



17/18 November 2018-Year B Thirty-Third 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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

1. Winning and Losing

In the First Reading and also in the Gospel Reading, there is a prophecy about a time to come that will be very bad. The First Reading says that in that bad time God's people will escape the trouble. But Jesus says that in that bad time Christians will be hated in bad times? Do Christians lose and lose and lose, as the Gospel of Matthew says? Or do they win by escaping the trouble, as the First Reading says?

Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good. But what is losing? Is it a matter of being hated, afflicted, and killed? Christ was hated, afflicted, and killed, too. And yet Christ did not lose on the cross, did he? He won.

And here we should notice that, in both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, there are TWO endings of the story of a human life, not just one. There is the end of the story in this world, when Christ's true disciples will be hated and afflicted. And then there is the real and final end of the story, at the last judgment, where each person will see himself as he really is. At that last chapter of each human story, the First Reading says, some people will be seen as the horror and disgrace that they really are. Others will shine like the splendour of the stars.

The winners in the battle of life, those who shine like stars, are those who have turned many to justice, the First Reading says. Acting with courage and integrity for justice, goodness, and truth can get a person hated, afflicted, and even killed, can't it?

And now we can see what it is to escape bad times. Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity, honoured by the world around you. Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good. *This* is an escape that God will give anyone who is willing to take up his cross daily.

And so the losing of the cross, the willingness to be hated and afflicted for the sake of justice—that is the way to the final winning where God's people shine with the splendour of the stars.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



Again, I mentioned in last weeks bulletin, the CWF wasn't counted until my staff returned.

On behalf of the Archbishop, I thank you for your support to those Church Agencies that CWF supports.

Your giving is 100% tax deductible.

The amount collected in this November Appeal was \$1,700.00.

Thank you!

3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The programme has concluded with last Monday's meeting and I thank Sr Rosa and Novice Jayann for conducting the lessons.

On Monday night we will gather in the Church for a rehearsal.

Candidates do **NOT** need to bring their purple books.

4. Catechist Meeting

A reminder to our Catechists of the meeting in the hall this Tuesday at 9.30am to prepare for the Mass at Austral Public School.



Margaret asks all catechists to attend so we can go through and know what the children are doing. The Mass is next Tuesday 27 November in the school hall. Parents of the children are welcome to attend.

5. Music Meeting

A reminder of the music meeting in the Church this Wednesday after the 9am Mass.

6. Mens and Womens Reflection Nights

In preparation for Christmas, we are holding a Mens and Womens reflection/quiet time/prayer in the Church.

More details will follow in the coming bulletins.

Parishioners are asked to keep the dates free and come along preparing for the Christ Child during the Advent season.

The dates are:

Ladies Night:

Tuesday 11 December from 7.30pm-8.45pm.

Mens Night:

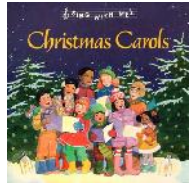
Wednesday 19 December from 7.30pm-8.45pm.

A supper will conclude the evening.

Please mark it as a DO activity for Advent.

7. Parish/School Christmas Carols

Combined Parish/School Christmas Carols Evening: This will be held on Monday 17 December from 6pm-7pm. More details in coming weekes but note it in your diary.



8. Parish Reconciliation Night

Prepare for the birth of the Christ Child by celebrating the Lord's mercy, compassion and forgiveness—we all need it!

Do not hold back, do not be afraid.

The Lord wants to heal us and grace us with His all embracing love.

When: Wednesday 12 December

Time: 7.30pm onwards

(Fr Graham McIntyre and myself will be available).

9. Pizza and Pasta Night

The Parish Pizza & Pasta Night was held last weekend, and once again it was a huge success. We had 120 Adults and 40 children.

I'd like to thank everyone for a great night.

My thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work.

The ladies who made the Italian Biscuits that were on sale I thank you.

Also, Liz & Harry Habib many thanks for the donation of the Jumping Castle.

The money raised was \$1,160.00.

10. Christmas Raffle

The Parish Council intends to hold a Christmas Raffle leading up to Christmas, the monies raised will be used to upgrade the Choir area, getting rid of the messy cords, as this is a safety issue.

Once again, your support would be appreciated.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

19-24 November

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



26 November-1 December

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

READERS ROSTER

17/18 November

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rito 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

24/25 November (Feast of Christ the King)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

17/18 November

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

24/25 November

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualine Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

17/18 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

24/25 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

17 November

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

18 November

Domenico Mirarchi

24 November

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

25 November

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

17 November

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

24 November

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

18 November

Santina & Frances

30 November

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's catechesis, we will address the Eighth Word of the Decalogue: "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor."

This Commandment — says the Catechism — "forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others" (n. 2464). To live of inauthentic communications is grave because it impedes relationships and, therefore, impedes love. Where there is a lie there is no love, love can't be exercised. And when we speak of communication between persons we mean not only words but also gestures, attitudes, even silences, and absences. A person speaks with all that he is and does. We are all in communication always. We all live communicating and we are continually poised between the truth and lies.

But what does it mean to tell the truth? Does it mean to be sincere or exact? In reality, this isn't enough, because one can be sincerely in error, or one can be precise in the detail but not gather the meaning of the whole. Sometimes we justify ourselves saying: "But I said what I felt!" Yes, but you have absolutized your point of view. Or "I only said the truth!" It may be so, but you have revealed personal or reserved facts. How much gossip destroys communion because it's inopportune or lacking in delicacy! Rather, gossip kills, and the Apostle James says this in his Letter. Gossipers are people who kill: they kill others because the tongue kills as a knife. Beware! A gossip is a terrorist because with his tongue he hurls the bomb and leaves calmly, but the thing that that hurled bomb says destroys others' reputation. Don't forget: to gossip is to kill.

