



29/30 September 2018-Year B Twenty-Sixth 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: All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against You and not obeyed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Remember Your word to Your servant, O Lord, by which You have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

1. Tribalism

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ (John 14:6).

This is a view that can encourage tribalism. In the Gospel Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles see the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own.

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own.

So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ. But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, he meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples. But then, you might say, who *doesn't* count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is *against* Christ?

In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

2. We Welcome Fr Bob back to the Parish

We welcome Fr Bob back home this weekend. We hope his holiday has bought him home refreshed and relaxed.

Fr Michael is celebrating the Vigil Mass as Fr Bob is celebrating St Michael's Medowbank's 70th Anniversary with other past priests from Ashfield. Fr Bob will celebrate the Sunday Masses. Our thanks again to Fr Joe Camilleri and Fr Michael Smith.

3. Reconciliation Books

A reminder to all candidates who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation to hand their books up after Mass.

Candidates are asked to put their Reconciliation Book in the "Marked Box" under the Altar. Please make sure you name is on the front of the book.

4. 50th Wedding Anniversary

We congratulate Pam and George Ajkay as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Pam and George have been very involved in the St Anthony's community over many years working with Fr Short and myself.

Pam has been a vital member of the 9am Parish Choir and George an acolyte at the 7.30am Mass. George is a member of the Parish Finance Committee and both are members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

We wish them God's blessings as they offer 9am Mass in thanksgiving for their 50 years of matrimony. Ad Multos Annos.

5. October—The Month of the Rosary

October is "The Month of The Rosary."

Can families say one decade a night during October? Can we attend morning mass one day or more during the week and join in praying The rosary.

Rosary is recited at 8.40am before the 9 am Mass.

6. Daylight Saving

A reminder daylight saving begins next Sunday 7 Oct morning at 2am. Don't forget to move your clocks forward ONE hour before going to bed next Saturday night. There are NO changes to the Mass Schedule. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 7.30am & 9am.

7. Confirmation Photos

Unfortunately Mario could't make it last Saturday night, but he will be here on Saturday 6 October with the photos.



8. Congratulations

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.



9. Appeal to help the Farmers

The drought in NSW continues as it does across much of our "sunburnt country." Everyone is beginning to feel it, our farmers, but we in the city too, as food prices are rising. However, the country people are struggling and the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese has written a letter seeking our support. You may have heard how one 10 year old boy started a "fiver for the farmers" and his website has been given \$1,000,000 by ordinary Australians wishing to help.

I was going to do a collection before leaving on holidays but too much was happening with Sacraments at the time. I was going to bring it up at the October Parish Pastoral Council Meeting to see what members thought. However, the plea has arrived!

Next Weekend, we will have a third collection for the Drought Appeal going to Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green to assist farmers in his Diocese which covers half of NSW.

Can I be bold enough and say "it's a silent collection" no coins!

Many of us have sold our properties and have received a good return on them, even though you have laboured for 30 or more years to achieve the result. But, I ask all parishioners to be generous to helping the people on the land. \$10, 20 or so dollars won't hurt us too much to help them.

This appeal asks us to be "Blessed to be a blessing for others."

As, my mother used to say, 'you cannot take it with you.'

So next Sunday at the Masses we will have the Drought Appeal collection.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

1-6 October

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



8-13 October

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

READERS ROSTER

29/30 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 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: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

6/7 October (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

29/30 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

6/7 October

Saturday Vigil

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

29/30 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

6/7 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

29 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

30 September

Domenico Mirarchi

6 October

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Mark Vassallo

7 October

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

29 September

School Holidays

6 October

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

30 September

Santina & Frances

5 October

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@wsnrc.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

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

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.