already provide for circumstances where persons are harassing others entering venues. We should and must be able to trust the police to maintain order at clinics and elsewhere within their present powers. It is not necessary to criminalise variances in ideology on abortion.

Some of you may have had the experience that regularly happens at St Mary's Cathedral where demonstrations outside the Cathedral by various groups, especially pro-abortion groups, shouting through loudhailers that interrupt the Mass and holding up offensive placards.

We need to ask that if the Parliament is prepared to enact legislation to create a 150-meter 'safe access zone' around an abortion clinic will they also do the same around Cathedrals and Churches.

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