But then, what is the truth? This is the question asked by Pilate, precisely while Jesus was carrying out the Eighth Commandment before him (Cf. *John* 18:38). In fact, the words "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor" belong to forensic language. The Gospels culminate in the account of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection; and this is the account of a trial, of the execution of the sentence and of an unheard of consequence.

Interrogated by Pilate, Jesus says: "For this, I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" (*John* 18:37). And Jesus gives this "witness" with his Passion and Death. The evangelist Mark recounts that "the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that He thus breathed his last, he said: 'Truly this man was the Son of God!'" (15:39). Yes, because He was coherent, He was coherent: with his way of dying, Jesus manifests the Father, His merciful and faithful love.

The truth finds its full realization in the person of Jesus himself (Cf. *John* 14:6), in His way of living and dying, the fruit of His relationship with the Father. This existence as children of God, He, risen, gives it also to us by sending the Holy Spirit who is Spirit of truth, who attests to our heart that God is our Father (Cf. *Romans* 8:16).

In every act of his, man affirms or denies this truth — from little daily situations to more demanding choices. But it's always the same logic: that which parents and grandparents teach us when they tell us not to tell lies.

Let us ask ourselves: what truths attest the works of us Christians, our words or our choices? Each one can ask himself: am I a witness of truth, or am I more or less a liar disguised as true? Each one must ask him/herself. We, Christians, aren't exceptional men and women. However, we are children of the heavenly Father, who is good and doesn't delude us and puts in our hearts love for brothers. This truth isn't said so much with speeches; it's a way of existing, a way of living, and it's seen in every single act (Cf. *James* 2:18). This man is a true man, that woman is a true woman: one can see it. But why, if he doesn't open his mouth? But he/she behaves as true. He/she says the truth, acts with truth — a good way of living for us.

The truth is God's wonderful revelation, of His face of Father, and His boundless love. This truth corresponds to human reason but surpasses it infinitely, because it's a gift come down on earth and incarnated in Christ crucified and risen; it is rendered visible by one to whom it belongs and shows his same attitudes.

Not to bear false witness means to live as a child of God, who never, never denies himself, never tells lies; live as children of God, letting emerge in every act the great truth: that God is Father and we can trust in Him. I trust God: this is the great truth. From our trust in God, who is Father and loves me, loves us, my truth is born and my being true and not a liar.





- Mary & Frederik visit Francis
- Remembering the fallen: Surry Hills
- Bring the family! Lights of Christmas
- Students' changing religious attitudes
- The Marine & the Charismatic who became Deacons
- Movie review: Dr Seuss's The Grinch

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Sophia Maria Beneforte
(Child of Joseph & Frances)



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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Frank Palumbo

Anniversaries:

Also for: We remember our Deceased Loved Ones, relatives and Friends during the month of November

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, Paul Galea

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWS

The SafeGuarding and Ministerial Integrity Office was established in the Archdiocese in November 2015. The role is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church and to respond swiftly and compassionately in circumstances in which children are harmed or at risk of being harmed.

The focus is the prevention of abuse and harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The office has developed and delivered training programmes to this end. They embody the inherent values of the Catholic Church.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:

Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.

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 's brown hairy and wears sunglasses?

A. A coconut on vacation.

Liverpool Catholic Club: Carols Evening



The Club is holding their Annual carols by Candlelight in their grounds at the Club on Sunday 2nd December with the program starting at 6.45pm. Carols will commence at 7.30pm. Also, there will be a live Nativity Scene and a pen with nursery animals for the children. A fireworks display will conclude the evening. Enjoy dinner at the Club and then, stay for Carols. Let us put Jesus back into our Christmas celebrations.

CHURCH NEWS

Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Network Meeting: Calling all men! We need your Support with other likeminded catholic men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in the Sydney Archdiocese. Find out how you can support your brothers in the faith or start a men's group or join a local men's group in your area. We will support you to begin and we will be with you along the way. The night is hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers and speakers include Tristan Ross, former army Officer and Ben Galea from Young Men of God.

When: Friday Night 23 November starting with mass at 6.30pm followed by dinner at 7.30pm, 8.30pm Presentations given.

Where: St Paul of the Cross Parish Hall 532 new caterbury Road Dulwich Hill.

For catering register: www.trybooking.com/431767.or christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019.

Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

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.



You are warmly invited to the second Carols by Candlelight at Kemps Creek Cemetery on Friday 14 December 2018, starting at 6.30pm.

There will be a variety of entertainment and attractions this year including a live band, horse and carriage rides, pony and donkey rides, jumping castle, animal nursery, face-painting, food stalls & a visit by Santa Claus on a sleigh!

A huge fireworks display will close the event at 9pm.

We would love to have your parishioners participate in what should be a most enjoyable community event.

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Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference

"Be Awake"; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16

"Where are you men? Where are you Men of God? Where will you be when the SON comes? Are you AWAKE?"

MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for men of this nation. The conference will bring the very best of MENAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God national Conference. There is nothing like the journey of growing in faith alongside your brothers.

There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. It is a space which will allow men to encounter Jesus Christ, be it the first time or a renewal. This is an excellent opportunity to deepen our faith and grow in Gods call and challenge for our lives. Be inspired, be transformed. This will be an extraordinary event THAT IS DEFINITELY NOT TO BE MISSED! To register go to menalive.org.au or ymgmovement.org

Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Network Meeting

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers, hear from Tristan Ross, former lieutenant in the army on his experience of Catholic brotherhood.

Ben Galea from Young Men of God will facilitate a discussion on growing new men's groups.

Friday night November 23, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations.

St Paul of the Cross, 532 New Canterbury Road Dulwich Hill.

Register: www.trybooking.com/431767

More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org