



14/15 September 2019-Year C Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: Give Peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. Mercy and Moral Idiocy

In the First Reading, the Israelites, who have just been freed from slavery in Egypt by spectacular miracles that God did for them, those same Israelites have made molten metal into the statue of a calf and declared that the calf is their God who brought them out of Egypt.

Maybe like Paul, who once was the chief of sinners, your sinning friend could become glorious. God is very angry at the people in consequence. This people is hopeless, God says to Moses; I ought to destroy them and make a new Israelite people out of you, Moses. But God means to be merciful to the Israelites, and he is inviting Moses to be merciful by first showing Moses the evil of the people. If you don't see the evil in what others are doing, you aren't merciful. You are just a moral idiot.

In response to God's anger at the Israelites, Moses is merciful; and he wants God to be merciful too. And so the reply of Moses to God's anger teaches us something about mercy.

Moses does not try to see what the Israelites are doing as not so bad, as somehow acceptable or excusable. If he did, then Moses really would be a moral idiot. But he doesn't. Rather, Moses entreats God to be merciful by reminding God of the past history of the Israelites. Don't you remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses asks God? They were your servants and so pleasing to you! For the sake of what the Israelite people were in the past, have mercy on them now!

The Second Reading is about mercy too. Paul explains that he once was a persecutor of God's people. He doesn't gloss over his own evil then or make himself a moral idiot, any more than Moses did. But Paul says that he obtained mercy from God anyway, because God could see the man that Paul could become. For the sake of the man Paul could be in the future, God had mercy on him.

Here is one moral of the readings then. You must not be a moral idiot. When you look at the conduct of your father, or your friend, or your boss, if that person is being sinful, then you need to see clearly that he is. But what you see when he is evil is not all there is to him. There is what he was in the past, the small boy his mother loved, for example. He wasn't always the sinner he is now. And then there is what he could become. Maybe like Paul, who once was the chief of sinners, your sinning friend could become glorious in the service of the Lord in the future.

So, see clearly the evil in your neighbour now, but remember that what you see is not all there is to him. Like the Lord in the readings, have mercy on him, for the sake of all the rest of him, the person that he once was and the person that he can still be.

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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.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

16-21 September

Volunteers



23-28 September

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

14/15 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 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: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

21/22 September (25th) Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret de Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

14/15 September

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Catherine Florio



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualine Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

21/22 September

Saturday Vigil

Bonnie Szafranski & Victoria Bugeja

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

14/15 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

21/22 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

14 September

Sarah & V Casha

21 September

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

22 September

Sister Rosa & Jayann

6 October

Lina & Faye



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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 date remaining for this year is **Tuesday 26 November**.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: James Micallef.

Also for: All 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, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci.



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Protest dogs Premier
- Miraculous healing declared at Knock
- The Saint who died to protect confession
- Want to evangelise? Be a friend
- Movie Review: Blinded by the Light
- The gift of the Ordinariate

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Levi Symes
(Child of Mitchell & Rachael)

Vito Corso
(Child of Pasquale & Samanta)

Leonardo Polistena
(Child of Saverio & Lisa)



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 lights up a soccer stadium?

A. A Soccer Match.

