



3/4 August 2019-Year C Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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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.

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Who Cares?

Everything is vanity, the reading from Ecclesiastes says. The writer of Ecclesiastes means that everything is in vain. You toil in the day; you're anxious in the night. And it's all for nothing, the writer thinks. Who cares about it?

No wonder many people think Ecclesiastes is a depressing book! Work done for love of the Lord lasts.

But notice that Jesus says something similar in the Gospel reading. The rich man was thinking about building bigger barns. But in the parable God says to him, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you, and somebody else will get all your stuff." How will the rich man care about his barns then?

And that's the problem with many of the things we care about in this life, barns or material goods of any kind: you lose them when you die.

The same thing is true of a lot of what we spend our lives on. Those things don't amount to anything in the long run; and, like the rich man, we waste the part of our lives that we use up on them. There is time spent struggling for the next honor or the next accomplishment. There is time consumed on sorrowing over not having gotten the next honor or accomplishment. For that matter, there is time frittered away watching TV or surfing the internet, or just puttering around doing nothing. Picture yourself as you come before God at your death, returning to God the talents he entrusted to you. Will you care about any of those things then?

That's why Ecclesiastes says they are vanity. Whatever good is in them is transient; they die when you do.

In the long run, then, who cares about them? You can't take any of them with you when you die, any more than the rich man could take his barns with him. When you come before the face of God you won't care about them then either.

Ecclesiastes is a consoling book, not a depressing one. The transience of earthly goods should be comforting to us. Barns may be good, but, in the long run, getting them—or losing them—is not of overwhelming importance. We can do our work in quiet, and we can suffer our reverses in quiet too, because none of these things last.

Love lasts. Work done for love of the Lord lasts. And guess what—the Lord himself is ever-lasting. If what you want is God, what you want will last.

What is worth caring about is what lasts.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



The CWF for FY 19/20 is upon us once again.

As mentioned, the CWF supports some of the Church's agencies that do not attract Federal or State Government support.

So, as Catholics, we support these agencies and their programmes through the CWF appeal. On behalf of the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan agencies that the CWF, supports I thank you, once again, for your contributions to the CWF Appeal.

The CWF supports these agencies:

*Catholic Care: Supporting families, couples and singles.

*Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) : supporting our Catechists who teach at Austral Public School.

*Ephpheta Centre: assisting families and individuals who are impaired in their hearing or speech.

*The Aboriginal Catholic Community.

*Our Seminaries: There are two seminaries within the Archdiocese with over 50 men in training for the Priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Chaplains: We support both University and Hospital Chaplains.

Our giving to CWF is tax deductible, so I invite you to take home an envelope with, your donation and mark/tic the box for the tax deduction.

The parish quota is \$2200.00. For each collection.

There are 3 CWF collections over the financial year 19/20.

3. Pizza/Salad Night: Saturday 17th August

As mentioned in last weewkends bulletin, the parish community is invited to come together for the next Pizza/Salad night following the Saturday Vigil Mass. Timings are: 6.30pm onwards.

On the table outside are sign-up sheets to indicate your interest in attending on the 17th August.

Parishioners have commented in the past that the price is too cheap!

So, Volare Pizza gives us a good deal (and I thank them for their support!) as we all look to these functions as a money raising event as a social coming together. Maybe we can put funds raised to a ride-on lawnmower.

The Pizza/Salad Night Prices are:

Adults: \$25.00 per person.

Kids: \$15 per person

Children under 5 years of age FREE

It is important we know the numbers of those attending for catering purposes.

Paying began last weekend.



4. First Year Anniversary

Mass will be offered on this coming Wednesday Evening 7 August at 7pm for the repose of the soul of Maria Rosa Varacalli. Famiy and friends are invited to attend.

5. St Mary Mackillop Mass: Mass at 9.15am

This coming Thursday the school will attend Mass for the feast of Saint Mary Mackillop.

Mass will begin at 9.15am to allow the school to move over to the Church.

6. Homily

I was asked to put last weeks homily questions in the bulletin. You might like to reflect on them once again.

