

20/21 July 2019-Year C Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm:
The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. Love, Justive and Housework

In the Gospel Reading, Martha is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples. If Jesus had come with only his twelve apostles, that still makes lunch for 13—or 16 if Martha and her family are going to have lunch too. Even with a modern kitchen, lunch for so many is not easy to prepare. I have no idea how Martha could manage it with whatever kitchen she had. And it's worse for her because she is stuck doing it by herself. Her sister Mary is just sitting on the floor by Jesus, listening to him while Martha does all the work. How unjust to Martha is that?

Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

So no wonder Martha nudges Jesus and insists that he tell Mary to get a move on, into the kitchen, helping with housework. Fair is fair! Jesus is supposed to be the greatest upholder of justice. Fairness to women should be part of his concern, too, shouldn't it? Where is the fairness to Martha in Jesus' being an enabler of Mary's failure to help with the cooking? But fairness to Mary is precisely what Jesus is protecting by refusing to send her into the kitchen, isn't it? The best thing in the world is to be by Jesus, to love him, to learn from him, to give yourself to him. And Jesus will not let the need to cook lunch take that best thing away from Mary. What justice would there be if he did? Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

But, you might say, what about Martha? Where is the fairness for Martha here? And what if Martha had wanted to sit by the Lord, too. Then what would have happened to lunch?

But think about it. Is there really *no* other way that lunch could have gotten on the table, without forcing Mary (or Mary and Martha) away from the Lord? Couldn't some of those male disciples have made lunch, for example? For that matter, couldn't the Lord who miraculously fed five thousand have managed to feed a mere dozen or so in the same way? As far as that goes, what's wrong with their all fasting on this occasion? In protecting Mary as he does in this story, Jesus protects all women. The need for somebody to do manual labor is not a reason to make a woman give up her heart's desire for learning and for listening to the Lord.



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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.

2. Parish Maintenance

As mentioned, in the previous two bulletins, we have a requirement for the mowing of the Church and Presbytery lawns, both the house next to the Church, plus the house at 320 Edmondson.

The Parish Council suggested buying a ride-on, so, we are looking at a good second hand mower. Any parishioner aware of one for sale at a reasonable price? Please let me know.

3. Ministries

We need more parishioners involved in the Liturgy as Acolytes, Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Any parishioners are welcome to put forward their name and once we have volunteers we will run a course of preparation for that Ministry.

Please see the Census Sheet on the back table, fill it in and place in the CENSUS BOX. Please write on it which Ministry you would like to serve and be involved in.



4. Planned Giving Receipts

Receipts for the Financial year are in a box on the table at the back of the Church, Please take yours home.

5. Parish Envelope System

Parishioners who support the Parish by giving in the Parish Envelope System and seek a tax deduction for their giving, we have been informed that the tax deduction for FY 19/20 is 30%.

This percentage goes to our supporting our school and its needs where the Sydney Catholic Schools does not allocate monies and so, it would come out of the school budget.

I thank parishioners who take up the envelopes and all parishioners who are happy to forego the tax deduction.

6. Pizza/Salad Night: Saturday 17th August

As mentioned in last weekend's 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

7. Fr Rob Galea Coming Home Concert

At the O'Grady Auditorium, Neich Parade, Burwood on Sunday July 28

Bring your family & friends to be encouraged and inspired in prayer through great music and inspirational stories.

All tickets @ \$55 through frgministry.com/tickets

People can phone me on the number below if they don't have internet access - they will need a credit card to purchase tickets though.

Thank you and God bless.

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May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

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CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

22-27 July

D Giubega, L Vitale,
M Garzaniti, R Khattar



29 July—3 August

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri,

READERS ROSTER

20/21 July

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

27/28 July (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret DeVries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

20/21 July

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

27/28 July

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret DeVries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

20/21 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

27/28 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

20 July

School Holidays

27 July

F Hockings & V Bugeja



9am Sunday

School Holidays

NURSING HOME ROSTER

21 July

Lina & Faye

26 July

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Angelus Address: On the Parable of the Good Samaritan

'Jesus Proposed the Samaritan as Model Who, Loving His Brother as Himself, Shows He Loves God with All His Heart and All His Strength'

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today the Gospel gives us the famous parable of the "Good Samaritan" (Cf. Luke 10:25-37). Questioned by a Doctor of the Law about what is necessary to inherit eternal life, Jesus invites him to find the answer in the Scriptures: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself" (v. 27). There were, however, different interpretations about who should be understood as "neighbour." In fact, that man asked again: "And who is my neighbour?" (v. 29). At this point, Jesus responds with the parable that, thanks to the evangelist Luke, has left an indelible imprint on the history of the Church and of humanity.

The protagonist of the brief account is a Samaritan, who on the road met a man robbed and beaten by brigands and he takes care of him. We know that the Jews were contemptuous of the Samaritans, considering them foreign to the Chosen People. Therefore, it's no accident in fact that Jesus chose a Samaritan as the positive personage of the parable. In this way, He wished to overcome the prejudice, showing that even a foreigner, even one who doesn't know the true God and doesn't frequent the Temple, is capable of behaving according to His will, feeling compassion for a needy brother and helping him with all the means at his disposal.

