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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm & 5.30pm
(Includes Children's Liturgy during
School Term)

Sunday - 7.30am & 9am
(Includes Children's Liturgy during
School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am Mass and
Adoration till 10am.

Reconciliation: Saturday
3.45 pm - 4.15 pm

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: O that today you would listen to His voice!

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: 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 Twenty Third Sunday of the Year**

1. Witnessing for the Lord

In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for his people
and he adds a threat. If Ezekiel does not warn sinners to mend their ways,
God will hold him responsible for their fate.

Does God say this to Ezekiel only? Or does he say it also to all of us?
Many of the great people in the Christian tradition—Augustine, Aquinas,
Francis of Assisi, to name just a few—thought that God's command to
Ezekiel is meant to apply now to every one of the faithful too. It is a duty for
every Christian to watch out for each one of God's people in the way God
spelled out to Ezekiel.

**Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the
holiness of his commandments.**

But this can look like a dreadful idea. Could it really be the case that a
Christian is supposed to be a kind of busybody, continually nagging other
people about their sins?

And what about the Gospel instruction to pay more attention to the beam in
your own eye than to the speck of dust in somebody else's?

Here we need to remember that there is more than one way to
communicate with others. If you are concentrated in love and service to the
Lord, your life will tell a story to everyone who crosses your path. When
Francis of Assisi was asked about this passage in The First Reading, he said,

if that passage is supposed to be understood in a universal sense, then I
understand it to mean that a servant of God should be burning with life and
holiness so brightly that by the light of example and the tongue of his
conduct, he will rebuke all the wicked. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the holiness of
his commandments. You don't have to use words to do so.

So a Christian can and should concentrate on the beam in his own eye,
just as the Gospel injunction says. But if he really does so, then the duty to
witness to others, God's command to Ezekiel, will be beautifully fulfilled.

This weekend is a busy weekend as the Archdiocese draws our attention to reflect on "Child Protection Week." The Church invites us to reflect on our child safe practices and the protection of children, young people and the vulnerable in our communities.

This weekend, families celebrate Father's Day and we wish the Lords blessing on all the father's, that they will lead their families after the example of Jesus.

2. Direct Debit via Giving Point Tap

Due to the COVID virus, the Archdiocese has asked that parishes include a Donation Point Tap device for use by parishioners who are not carrying cash.

Many young families do not carry much cash nowadays, but use credit cards and so, this is a further reason to introduce "The Donation Point Tap."

The device is set at \$5.00, so that the \$5 will be allocated to the Collections.

If parishioners wish to give above this amount they either "tap again" or use the collection plate as it passes by.

Parishioners wishing to claim a Tax Deduction for their giving will need to take up a set of Parish Envelopes and support the community through the envelope system.

3. Wearing of Masks



As mentioned, last weekend in the bulletin, the NSW Health and the Archbishop of Sydney are encouraging us all in the wearing of masks during Mass to protect ourselves and one another.

We are reminded of the Social-distancing as we leave Church as well. Although, many parishioners are related to each other we do need to be conscious of not talking in tight groups outside Church.

4. Golden Wedding Anniversary

We congratulate Letizia and Carmine Pellegrino as they celebrate their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary this Saturday in Mass at 3pm. Due to their number of guests I offered them Mass in order to accommodate their family and relatives. We wish them God's blessing—Ad Multos Annos.



5. It is Safe to Attend Mass

I encourage all parishioners to make an effort to attend Mass every couple of weeks. Parishioners are very responsible in caring for one another when attending Mass.

The process of entering the Church is:

1. Use the hand-sanitizer on the wall.
2. Mark your name off on the sheet on the table giving your mobile/contact number.
3. Take a wipe to wipe the front/back/seat of the pew at the end of Mass.
4. In coming to Holy Communion all parishioners are asked to be 1.5metres apart from each other
5. The Archbishop and NSW Health is encouraging church goers to wear a mask while at Mass
6. At every Mass, we pray for a vaccine
7. We have a COVID Safe Plan that can be found on the website

If we look after each other, keep to the regulations as laid down, we will keep our community safe and COVID free.

However, if we are anxious and worried then the Mass is live-streamed by the Bishop of Wollongong on a Sunday Morning at 9.30am and at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am.

It is important that we "keep holy the Lord's Day" by spending time in prayer and reflection, if not attending Mass.