Why does Jesus tell us that we have to be persistent in prayer?

How could you describe your "prayer life?"

When do you pray?

Can you commit to a daily prayer routine during this coming week?

7. New Rosters

Eucharistic Ministers can pick up their New Rosters from the back table this weekend.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

5-10 August

L Lopez, L Simat,
Y Refalo



12-17 August

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric

READERS ROSTER

3/4 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

10/11 August (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chrid Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mica Pace

Readers:

Mica Pace: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

3/4 August

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Volunteer & Phil Gigliotti

10/11 August

Saturday Vigil

Veronics & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzarita

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

3/4 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

10/11 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

3 August

Sarah & V Casha

10 August

Suzanne Sanchez & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

4 August

Frances & Faye

18 August

Sister Rosa & Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Church and World Leaders Unite in Call for End to Human Trafficking

'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' JULY 30, 2019 HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE
When Pope Francis spoke April 11, 2019, to participants of the International Conference on Human Trafficking: 'A wound on the body of contemporary humanity', organized by the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, he turned to the Gospel of John for the words to put the scourge of human trafficking into perspective:

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10: 10).

"This phrase of the Gospel of John summarizes Jesus' mission: to offer life in fullness to all men and women of every age, according to the plan of the Father.," the Holy Father said. "The Son of God made Himself man to show to all human beings the way of fulfillment of their humanity, in conformity with the uniqueness and unrepeatability of each one.

"Unfortunately, the world at present is sadly marked by situations that hinder the fulfillment of this mission. As highlighted in the Pastoral Orientations on Human Trafficking, 'our times have witnessed a growth of individualism and egocentricity, attitudes that tend to regard others through a lens of cool utility, valuing them according to criteria of convenience and personal benefit'."

Today, July 30, 2019, the Pope's ongoing appeal for an end to human trafficking is joined by Church and secular leaders around the world, including the Holy Father's native Argentina.

"We ask the God of life for the courage and decision to listen to the cry for help of so many sisters and brothers deprived of their dignity and their freedom, and to accompany them, defend them, looking for paths to a quick and lasting solution to this crime." This is the appeal launched by the Bishops' Commission for the pastoral care of migrants and itinerants (CEMI) of the Argentine Bishops' Conference on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking.

"The protection of minors is an integral part of the Gospel message hence there is need to create a safe environment for them, giving priority to their interests", said the Archbishop of Blantyre, Malawi, Msgr. Thomas Luke Msusa, addressing the African Bishops during the meeting, which has recently concluded, with SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar).

Msusa, who is the Vice-Chairman of Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA), has exhorted African bishops to root out for causes of child trafficking, child labor and children soldier to ensure that children are well protected in all aspects.

Trafficking is a problem for children as well as adults, a point made especially clear in a just-released report. And the problem is growing.

A quarter of suspected or identified trafficking victims in Europe are children and the main goal of human traffickers is sexual exploitation – a new report released by Save the Children finds. Out of 20,500 victims who were registered in the European Union in 2015-16, 56 percent of cases were related to trafficking for sexual exploitation, while 26 percent of cases were related to labour exploitation. One in four victims is under 18 and two out of three victims are women or girls.

On this World Day against Trafficking in Persons, let us reaffirm our commitment to stop criminals from ruthlessly exploiting people for profit and to help victims rebuild their lives," urged UN Secretary-General António Guterres.



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 Masses. The programme begins shortly.

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: Maria Caterina Campisi, Carmela Vaticano, Robert Bidner

Anniversaries: Mary Low, Maria Rosa Giacinto Varacalli.

Also for: Dec'd Members of the Cilia and Farrugia Families, Holy Souls, Thanksgiving, Pietro Calarco

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

- Don't do it! Outrage spreads at abortion Bill
- Cooking up a storm: Maronite wins MasterChef
- God first, says Wimbledon champion
- Aussies walk away
- Grief to Grace
- Economics as if people matter

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Mount Carmel Retreat Centre

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
Ph: 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Facing Today's Spectre of Meaninglessness with St Therese of Lisieux

When: August 9 - 11
Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD
Cost: \$300 (concessions apply).
"I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy... Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather, that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10.17).