On that same road, before the Samaritan, a priest and a Levite has already passed, that is, persons dedicated to the worship of God. However, seeing the poor man on the ground, they went on without stopping, probably not to be contaminated by his blood. They had put a human rule linked to worship before the great commandment of God, who first of all wants mercy.

Jesus, therefore, proposes the Samaritan as model who, loving his brother as himself, shows he loves God with all his heart and all his strength, and expresses at the same time true religiosity and full humanity.

After recounting the parable, Jesus addresses the Doctor of the Law again, who had asked Him "Who is my neighbour?" And He says to him: "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" (v. 36). In this way, He brings about a reversal in regard to His interlocutor's question, and also to the logic of us all. He makes us understand that it's not we that, on the basis of our criteria, define who is and who is not our neighbour, but it's the person in a situation of need who must be able to recognize who is his neighbour, namely, "the one who showed mercy on him" (v. 37). This conclusion indicates that mercy, in confronting a human life in a state of necessity, is the true face of love. It is thus that we become true disciples of Jesus and that the face of the Father is manifested: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). It is thus that the commandment of the love of God and of our neighbour becomes a unique and coherent rule of life.

May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and, especially, to live ever more the inseparable bond there is between love of God, our Father, and concrete and generous love of our brethren.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Catholics welcome Indigenous proposal
- The plan that backed Bourke
- School prayers: Students embrace the Rosary
- A doctor for life
- Movie Review: Yesterday
- Monica Doumit: The cost of freedom

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. Where do bees go on holidays?

A. Stingapore.



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Bring your family & friends to be encouraged and inspired in prayer through great music and inspirational stories.

The Melbourne Concert was absolutely amazing faith filled, spine tingling and heart warming. People of all ages attended the night and so many were generous in their praise after the concert ended. A big crowd stayed around to see Fr Rob after the event to receive blessings, take photos and have merchandise, including Fr Rob's book Breakthrough, signed.

All tickets @ \$55 through frgministry.com/tickets

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"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.

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: Santo Grasso, Mary Rose Monaghan

Anniversaries: Marc Arcuri, Giulia Carra, Nata Mileto, Isidoro Bianchi, Edgardo Ocampo, Petra San Jose, Jun Jun San Jose

Also for: Charlie Vella

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)



PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER

Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) Natasha Steimbesser would like to bring to Parishioners attention the following as she begins her work as the PSSO.

The ways in which the PSSO could support and assist This Parish Community are:

- In providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the community who volunteer with children, including reading and signing of the *Code of Conduct for Working With Children*
- In assisting raising awareness of Safeguarding in the community
- In assisting to create Risk Assessments for events/activities
- In assisting to respond to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements
- In assisting to monitor the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols
- Any other Safeguarding issues as requested by me

Natasha has one more Seminar to attend in order to fulfil her role as a PSSO.

When completed Natasha will conduct a Seminar for all Parish Ministries in order to keep the Parish up to date with all Government and Archdiocesan requirements.

I hope you will all support her in this voluntary and necessary role for all members of our community both now and into the future.



Saint Benedict's Compass, by Cardinal Parolin

The Benedictines, a Lighthouse for Today JULY 17, 2019

On celebrating Mass at the Monte Oliveto Maggiore Abbey, for the feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia on July 11, 2019, Cardinal Pietro Parolin invited the Benedictines to be a lighthouse that "illuminates the night." At the Motherhouse of the Olivetan Benedictines in Tuscany, the Vatican Secretary of State meditated on the compass left by their founder.

In his homily, reported by "Vatican News," the Vatican's "Number 2" stressed that Saint Benedict had "a strong and seducing ideal to hang onto, to be able to face the tempest of the Old World, which was declining and the cries of the one being born."

Seven hundred years after the foundation of the Abbey, Cardinal Parolin described Saint Benedict's Rule as "a true Cathedral of wisdom, founded not on the sand of facile emotions or on impulses of generosity little meditated and weak, but rather on the solid rock of a robust faith, solidified by experience and by the practice of piety and virtues." This practice, in fact, enables one to "catch the most subtle movements of the heart, its great and noble possibilities as well as its arrhythmias and its illnesses, (to be) always watchful if it ceases to take the opportune medications of humility and of prayer."

The Vatican Secretary of State said that the Saint of Nursia left "a luminous path of perfection offered to our generation and to our time," in particular, his compass: 'Nihil amoris Christi praeponere,' "place nothing before the love of Christ." It's "the necessary and sufficient condition to go through changes remaining stable in hope, strong in temptation, victorious over forces that would break up and dissolve. "

Moreover, he continued, the Benedictines are a "lighthouse" and a "call to a life full of meaning because surrendered and full of peace, despite the errors, the sins, the human miseries and the dramas of history." And their monasteries are "an oasis of rest from storms and a sure and powerful sign on the way, sometimes confused and twisted by so many people who seek groping that salvation and happiness, which they can easily find, if only they raised their eyes to Jesus and Mary, His Mother."

In conclusion, Cardinal Parolin invited the Benedictines to be this lighthouse that "illuminates the night and makes one perceive the Lord's paternal and merciful face." The monks can show all that it "is possible to overcome the spiritual worldliness, so often pointed out by Pope Francis as one of the greatest dangers."