



18/19 August 2018-Year B Twentieth 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: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who eat My flesh and drink My blood live in Me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Twentieth Sunday of the Year B**

1. Tasting In Order To See

The readings this week highlight the importance of wisdom. But what is wisdom? And how do you get it?

In the world of Nazi Germany everyone in the Nazi party got a party badge. Hitler's own party badge was made of gold. To the Nazis, Hitler's badge symbolized all the things in the world most worth having. At the end of his life, Hitler gave that gold badge as a gift to Magda Goebbels and she said that it was the proudest moment of her life when he did.

Wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in the world.

But he gave her that gold badge in the bunker under Berlin as Germany was losing the war. In that bunker in the last days of the war, Magda killed all six of her children and herself in an appallingly misguided act of loyalty to Hitler. When the invading soldiers of the Allied armies conquered Berlin and found her body, one of them took that little bit of a gold badge from her dress and pocketed it as a souvenir.

Magda shows us what folly is, doesn't she? She couldn't tell the real goods, the real gold, from the fake goods, the things that glitter but are worthless. The gold badge that symbolized what Magda Goebbels lived and died for is a fitting symbol of the terrible foolishness of her life.

Wisdom is the very opposite. It is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But among the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God. And so wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in the world.

The Psalm tells us how we get the capacity for seeing the goodness of God, so important for us if we are to live our lives wisely, and not foolishly like Magda Goebbels. We get this capacity by tasting! Taste and see that the Lord is good, the Psalm says.

Taste *what?*

The Gospel gives us the answer: Christ is the bread from heaven, and every person who tastes this bread will live. He will have the real goods, not the worthless fake goods; and he will see the difference between the two, because he will see God's goodness in Christ.

Here is the end of the story then: taste the bread from heaven and see the goodness of the Lord. Wisdom lies in this!

2. Are you Moving?

It is sad to lose parishioners who made St Anthony's their faith community over many years.

However, as families or couples sell up and move further south-west it would be good to let Fr Bob know that you are leaving the parish.

Why? I went to visit a family last week and all that was there was bulldozers etc, and no house. The family, I guess, have moved.

Just a phone call, or email, or "pop-in" to the presbytery to say good-bye and receive a blessing for your future would be great!

3. Apostolic Blessing

Just a reminder if parents are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary of 25, 40, 50 or 60 years and you would like an Apostolic or Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, you need to let me know between 8-10 weeks before hand. The request goes to the Papal Ambassador in Canberra who forwards it to Rome. Cost at present is \$70. See me if you wish to obtain a Blessing.

4. Columban Calendar

The 2019 Columban Calendar is now available. The calendar has a wonderful religious painting for each month of the year. It indicates feast days and saints masses, as well. The calendar has a wealth of information in it that helps us celebrate our faith throughout the year.

Buying the calendar supports the Columban Fathers Missions in South America. Cost: \$10. Please leave monies in the plate on the table.

5. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The CWF was taken up two weekends ago at our Masses. Again on behalf of the Agencies of the Archdiocese I thank you for your ongoing support to the Church. The Agencies, the CWF supports plays a vital role in the mission of the Church and without our support they could not assist those in crisis or need etc.

Last week, I announced the collection was \$1,380. However, last weekend a few more donations were received, so the total sent to the Chancery was \$1,475.00. Thank you to everyone who supports this collection. Your giving is 100% tax deductible if you indicate on the envelope.

6. Sacrament of Confirmation

Last weekend, 28 young people and 2 adults were confirmed by Bishop Tony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

The Church was packed to the rafters "as they say."

I thank everyone involved in the preparation of our candidates, namely:

- A. Sister Rosa and Novice Jayann for their teaching the candidates the lessons on the Sacrament.
- B. The Parish Choir for the music. As we know it just doesn't happen on the day! The choir practised for many weeks giving up their Tuesday nights from family and spouses to make sure it was a great celebration.
- C. Frances Musso for the Power Point and the extras that she suggested to enhance the liturgy on the day.
- D. My staff, Cheryl for the confirmation certificates, booklets and chasing up details from candidates. Catherine for the stoles for each candidate and confirmation cards. A very big thank you to everyone involved.
- E. Lastly, thank you to our candidates and please take your photo home from the wall after Mass.

7. Parish Council (PPC)

The Parish Council met last Monday night and these were some of the matters raised:

Organising a letter box drop brochure to be dropped in letterboxes in the developing estates in the parish.

Parish Luncheon raised \$3,200. We are looking at new banners behind the altar of St Anthony, plus a set of vestments with his face on the vestment. Pizza/Pasta Night on Saturday 10 November after the Vigil Mass.

Austral Public School to come to St Anthony's for a Christmas Mass-Catechists to liaise with the School for Tuesday 11 December at 10am.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

20-25 August

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



27 August - 1 September

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

18/19 August

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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

25/26 August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

18/19 August

Saturday Vigil

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

25/26 August

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

18/19 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

25/26 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

18 August

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

19 August

Domenico Mirarchi

25 August

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

26 August

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

18 August

Volunteers

25 August

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

19 August

Santina & Frances

2 September

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



On the Feast of the Assumption

'Let us pray to Mary that she may help us to live our daily journey in the active hope of being able one day to reach her, with all the Saints and our dear ones — all in Paradise'

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the holy faithful people of God express with joy their veneration of the Virgin Mother. They do so in the common liturgy and also in a thousand different ways of piety; and thus, the prophecy of Mary herself comes true: "All generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48), because the Lord has regarded His humble handmaid.

