



6/7 October 2018-Year B Twenty-Seventh 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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Marriage

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriage: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God *want* anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and *that's* the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him. As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a *man* will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a *husband* to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-Fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-Fall world Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes with beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.

2. Catechist News

We congratulate Faye Hockings on her 25 years of service medal that she received from the Archbishop at the recent Catechist Mass. Also, Margaret Cvetko for the Certificate she will receive from Fr Bob this weekend for 20 years of service.

Both Faye and Margaret have been faithful Catechists with the children at Austral Public School. Congratulations and thank you, Margaret & Faye on these milestones.

I thank all our Catechists and Catechist helpers for accepting this Ministry.

Please pray for them and their work.

Attention Catechists: There will be a meeting in the parish hall this Wednesday Morning after the 9am Mass. All Catechists are asked to attend.



3. Readers Meeting

There will be a Readers Meeting on Wednesday Night 24 October from 7.30pm in the Church.

The evening will be a “refresher”, reminding readers of certain aspects of the proclaiming the Word of God.

As well, a few other points that have slipped since our last meeting.

Any parishioner who would like to be a reader of the Word of God is most welcome to attend and join this Ministry in the parish.

4. November Masses

Next month is the month of the Holy Souls, when we are reminded to pray and offer Mass for our deceased loved ones.

As the Book of Maccabees (OT) reminds us: “It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.”

November Mass envelopes can be found on the back tables in the Church, as well as in the Planned Giving boxes.

Please PRINT names to be recorded in the November Memorial Book.



5. 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.

6. Drought Appeal for our Farmers

As mentioned, last weekend, we will have a third “Silent” collection to assist our cousins during this drought.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese whose Diocese takes in half of Western NSW from the Qld to Vic boarders has appealed to Catholics in Austral for assistance.

The monies raised will go to him to be distributed to farmers and families in the Diocese.

I know we are asked to put our hand in our pockets when coming to Church more often than I would like, but I’m sure we all appreciate that this is a worthy cause to support.

Thank you in advance.

7. Sacrament of Anointing: 9am Mass Thursday

The celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing for our older parishioners and sick will be held during the 9am Mass this coming Thursday.

Again, we are encouraged to bring any older or sick parishioners to receive this Sacrament to strengthen them in both body and soul.

8. Congratulations

We congratulate Phillip Gigliotti on being selected as one of the College Captains at Clancy College for 2019.

Phillip is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, at Clancy as well.

Phillip is welcome to be an Extraordinary Minister at our Sunday 9am Mass, too. Well done!

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

8-13 October

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

15-20 October

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



READERS ROSTER

6/7 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 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

13/14 October (28th 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

6/7 October

Saturday Vigil

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

13/14 October

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay



ACOLYTES ROSTER

6/7 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

13/14 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

6 October

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

7 October

Domenico Mirarchi

13 October

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

14 October

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

6 October

School Holidays

13 October

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

14 October

Lina & Faye

26 October

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Santa Marta: Feast of the Guardian Angels: October 2nd

'Do You Speak With Your Angel?'

Pope Francis wants to know if you are talking with your guardian angel. And he left no doubt on October 2, 2018, that such conversations are important.

His comments came during his homily at Mass at Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican, on the Feast of the Guardian Angels.

On the path of life, the Christian is helped by “companions, protectors”, a “compass that looks like the human and that helps us look where we need to go,” the Pope said in his homily reported by Vatican News.

The Holy Father mentioned three dangers our Guardian Angel can help us to avoid:

A danger of just settling down and not moving forward, fearing to take risks.

A danger of taking the wrong path.

A danger of getting off the path, lost and confused.

The first danger – of inaction – appears especially dangerous.

“There is the danger of not going on the journey. And how many people settle down, and don’t set out on the journey, and their whole life is stalled, without moving, without doing anything... It is a danger,” Francis explained. “Like that man in the Gospel who was afraid to invest the talent. He buried it and said ‘I am at peace, I am calm. I can’t make a mistake. So I won’t take a risk.’”

“And so many people don’t know how to make the journey, or are afraid of taking risks, and they are stalled. But we know that the rule is that those who are stalled in life end up corrupted. Like water: when the water is stopped up in a place, the mosquitos come, they lay their eggs, and everything is corrupted. Everything. The angels help us, they push us to continue on the journey.”

And what of the dangers of taking the wrong path or getting lost? Here, Pope Francis shows how they can guide us:

“And the Lord says, ‘Have respect for their presence.’ The angel is authoritative; he has authority to guide us. Listen to him. ‘Hearken to his voice, and do not rebel against him.’ Listen to the inspirations, which are always from the Holy Spirit – but the angel inspires them.

“But I want to ask you a question: Do you speak with your angel? Do you know the name of your angel? Do you listen to your angel? Do you allow yourself to be led by hand along the path, or do you need to be pushed to move?”

The Holy Father emphasized that our Guardian Angels not only help us to stay on the right path but show us our destination:

“Our angel is not only with us; he also sees God the Father. He is in relationship with Him. He is the daily bridge, from the moment we arise to the moment we go to bed. He accompanies us and is a link between us and God the Father. The angel is the daily gateway to transcendence, to the encounter with the Father: that is, the angel helps me to go forward because he looks upon the Father, and he knows the way. Let us not forget these companions along the journey.”