**Together
We Can
Stay
Healthy**

5 Tips to Prevent
Respiratory Illness



May God Bless You

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

7-12 September

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

14-19 September

Brianna, Raquel, Olivia



READERS ROSTER

5/6 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro : 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Heidi O'Neill

Readers:

Heidi O'Neill: 1st Reading

Mark O'Neill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William, Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

12/13 September (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

Liz Habib: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

5/6 September

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

12/13 September

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret DeVries

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

5/6 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

12/13 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19



NURSING HOME ROSTER

September

TBA

October

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'The World Was Made to Communicate the Glory of God,' Says Pope Francis

In Message for World Day for Prayer of Creation, Francis Cites Benedict XVI's Warning That 'Brutal Consumption of Nature Begins Where God Is Missing' SEPTEMBER 01, 2020
Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* on May 24, 2015, the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4.

During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home. For this year, which marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation, is Jubilee for the Earth.

In the message, the Holy Father appealed that one mustn't forget the Lord's critical role in all Creation, citing, for example, the observation of Pope Benedict who meeting with Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians of the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone, August 6, 2008, said "the brutal consumption of creation begins where God is missing, where matter has become simply material for us, where we ourselves are the ultimate measure, where everything is simply our property."

In the message, Francis called for long term action to help the planet, and underlined specific initiatives and areas where he believes steps must be taken.

"Today we hear the voice of creation admonishing us to return to our rightful place in the natural created order," he said, saying, "to remember that we are part of this interconnected web of life, not its masters. The disintegration of biodiversity, spiralling climate disasters, and unjust impact of the current pandemic on the poor and vulnerable: all these are a wakeup call in the face of our rampant greed and consumption."

"Particularly during this Season of Creation," he prayed, "may we be attentive to the rhythms of this created world. For the world was made to communicate the glory of God, to help us to discover in its beauty the Lord of all, and to return to him. The earth from which we were made is thus a place of prayer and meditation."

Earth Healed Itself During Lockdowns... In some ways, he recognized, the current pandemic has led us to rediscover simpler and sustainable lifestyles. The crisis, in a sense, has given us a chance to develop new ways of living.

"Already we can see how the earth can recover if we allow it to rest," he said, observing: "the air becomes cleaner, the waters clearer, and animals have returned to many places from where they had previously disappeared. The pandemic has brought us to a crossroads. We must use this decisive moment to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate values, connections and activities that are life-giving."

"We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet. We must eliminate the superfluous and destructive aspects of our economies, and nurture life-giving ways to trade, produce, and transport goods," he said. "Creation," the Pope decried, "is groaning!"

"Let us all rejoice," he said, "that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's home where his Word "became flesh and lived among us" (Jn 1:14) and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth" (cf. Ps 104:30).



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



Never thought
one day I'll have
to avoid going to
the **Gym** in order
to stay **Healthy**.

THEY SAID A MASK
AND GLOVES WERE
ENOUGH TO GO TO
THE GROCERY STORE

THEY LIED,
EVERYBODY ELSE
HAD CLOTHES ON

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Joseph and Salvina Bartolo, Antonino and Maria Ieroianni, Andrea and Caterina Gerardis.

Also for: Charlie Vella, Special Intention, Savier Vella, Saverya Farrugia.

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

Ian & Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Marie Gough, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro.



The Chain of Mary Association Inc

The Chain of Mary Association Inc One Decade Rosary Booklets.

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and 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 the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

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Please put \$2 in the poor box

Caritas network raises \$1.2m for Beirut: Published: 01 September 2020

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In a show of international solidarity, the global Caritas network has donated more than \$1.2m to Caritas Lebanon to respond to the immediate needs of people affected by last month's deadly Beirut explosion. The Australian community has already donated \$117,000 through Caritas Australia to the cause, as one of 169 Caritas partners that make up the Caritas Internationalis network.

Though Lebanon is still emerging from a two-week government-enforced coronavirus lockdown, the Caritas network has been given the green light to continue working closely with communities at this fraught time. The appeal response commenced at the end of August and will continue for 18 months. Immediate response includes food, soap, water and emergency cash assistance to renovate houses for those who cannot afford essential shelter.

In the long-term, the response also offers mental health consultations with blast survivors, assessment of shelter damage so that engineers can be involved in repair efforts and online education support for students.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that the effects of economic sanctions and political violence have weakened this country and are weighing heavily on Lebanon, which is facing a food shortage," said Rita Rhayem, director of Caritas Lebanon.

"It is vital that the international community acts decisively to alleviate the suffering of poor Lebanese, immediately removing economic sanctions."

Dr Rhayem will be one of three speakers at a virtual briefing for Australian parliamentarians on September 7. Caritas Australia has committed to providing emergency support to Lebanon, in the form of crucial financial aid, as part of its already established Middle East Regional Appeal. The appeal remains open in anticipation of long-term need.

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.

KID'S CORNER



Q. What did the computer do at lunchtime?

A. It had a Byte.