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.

"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.

KID'S CORNER

Q. What happens when frogs park illegally?

A. They get Toad away.



MEDIA RELEASE



Folding Centre
133 Liverpool Street
Sydney NSW 2000

29 July 2019

CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP CONDEMNS NSW ABORTION LEGISLATION

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP has condemned a new bill to be debated this week in the NSW Parliament which would decriminalise abortion in the state.

Under the proposed law, abortion would be legalised on request for women up to 22 weeks pregnant if the procedure is performed by a registered doctor. In instances beyond 22 weeks' gestation, abortion can be legally conducted with the consent of two doctors.

Archbishop Fisher said the new legislation is an attack on the sanctity of life and must be strongly opposed.

"New attempts to make abortion even more widely available in NSW are deeply troubling," Archbishop Fisher said. "The measure of a society is how it protects its most vulnerable, be they unborn children, their mothers who are too often pressured emotionally, financially and even physically to choose against the life of their child, or the sick and frail elderly.

"Rather than pursuing laws that will lead to more abortions, we should instead be investing in ways to support pregnant women who feel they have no other choice.

"I urge all Catholics to rally against this proposed law and, at the same time, recommit ourselves to reaching out with prayer and practical support for women in crisis."

Archbishop Fisher is encouraging all Catholics to immediately contact their local state MP given the bill is to be tabled this week, urging them to vote against it.

"We must tell our elected MPs that if they are serious about wanting to protect human life they must reject this bill," he said.

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1. Memorial Mass for the Unborn St Marys Cathedral Sydney

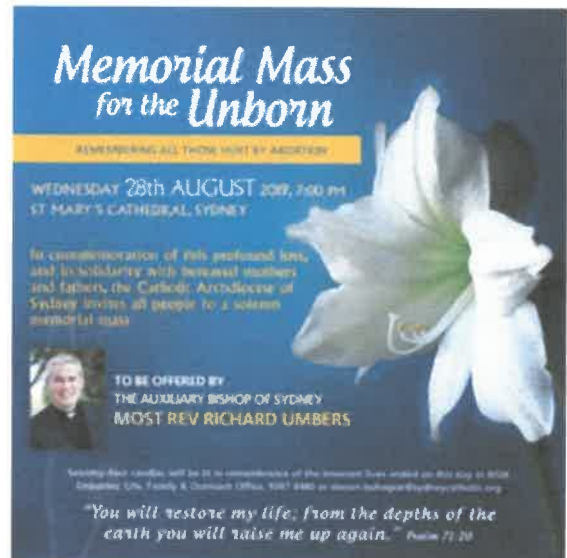
You are cordially invited to attend the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn at St Marys Cathedral to commemorate the lives lost to abortion in NSW and in solidarity with bereaved mothers, fathers, siblings and grandparents. Please come along and participate through your prayerful support and presence.

Date: **Wednesday 28 August 2019**

Venue: St Marys Cathedral Sydney

Time: 7.00pm

Enquiries: steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org or 0415600290 – Life Family and Outreach Team



2. Annual Solidarity Conference – ‘Clients want carers with Conscience’

The conference for healthcare professionals and students who want to learn more about the difficulties we face as pro-lifers working within the industry. This year's conference, ‘Clients want carers with a Conscience’, will be focusing on the personal experiences of healthcare professionals who seek to defend life at all stages.



Afternoon tea will be provided followed by a Q&A session. This part of the conference will be a chance for delegates to ask questions specifically about pro-life issues to arm them with the knowledge and prepare them for future challenges that may arise.

Date: **Saturday 3 August 2019 1.00 – 5:30 PM**

Venue: Warrane College Sydney University

Speakers: Anna Walsh, Gen Gurrie, Tracey Devonport, Jaya Tahi, Dr Genevieve, Damian Tudehope MLC, Greg Donnelly MLC

Cost: Donations welcome at registration

Contact: www.facebook.com/pg/solidarityau/events/