The Assumption into Heaven, in soul and body, is a divine privilege accorded to the Holy Mother of God because of her particular union with Jesus. It's a corporal and spiritual union, which began with the Annunciation and matured throughout Mary's life, through her singular participation in her Son's mystery. Mary always went with her Son: she went behind Jesus, and so we say she was His first disciple. Our Lady's existence unfolded as that of any woman of her time: she prayed, managed the family and the home, went to the Synagogue . . . However, she did every daily action in total union with Jesus. And this union reached its apex on Calvary in love, in compassion and in the suffering of the heart. Therefore, God gave her full participation in Jesus' Resurrection. The Holy Mother's body, as that of the Son, was preserved from corruption.

The Church invites us today to contemplate this mystery: it shows us that God wills to save the whole man, namely, save his soul and body. Jesus resurrected with the body He assumed of Mary, and He ascended to the Father with His transfigured humanity. With the body, a body like ours, but transfigured. The Assumption of Mary, human creature, confirms to us what our glorious destiny will be. The Greek philosophers had already understood that man's soul is destined for happiness after death. However, they disdained the body — considered the soul's prison — and they didn't conceive that God had disposed that man's body be united to the soul in the celestial beatitude. Our body, transfigured, will be there. This — the "resurrection of the flesh" — is an element proper of Christian revelation, a pivot of our faith.

The stupendous reality of Mary's Assumption manifests and confirms the unity of the human person, and it reminds us that we are called to serve and glorify God with all our being, soul and body. To serve God only with the body would be an action of slaves; to serve God only with the soul would be against our human nature. Around the year 220, Saint Irenaeus, a great Father of the Church, affirmed that "the glory of God is man fully alive, and man's life consists in the vision of God" (Against the Heresies, IV, 20, 7). If we have lived thus, in the joyful service of God, which is also expressed in generous service to brothers, on the day of the resurrection our destiny will be similar to that of our heavenly Mother. Given then will be the full realization of the Apostle Paul's exhortation: "Glorify God in your body!" (1 Corinthians 6:20), and we will glorify Him forever in Heaven.

Let us pray to Mary that, with her maternal intercession, she may help us to live our daily journey in the active hope of being able one day to reach her, with all the Saints and our dear ones — all in Paradise.



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

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



Natural Fertility Awareness Week 20th – 26th August 2018

Did you know a woman's health is often reflected in her fertility? Learning The Billings Ovulation Method® can alert a woman to underlying health problems.

If you would like to be able to manage your fertility naturally and to monitor your reproductive health, accredited Billing Teachers are available to assist you throughout Australia.

For further information ring Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860 or visit www.billings.life

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fr George Connolly (former PP Clovelly), Elsa Rigato, Caterina Varacalli, Carl George Harmer.

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Siciliano, Giuseppina Carbone, Oscar Spiro Morales, Ian Bert Stedman, Maria Vaccaro.

Also for: Dec'd Members of the Vartuli Family, Souls in Purgatory, Carmela and Annunziata Vella, Michael Joseph Jackson, Sam & Maria Gauci.

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.



Catholic Weekly—Available

\$2.00

- New labourer for the vineyard-Matt Meagher ordination
- Peakhurst parish: Mighty drought fundraiser
- Legal tragedy: Academics speak out on euthanasia
- A light in darkness
- Movie review: The Darkest Minds
- Universities and Colleges Open Days liftout

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.

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)



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. What has ears but cannot hear?

A. A Corn Field.

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 our time and our time is a gift from God. One day we have to give an account on how we spent our time.

Be Awake National Men's Conference

The Life Marriage and Family Centre and Sydney Catholic Youth are partnering with Young Men of God and Men Alive to promote their upcoming national men's conference, Be Awake. This conference will provide valuable input, opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship for men of all ages. This conference encourages men to be strong men of God and fulfill their priestly role in their families and encourages them to lead their wives, children, co-workers and friends to Christ by modeling authentic, Christ-centered masculinity. The conference will be held October 19-21 at Stanwell Tops.

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.

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.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29 August at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

Catholic Communications

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR MEN (18-35yrs) 24-26th AUGUST 2018

Live the Gospel! Build the Kingdom! Share the Joy! Change the world with us!

The Capuchin Friars are inviting single Catholic men who are interested in exploring a possible vocation to the priesthood/religious life to come for a discernment retreat weekend. Begins 7:30pm Friday and concludes 4pm Sunday at 98 Catherine St, Leichhardt. There will be Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these amazing ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is free/optional donation but you must register by 20th August. Contact Father Thomas: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

Catholic Communications Congress

Communicating Hope and Trust: How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia? Speakers from here and abroad will challenge delegates at the Australian Catholic Communications Congress to take up Pope Francis' call for Catholics to "communicate hope and trust". September 5-7 in Brisbane. All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc

Celebrant of Faith Formation Retreat

On the Sat the 15th September 2018 from 9.00 am-5.00 pm at the St Joseph Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Registration fee \$30. BYO Lunch. Coffee & tea provided.

And Healing Mass on the Sunday

The 16th /9/18 from 1.30pm-5.00pm at St Joseph Parish Church Walz St, Rockdale NSW.

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