THE ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission itself

As we know over the last 12 months the Royal Commission has been hearing evidence and has given a final report.

The Church has responded and will contribute to the National redress scheme.

Over the next weeks there will be aspects of the Church's response and for you to reflect upon.

The only point the church will not agree to is the question of Religious regarding the seal of confession.

- The Royal Commission was an important and necessary process for the Catholic Church and for Australian society
- We are grateful to the Commissioners and staff, and –most importantly–the survivors who courageously told their stories to the Royal Commission.
- Through their work and witness, we have learnt about the changes we need to make-culturally and operationally-to be a safer place for children

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 one's 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Bill Howlett

Anniversaries: Paul Origlia

Also for: Sharon Ajkay

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.



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- Growing threat to Seal of Confession
- Movie review: Smallfoot

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY’S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Ariana Jacqueline Vertley
(Child of Andrew & Kirsty)

Isaiah Noah Wakim
(Child of George & Teena)



**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. What kind of water cannot freeze?

A. Hot water.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SUNDAY

October 7 is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and the Church also dedicated the month of October to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is a prayer that came from Heaven when Our Lady appeared to St Dominic and to St Catherine of Sienna and when later appeared to the children in Fatima and told them to pray the Rosary. The Prayers that we say are also composed by God. Jesus gave us the Our Father and the Hail Mary as a message from God, delivered by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary. The Gloria is a hymn we find in the Bible which the angels sing to God in Heaven. It might be repetitive but then what can we say to God that He does not know?

It might be that repeating these beautiful prayers is a way to spend time in God's company, it takes 15 minutes roughly to say the Rosary, there is 100, 15 minutes lots in one day, so spending 15 minutes in the day to Him who is giving us all the time, is only 1% of the day! That is already being mean, if we spend less than 15 minutes, we better do something about it.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Dear Parishioners,

In the age of the new evangelisation the means of communication is increasingly important to the Church in a society now saturated and often directed by media. It is because of this the archdiocese is in the process of significantly developing our capacity to communicate - with the faithful in our parishes and schools but also to the wider Australian community to bring our fellow Australians the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our new archdiocesan website and the regular digital newsletter to families in Catholic schools are just two examples of this.

Now, more than ever, Catholics in our parishes need reliable sources of information, which can form and inform. We cannot go out into the world and share our faith in a sophisticated setting unless we are a well-informed Church. There have been improvements to *The Catholic Weekly* in recent times and its development into a comprehensive source of news on parish, national and global issues. We also have some of the best writers from here and overseas to help achieve this mission. I am therefore pleased to inform you that a new-look *Catholic Weekly* has been designed and will appear in your parishes on September 29-30. This is an important step in our strategy to use all the available means of communication at our disposal and it is clear that print is still vitally important.

I am asking you to help me to reach the majority of Catholics who do not regularly purchase *The Catholic Weekly* to help build a Church that understands the world in which it exists and offers an alternative view to that promoted by the secular media which can be based on ignorance.

I'd like you to test the new-look *Catholic Weekly* and its comprehensive coverage as a must-have publication for the faithful in our parishes and to do this on a regular basis. Put some Catholic literature into the home and the Catholic Weekly is one way to start.

The development of our means of communication, both print and digital are, in my view, critical to developing the Church of the future. *The Catholic Weekly's* website will also shortly be updated.

However, your support of the print edition is critical.

I look forward to your assistance.

Yours in Christ

Most Rev Anthony Fisher

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.

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.



Palms Australia

Palms Australia began work in Catholic parishes in Sydney as the Paulian Association in 1956. In 1961 the PALMS program started preparing Catholics for global mission. In 2001 the organisational name became Palms Australia to reflect the mission that had spread far beyond Sydney. This rich experience has now been brought under a new insignia (above).

The new logo at Palms Australia reflects giving and receiving in mutual support. Its balance provides a simple reminder to share our love of justice and with humility offer opportunity to and find solidarity with the poor. It is a reminder to connect with the chosen ones of Jesus.

The vision of Palms Australia challenges us to bridge difference and nurture togetherness in our world; to realise that *under Christ Jesus there is no longer Jew and Greek, Slave and Free, Male and Female* (Gal. 3:28). We are asked to reach beyond our differences and affirm the dignity of all.

Palms Australia carefully prepares teachers, health professionals, accountants, managers, and others who volunteer for Palms mission work so that they may share their skills to assist overseas parishes and vital grass root movements aiming to foster sustainable solutions to poverty.

I encourage you to please share the work of Palms by bulletin notices and fliers and thereby encourage people to be involved.

The Church supports those who take up a global mission placement in these practical ways:

1. The Archdiocese will cover the preparation cost of up to five volunteers per annum at Palms' Orientation course and a re-entry weekend on their return.
2. Catholic Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund that in 2019 will provide a payment of \$2,500 for each year a person is on mission.
3. Catholic schools may offer opportunity and support to teachers giving up to two years for a mission placement. Teachers should talk with Palms about details.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important work.

Your prayerful best wishes,
Yours sincerely in Christ

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