



29/30 June 2019-Year C Thirteenth 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 peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm:
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. Temporizing

In the First Reading, Elisha is called by the Lord to be the helper and successor of the prophet Elijah. When in response to God's call the prophet Elijah comes to get Elisha, Elisha really wants to follow the prophet. Only he wants to kiss his mother and father goodbye first. Each human person is called to follow the Lord, to turn his back on his own sins, to live a life of love and holiness.

The prophet responds negatively to Elisha's desire to go home first. "Go back!" the prophet says to him—and he seems to mean, "who wants you anyway?"

Why does the prophet take such a stern attitude?

Well, it is not actually the prophet who is calling Elisha. It is God. So think of it this way. If the President of the US were to call you and ask you to meet him, would you pause for anything? Wouldn't you race out in excitement? Pausing before going indicates that you don't really understand or don't really care who it is that is calling you.

And, then, too, if you don't care very much about who is calling you, you might in the end fail to answer his call. It is undeniably easier to stay at home in the midst of what is small and familiar than to hazard the perils that come with answering a great call.

In Elisha's case, the prophet's dismissive response to Elisha's temporizing puts the fire of God in Elisha. He kills all his family's oxen; then he uses their yokes for firewood to roast the oxen, and he gives the flesh to his servants to eat. Elisha is making sure that he *can't* go home now, isn't he? How could he, after what he did to the family oxen and their yokes?

So here is the moral of the story: there isn't room for hanging back when the Lord calls you. If you hesitate, if you think of an excuse to postpone answering the call, you aren't really hearing the Lord calling; and so you aren't really going to follow him either, not now, not later. That is why in the Gospel Reading Jesus says that no one who sets his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of Heaven.

But each human person is called to follow the Lord, to turn his back on his own sins, to live a life of love and holiness. Answering that call can't wait for later, after whatever else a person thinks needs to be happen first. There is no place for temporizing when the Lord calls. The Lord's call has to be answered *now*.

2. Catechist's News

Catechists are asked to make notes of the following two gatherings.

A). Catechist's Meeting-Tuesday July 9

There will be a Catechist meeting in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass on Tuesday July 9, beginning at 9.30am. Catechists are asked to attend.

B). Catechists Area Mass-Friday July 12

The Western Area Catechist Mass will be held on Friday July 12 at Mary Immaculate Church, Bossley Park, beginning at 11am. This Mass brings together the Area Catechists as they pray for themselves and the children they teach in the many state schools.

Fr Paul Monkerud the Dean of the Western Area and PP of Liverpool will be the main celebrant.

A light lunch will follow the Mass.

Please reply to: Teresa on Fax: 9283 5146 or email:teresa.culjak@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au
I hope all Austral Catechists can attend.

3. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC)

The next PPC meeting will be held on Monday night, July 1 at 7.30pm in the parish presbytery.
All PPC members are asked to attend.



4. The Four Stages of Prayer

In celebrating our Feast Day, I said in my homily that St Anthony gave four stages or steps in praying. (Some parishioners asked me to put them in the bulletin). I hope they assist in your own personal relationship with God and Our Lord as you pray.

St Anthony says:

The first step-opening our hearts to God and God's presence in my life.

The second step-speak to God affectionately, seeing God present to oneself.

The third step-present your needs to God.

The fourth step-praise and thank God.

St Anthony reminds us: "Charity is the soul of faith, it gives it life; without love, faith dies."

St Anthony says: "It is only the prayful soul that can progress in the spiritual life."

5. Thank You

Shirley & Ian Farrell would like to thank Fr Bob and the Parish for all the good wishes they received as they celebrated their 70 wedding anniversary recently.

They would especially like to thank Fr Bob for his kind words, flowers and everything he did to make it so special for them.

6. Planned Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for the New Financial are available for parishioners to take home.

Please check the table at the back of the Church. If parishioners would like to assist the financial burden of the Parish by supporting regularly through the envelope system please fill in the Census Form on the back table and place in the box marked "Census Forms" or ring Cheryl at the Parish Office on 9606 0206. Your giving will be 50% tax deductible for FY 19/20.



7. End of financial Year 18/19

As the FY 18/19 is only a few weeks away, I invite parishioners who give to the Parish Envelope scheme to look at their giving in order to take full advantage of the tax deductibility that is offered at present, at 25%.

