



1/2 September 2018-Year B Twenty-Second 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Father gave us birth by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday of Year B**

1. Washing Your Hands Before Dinner

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation. He calls the Pharisees "hypocrites," who have God on their lips but not in their hearts.

So, what does this story say about tradition?

Well, we might think, if cleaving to tradition gets the Pharisees the denunciation of the Lord, then so much the worse for tradition!

When the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't transmit what Moses gave them.

And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition. The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don't keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn't a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn't be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition. A tradition hands on something precious from one generation to another.

But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses, does it? What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees?

In the First Reading, Moses orders the people to communicate God's commands without adding or subtracting *anything* from them. The Nicene creed, which is part of the tradition that structures our faith, does not violate this order of Moses, because the Nicene creed does not change biblical teachings. It only unfolds them and gives deeper insight into them. But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don't transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it, in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition *of men*. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God's goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them 'hypocrites.' It is a cautionary tale for all of us, isn't it?

2. 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.

3. Father's Day

We welcome all fathers to our Eucharist as we celebrate Father's Day.

Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating Fatherhood, Paternal Bonds and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it was celebrated on March 19 (Feast of St Joseph) since the time of the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America where March 19 is often still used, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have followed the USA date, which is the third Sunday in June. It is celebrated on different dates in many parts of the world, mostly in March, April and June.

However, in Australia we celebrate Father's Day on the first Sunday in September.

Father's Day compliments Mother's Day and Grandparents Day.

So to all our fathers, a very happy Father's Day and thank you for all you do to model Jesus to your family.



4. Pizza/Pasta Evening

A reminder to put in the diary our community evening on Saturday 10 November after the Vigil Mass. The weather will be great, daylight saving is with us so a good night to enjoy one another in our community. Cost etc will be advertised later. For now, mark it on the calendar.



5. St Anthony Of Padua School Play Group

Please find on the church table an expression of interest form if you would like to be a part of this fun new adventure with your child

The STAP Playgroup is open for families of STAP Catholic school community, children baptised in the Parish and those thinking of enrolling at St Anthony of Padua Catholic School Austral.

It will be a place for adults to socialise and enjoy some 'adult conversations' whilst their children are having a 'playdate' together. There will be toys, music, books, and puzzles for the children. There will be light refreshments to share as well and will occur every Thursday of the school term between 9-10:30 am.

6. Parish Safeguarding Officer

Recently I attended a Safeguarding Children's Course, compulsory for all clergy, religious and lay people working in the Archdiocese whether involved with children or young people. It is a yearly course prescribed by the Archdiocesan Agencies Sydney's Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office.

The Parish has to establish a "Parish Safeguarding Support Officer" (PSSO).

What does a PSSO do? A PSSO supports and assists the Parish Priest in fulfilling his role and responsibilities set out in the Archdiocese's safeguarding and child protection policies and protocols. The Agency will provide training for the role of PSSO.

Any parishioner willing to investigate the role (without committing to it at this stage) is asked to see Fr Bob.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

3-8 September

L Pecotich, A Mammone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



10-15 September

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

READERS ROSTER

1/2 September

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

8/9 September (23rd 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: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Nichole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

1/2 September

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

8/9 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

1/2 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

8/9 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

1 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

2 September

Domenico Mirarchi

8 September

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Mark Vassallo

9 September

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1 September

2 Volunteers

8 September

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

2 September

Lina & Faye

16 September

Sister Rosa &
Jayann

EILEEN O'CONNOR TAKES NEXT STEP TOWARDS SAINTHOOD

Australia is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor to the title of Servant of God.

The significant announcement came just months after Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, began formal process for the beatification of Eileen when he appointed Rome-Based priest Fr Anthony Robbie in March as postulator-the person who guides the cause for beatification or canonisation through the Church's rigorous processes for recognising a person as a saint.

"Eileen's was a life of immense suffering and judged by today's standards many would have viewed it as lacking in dignity, value or hope," said Archbishop Fisher. "That she is on her way to possibly being our next saint shows even a short life, marked by incredible suffering, can be an inspiration to all and reminds us of dignity of every human life."

Fr Robbie said this significant declaration of the Holy See means the task of formally presenting Eileen to the world as an outstanding Australian example of holiness and charitable care can now begin.

"With every passing year since her death a century ago, Eileen O'Connor has grown in the love and devotion of the people of Sydney and of all Australia. Always thinking of others in need despite her own severe hardships, she is an outstanding role model for today's Australian youth and for the lay apostolate in particular," he said.

"May she inspire many others to devote themselves to the needs of the outcast and forgotten as her own life becomes better known."

Born in the inner-Melbourne suburb of Richmond on 19 February 1892, Eileen Rosaline O'Connor suffered a crippling break in her spine at age three and lived her short life in constant nerve pain from what was later diagnosed as tuberculous osteomyelitis.

The O'Connor family moved to Sydney when Eileen was aged 10 and despite her poor health and immense suffering, she co-founded the religious order of Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor with local priest Fr Edward McGrath MSC in April 1913.

At a time when no publicly funded health care was available, the order was dedicated to caring for the sick and dying poor in their homes. More commonly known as the Brown Nurses because of their distinctive brown cloaks and bonnets, the order's work continues to this day.

Unable to undertake the work herself, Eileen supported the nurses with prayers and counsel. At just 115cm tall, the nurses lovingly referred to Eileen as the "Little Mother."

Former congregational leader and Eileen O'Connor Project Leader, Sister Margaret Mary Birgan Oln said news of Eileen's advancement to Servant of God was "wonderful news and my sister companions and I are extremely happy that Eileen has been recognised in this way."

"Eileen has always belonged to the people of God, not us, and we pray that she becomes a ray of sunshine to the faithful today as she was in her short life."

Eileen died in 1921-a month short of her 29th birthday. In 1936, 15 years after her death, Eileen's coffin was moved from Randwick Cemetery to the chapel at Our Lady's Home in Coogee, where the order currently resides. At the time, her body was found to be incorrupt. It has not been verified since.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Filomena Bugeja.

Anniversaries: Estelita Flores, Josephine Carra, Isidore Bianchi.

Also for: Ian Stedman, Lionel Ward, Kevin Hayes, Charlie Vella, Holy Souls.

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.