



14/15 July 2018-Year B Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia**

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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. The Check is in the Mail

In the Second Reading, Paul says that God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing and chosen us to be holy and without blemish before him. These are wonderful words, aren't they? I'm not sure I know the names of every spiritual blessing in the heavens, but here are some of them: love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering. Not only are we blessed with all of these, according to Paul, but there's also being holy and without blemish! The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last.

And now could we have a reality check? Is there anyone who supposes he is without blemish? And what about holy? Even to ask the question is to risk laughter, isn't it? And then there's love, joy, peace, patience, and the rest. What would you give for just an hour of these blessings in any day of your life? So what does Paul mean by saying that God has blessed us with all these good things?

To see the answer, imagine that you are desperately poor, unable to pay the medical bills, worried about the mortgage, afraid the car will give out, anxious about the school costs for the children. And then you get a phone call: you have won the lottery. No, no, the caller says, it's really true! You have won *millions* in the lottery. The state administrators of the lottery are now doing the paperwork, and by the end of next month the check will be in the mail.

Now what? Well, you still can't pay the medical bills this month, and all the other bills are going to be a big problem, too. You are still desperately poor—*this month*. But you will face your poverty very differently once you know you have won the lottery, won't you? The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last. The check is in the mail.

This is what Paul is talking about. We are what we are now, but we have won the lottery of life. God's grace works its way slowly in our lives, but his blessings are promised and sure. And so our struggle with our sins and failures is not desperate, but hope-filled.

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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.

2. The Generosity of Parishioners

A parishioner has generously donated a Large Monstrance to be used for our Friday Morning Exposition and Benediction that follows the 9am Mass. Also, a set of candles for the Benediction at the conclusion of the 30 minutes exposition.

It is a very fitting gift to show our thanks to Jesus for all the graces that He gives to us and it is a public acknowledgement of our sincere thanks to the Lord. Another way to look at it is the fact that this money could have been left hidden in a bank or showbox and nobody would have enjoyed anything. However, by bringing it out and using it for the worship of God and for those parishioners present at Mass and Exposition of a Friday, it is being used well.

It is the same, when we give money to the poor or to charity (through Church Collections). Being generous, rather than selfish, with the goods God has blessed us with is a blessing that we are asked to share as Christians.

Another popular idea is that the Church is rich and doesn't need my support or my money. The Church is rich in its people who are the Bride of Christ. Some in the Church are the disposed and comfortable, but there are others not as fortunate. The Church, in general, as we hear from speakers who talk at our Church. However, it cannot continue, unless we assist.

And what about our time? St Anthony wrote: "The Lord gave you time so that you might use it for your salvation, but you made it private property. The day will come when the Lord will take back what you have misused. Do not waste the time the Lord in His goodness, gave you. To find forgiveness, to acquire grace, to do penance and so, merit Heavenly Glory." God has been generous with us, are we generous with Him? How come we find no time for family prayer anymore? How come we only come to mass on Sunday and forget the weekdays? How come we only come now and again?

Does not God deserve better?

It is all about generosity. Being generous with God and being generous with others does begin with ourselves, from within. So, the challenge is "do I need to change?"

God cannot reward us for the things that He has blessed us with whether it be our talents and gifts and our material possessions. Rather, God will reward us for our generosity that we give back to Him!

It's a thought!!



3. 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.

4. Tax Receipts

For the parishioners who have returned the Receipt Forms your Tax Receipts are at the back of the Church, if you require a receipt please fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office.

5. Nursing Home Roster



A new Nursing Home roster is available for those Ministers who take Holy Communion to the Catholic residents at John Edmondson VC Gardens.

6. Sydney Catholic Schools - Dr Dan White

Statement on Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees.

As Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following three key priorities.

As a system of schools, we are committed to maintaining low-fee affordability for all families seeking an enrolment in a systemic school in the Archdiocese.

The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four percent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink health card. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families.

To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic School, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic School education for your child.

7. Readers Rosters

New Readers Rosters are available on the table at the back of the Church.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

16-21 July

L Pecotich, A Mamone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



23-28 July

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

READERS ROSTER

14/15 July

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita 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: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

21/22 July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster
14/15 July

Saturday Vigil

Veronica Casha & Volunteer



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

21/22 July

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

14/15 July

Saturday Vigil

Volunteer

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

21/22 July

Saturday Vigil

Volunteer

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

14 July

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

15 July

Domenico Mirarchi

21 July

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

22 July

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

14 July

School Holidays

21 July

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

15 July

Lina & Faye

27 July

Mass

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

Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:

Shane Elton Fernandez (Lurnea)
and

Linda Maria Wisolith (Parramatta)

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)



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:

Anniversaries:

Also for: Charlie 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, James Dimech.