If you have missed a few weeks, I invite you to catch-up during these last weeks.

Any parishioner who would like to make a one-off donation to the parish in order to receive the 25% tax deduction is most welcome to do so.

Please put your cheque or cash in a marked envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked in case we need to contact you if you are not on our parish data system.

8. We Welcome Visiting Clergy

Fr Leo Mifsud is on holidays at his brother and sister-in-law's home who live in Middleton Grange and who attend Sunday 7.30am Mass, so, I invited him to celebrate that Mass. Parishioners at 7.30am have seen Fr Leo previously.

Fr Michael Smith is no stranger to us at Austral and has helped me out at the Vigil and 9am Mass. He will celebrate the 9am Mass .

I have returned to Five Dock for the 10am Mass, as All Hallows is celebrating their Centenary Year and inviting former clergy to return and celebrate mass for the community. I am there for that 10am Mass.

I thank Fr's Leo and Michael for their support this weekend.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

1-6 July

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



8-13 July

Brianna, Raquel & Olivia

READERS ROSTER

29/30 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David 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

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

6/7 July (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

29/30 June

Saturday Vigil

Bonnie Szafranski & Victoria Bugeja



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

6/7 July

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

29/30 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

6/7 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

29 June

Rita & Chiara Moro

6 July

School Holidays



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

7 July

Sister Rosa & Volunteer

21 June

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



POPE'S GENERAL AUDIENCE (FULL TEXT): On the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2: 42,44-45)

'There is no place for egoism in a Christian's soul'-June 26, 2019

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The fruit of Pentecost, the powerful effusion of the Spirit of God on the first Christian community, was such that many people felt their heart pierced by the happy announcement — the kerygma — of salvation in Christ and they adhered to Him freely, converting, receiving Baptism in His Name and receiving in turn the gift of the Holy Spirit. About three thousand people formed part of that fraternity, which is the habitat of believers and is the ecclesial ferment of the work of evangelization. The warmth of the faith of these brothers and sisters in Christ made of their life the scenario of the work of God, who manifests Himself with prodigies and signs through the Apostles. The extraordinary becomes ordinary and the everyday becomes the area of the manifestation of Christ alive.

The evangelist Luke recounts it, showing us the Church of Jerusalem as the paradigm of every Christian community, as the icon of a fraternity that fascinates and that is not mythologized or even minimized. The account of the Acts enables us to look between the walls of the house where the first Christians gathered as family of God, area of the koinonia, namely, of the communion of love between brothers and sisters in Christ.

It can be seen that they lived in a very precise way: they were "devoted to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Christian listen assiduously to the didache, namely, the apostolic teaching; they practice a high quality of interpersonal relations also through the communion of spiritual and material goods; they remember the Lord through the "breaking of bread," namely, the Eucharist, and converse with God in prayer. These are a Christian's attitudes, the four traits of a good Christian.

As opposed to human society, where the tendency is to look after one's own interests, regardless or even to the detriment of others, the community of believers banishes individualism to foster sharing and solidarity. There is no place for egoism in a Christian's soul: if your heart is egoistic you're not a Christian, you are a worldly <sort>, who only seek your favour, your profit. And Luke tells us that the believers are together (Cf. Acts 2:44). Proximity and unity are the style of believers: neighbours, concerned for one another, who do not speak badly of the other, no, <but> help, come close.

The grace of Baptism reveals, therefore, the profound bond between brothers in Christ that are called to share, to identify themselves with others and to give "as any had need" (Acts 2:45), that is, generosity, alms, concern for the other, to visit the sick, to visit those that are in need, who are in need of consolation. And this fraternity, precisely because it chooses the way of communion and of attention to the needy of this fraternity, which is the Church, can live a true and genuine liturgical life. Luke says: "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people" (Acts 2:46-47).

Finally, the account of the Acts reminds us that the Lord guarantees the growth of the community (Cf. 2:47): the perseverance of believers in genuine alliance with God and with brethren becomes an attractive force that fascinates and conquers many (Cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 14), a principle thanks to which lives the believing community of all times.

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit so that He makes of our communities places in which to receive and practice the new life, the works of solidarity and of communion, places in which the liturgies are an encounter with God, which becomes communion with brothers and sisters, places that are open doors onto the heavenly Jerusalem.



