



23/24 June 2018-Year B The Nativity of St John The Baptist



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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: Vigil: He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from His mother's womb; and many will rejoice at His birth.

Sunday: A Man was sent from from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Vigil: Since my mother's womb you have been my strength.

Sunday: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord. **Alleluia**

Sunday: You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

Communion Antiphon: Vigil: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited His people and redeemed them.

Sunday: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Nativity of St John The Baptist**

1. Success and Failure

The First Reading begins with the voice of God's servant telling us that he has a vocation from the Lord. God has made him into a sharp-edged sword, a polished arrow, an impressive weapon of the Lord's.

This weapon isn't meant for the destruction of people, though. It's meant for the destruction of the evil that keeps people from God. The servant of God is called to bring God's people, the Israelites, back to God.

This is a great vocation, isn't it?

This is what God's servant says: my God is my strength. I will be glorious *in the sight of the Lord.*

But then the voice of God's servant continues, and it tells us what has become of this great vocation. "I toiled in vain," God's servant says. He worked hard; but, as it turns out, he thinks that he spent his strength uselessly. In short, God's servant thinks that he failed, failed, failed! Here is what has come of all his labor: NOTHING!

What person who is past adolescence does not remember his youthful enthusiasms with perplexity? What happened to those dreams, those hopes, those great desires to serve the Lord gloriously? And what person who is past mid-life does not shake his head sadly over the results of his life's labor? Where did all that work and toil go? How did it come to so little?

What happened to the call of the Lord to each of us, to serve him gloriously?

The answer is implicit in the next part of the dialogue in the First Reading. The voice of the Lord answers the voice of God's servant. It is too little for you just to bring the Israelites back to God, the Lord says. No, you will do this and much more! You will be a light to all the nations, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Our hope is in the strength of the Lord, not in our own strength. And if we are not glorious in our own eyes, we will yet be glorious in the eyes of the Lord. It is a wonderful hope, isn't it?

And so here is the lesson for us in our sadness, in our perplexity, in all our failure. In the First Reading, after all his discouragement, this is what God's servant says: my God is my strength. I will be glorious *in the sight of the Lord*.

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2. Parish Luncheon-Sunday July 1, 12 Noon

Tickets are available again 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.

There will also be Face Painting for the children.

So, Adults: \$30 per person, Children (under 10): \$15 per person.

Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

The Menu is:

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.

Parish Raffle:

To coincide with our Parish Feast Day and Luncheon, we are holding a raffle as well.

My thanks to parishioners who have donated prizes, as well as, many businesses in the Austral and Kemps Creek area.

Some prizes on offer are:

I Pad (Liverpool Catholic Club), Games (Microsoft), Kambrook 4 slice Toaster, Vidal Sassoon Hair Straightener, Vidal Sassoon Turbo Grooming Kit for men, Diecast Boys parking Garage, Salt Rock Lamps, Fruit Baskets, Scented Candles and Vouchers from Austral Pharmacy, Hands of Reflexology, Post Beauty, Sweet and Savoury, Enzos Cucina, Forever New and lots more.

Tickets are \$2 each and all monies will go to the parish and our needs.

3. Sacrament of Confirmation

The second session is in the hall on Monday night from 7-8.15pm.

Candidates are reminded to bring along their Baptismal Candle (if they have one).

4. Catholic Mission



Last weekend, Catholic

Mission for Myanmar was held at the Masses. We learnt from our speaker Ms Rosa Vukovich of the need the country has to better educate the population. Catholic Mission through the appeals across the 34 Parishes is aiming to assist the Church under Cardinal Bao to establish schools and teacher training facilities for the people. I thank parishioners for their support to this collection, last weekend.

The amount raised was \$1,350.00

5. Liturgy/Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A reminder to all of the combined meeting this Wednesday, 27 June at 7.30pm to finalise the Mass and Parish Luncheon on July 1.

6. One Month Mass



The One Month Mass for Lenny Musumeci will be held in the Church on this Tuesday 26 June at 7pm. All welcome to join Leanne and Family.

7. Envelopes

Envelopes for the new Financial year are available on the table at the back of the Church. Please collect yours and take them home.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25-30 June

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



2-7 July

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Masini,
M Cvetko, M Pisani

READERS ROSTER

23/24 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 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: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

30 June/1 July (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

23/24 June

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Ken O'Leary

30 June/ 1 July

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Matrgaret Pisano & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

23/24 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

30 June/1 July

Saturday Vigil

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

23 June

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

24 June

Domenico Mirarchi

30 June

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

1 July

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

23 June

Volunteers

30 June

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

29 June

Mass

1 July

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Morning Mass Homily: Bless and Love Your Enemies

During Morning Mass, Francis Admits It Is 'Difficult Logic' to Practice June 19, 2018

We are called to bless and love our enemies and those who persecute us.