School News



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

This year, baptised students who are in Year 2 will be able to make their First Reconciliation. If you wish for your child to receive this Sacrament, attendance will be required at Mass on Sundays as the Sacrament is organised and facilitated through the Parish. All enrolment forms and information will only be available through the Parish.

Behind the scenes at Lewisham for Night Patrol

An outreach opportunity for Parishioners to join staff and parents from the school once a term to travel to Lewisham as a group and assist at the Vinnies Van Services centre between 10am-1pm. We can grab a bite to eat at a local cafe or on our way back to school for pick up time. Lewisham is a larger centre than Liverpool and provides food for the Sydney van services. Activities we will be undertake on the day could include:

- Preparing sandwiches
- Cleaning of our vehicles (inside and out)
- Preparation of toiletry gift packs for those experiencing homelessness
- Sorting of donations
- The preparation of a salad or soup
- General cleaning and sorting.

We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 people to assist each day and unfortunately, because space is limited at the centre, no toddlers are permitted.

The three dates remaining for this year are **Thursday 20 June, Tuesday 27 August and Tuesday 26 November.**

If you are interested in attending please email me at veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au or call on 0416277334



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Kristie Scibilia, Francis Kenwright-Dennis, Frank Mosca (Santina Macri's father), Victoria Chetcuti

Anniversaries: Johana & Silvester Oros, Caterina Carra, Vince Camilleri.

Also for: Isidoro Bianchi, Joe Sukkar, Holy Souls, Special Intention.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto, John (Jock) Mikosic, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary).



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Archbishop meets Pope
- Jesus in Punchbowl: Eucharistic procession
- Every mite counts
- From nightclubs to church: Dawn Eden's story
- Movie Review: Men in Black: International
- A gift for Timor's women

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is: \$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

KID'S CORNER

Q. How do bees get to school?

A. By School Buzz.



FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Robert William departing on 16 Sep 2019. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5690 + \$150 Tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For inquiries & bookings call parish office or 03 8839 6615 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au.

Bookings Open for 2020 Pilgrimages. Call Now for Early Bird Discounts!

"Of life and Love" Marriage Preparation Courses

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates are: October 16, 23, 30.

To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates all of the support that you provide to ensure those who have suffered abuse are able to receive the correct help and support they need.

Kind regards

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Using the Parish Toilets

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.

Please use the bags provided and the bin.

Please **DO NOT** throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.

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.

Australian Bishops meet Pope Francis, pray at St Peter's tomb

Pope Francis with Australian bishops at the Vatican Monday 24 June.

Pope Francis has given his apostolic blessing to the Australian Catholic bishops and encouraged them to explore new ways of being missionary in Australia at this time. Almost 40 Australian bishops met with Pope Francis for more than two hours yesterday as part of their Ad Limina Apostolorum visit, translated as "To the Threshold of the Apostles". It was a high point of a memorable first day of the Ad Limina, which began with the bishops celebrating Mass at the tomb of St Peter.

"To celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb of Peter and then to engage in pastoral dialogue with his successor was a unique and grace-filled way to start our week in Rome," Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said. The bishops raised with Pope Francis a number of topics that are of deep concern to the Church in Australia.

Among them were the Church's work to eliminate child sexual abuse and to accompany survivors of abuse, the bishops' desire to support and minister to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the hopes for the Plenary Council and the need to find new ways of witnessing to Jesus Christ in Australian society in a time of change.

"There was an ease and a fraternal warmth in the way Pope Francis spoke and an attentiveness in his listening to the questions the bishops asked," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Conference vice president Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said the meeting with Pope Francis was "moving and deeply encouraging". He said it showed the benefit of the Petrine ministry, "of being our solid 'rock' and 'confirming the brethren'".

"The Holy Father clearly understood our situation in Australia. It was a real moment of grace," Archbishop Fisher said.

Darwin Bishop Charles Gauci said he was "deeply impressed" by Pope Francis.

"I was impressed by his humanity, his compassion, his sense of collegiality, his passion for working with all the people of God in a synodal Church and his true commitment to the Gospel," Bishop Gauci said.

The Ad Limina visit continues until Friday, June 28. The Australian bishops will meet in the coming days with the various departments of the Holy See with responsibilities for different aspects of Church life.