According to Vatican News, the Pope gave this tough challenge during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta today, June 19, 2018. He was reflecting on today's Gospel according to St. Matthew (Mt 5:43-48), in which Jesus invites his followers to a higher standard of human relations, so as to be "perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

To be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, Christians, the Pontiff underscored, should forgive, love, and bless our enemies. The mystery of Christian life, he said, is loving our enemies and praying for our persecutors.

To be forgiven, the Pope reminded, we too must forgive. A major challenge for Christians is to overcome our feelings and resistances to bless and love those who have wronged us.

"To pray for those who want to destroy me, my enemies, so that God may bless them: This is truly difficult to understand," the Pope admitted, adding: "We can recall events of the last century, like the poor Russian Christians who, simply for being Christians, were sent to Siberia to die of cold. And they should pray for the executing government that sent them there? How can that be? Yet many did so: they prayed. "We think of Auschwitz and other concentration camps," the Pope said. "Should they pray for the dictator who sought a 'pure race' and killed without scruple, even to pray that God should bless him? And yet many did so."

We must learn from Jesus and martyrs, the Pope said, who practiced this "difficult logic." We see this in Jesus' prayer for those who put Him to death on the Cross. Jesus, Francis noted, asks God to forgive them.

"There is an infinite distance between us – we who frequently refuse to forgive even small things – and what the Lord asks of us, which he has exemplified for us: To forgive those who seek to destroy us. It is often very difficult within families, for example, when spouses need to forgive one another after an argument, or when one needs to forgive their mother-in-law.

The Pope said this is not easy.

"Rather," he said, "we are invited to forgive those who are killing us, who want us out of the way... Not only forgive, but even pray that God may watch over them! Even more, to love them. Only Jesus' word can explain this."

It is a grace, the Holy Father noted, "to understand this Christian mystery and be perfect like the Father, who gives good things to the good and the bad."

Pope Francis concluded, calling on faithful to think today of their enemy and pray for the grace to love them.

"I think all of us have one – someone who has hurt us or wants to hurt us. The Mafia's prayer is: 'You'll pay me back.' The Christian prayer is: 'Lord, give them your blessing, and teach me to love them.' Let us think of one enemy, and pray for them. May the Lord to give us the grace to love them."



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@wsnrc.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: Josephine Azzopardi, Fr Valerian Jenko OFM OAM

Anniversaries: Lenny Michael Musumeci

Also for: Holy Souls, Mary 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, Domenic Zucco, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith.





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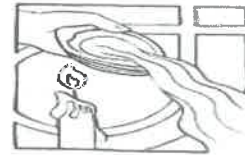
- Concrete bed: Sleeping out for homelessness
- Targeting Confession: Governments move against confessional seal
- Big, little university: Catholic Institute
- Straight questions, straight answers
- Movie review: Incredibles 2
- A man of honour: Jerome Lejeune

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Thomas David Cullimore
(Child of Jack & Lauren)



**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



KID'S CORNER



Q. How do all the oceans say hello to each other?
A. They Wave.

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

Bible Society Australia

Bible Society Australia is partnering with Centre for Public Christianity in the release of their **new film documentary called "For the Love of God"**. This film has been made so it can be a tool for church outreach and also as an event to equip and encourage your church. We are thrilled to say that feedback so far has been beyond our expectations and has been overwhelmingly positive. There are two new screenings coming up near you that we thought you may be interested in:

CAMPBELLTOWN Event Cinemas
Wednesday July 4th 7pm

AND

LIVERPOOL Event Cinemas
Wednesday July 25th 7pm

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.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday 8 July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10.30am. All married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

An invitation to the Spirit of Italy Concert PICTON 24 June 2018
Wollondilly Shire Hall at 1.30 p.m.

The Spirit of Italy Concert is part of a series of performances about music and songs across the ages organised by Concettina Gangemi from Nella Luce Studio. Join the artists for a guided tour of the spirit of Italy, experienced through a range of timeless music. The concert aims to keep Italian music alive. Hear operatic arias, and songs like 'O Sole Mio' and 'Torna A Surriento'. The performers are Ross Maio, International Accordionist; Soprano, Concettina Gangemi; Tenor, William Amer; Pianist, John Martin. This event is for all ages especially families.

Special ticket price below applies to prebookings only:

\$25.00 Adults

\$20.00 Concession

Family \$40.00

(Limited Seating)

8 or more people receive 10% discount.

(otherwise \$30.00 at the door)

Concettina Gangemi P: 0478 018 918

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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Departures: 26th August & 11th November

You are invited for a 14-day Holy Land Pilgrimage (Jordan & Israel) lead by Catholic Priests featuring Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Masada, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem all-inclusive price of \$5190. This fare includes The above price includes Return Economy Airfare ex-Australia + Twin/Triple Sharing Room in 3 or 4 Star Hotels + All Meals+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + Catholic Priest + Professional English Speaking Guides. For enquiries & bookings call 0406760680 or 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@maqiholidays.com.au. *Quote this bulletin piece and get further \$200 discount for August group.*

PRAYER TO ST ANTHONY



Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen.