



6-7 August 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm
 Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm
 Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,
 Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday
 4.15pm—4.45pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: 3rd Wednesday of
 the month after the 9am mass.

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation
 with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus tells two parables, one about servants and one about stewards. In the parable about the servants, he mentions a reward for the good ones. In the parable about the stewards, he adds a punishment for the bad ones. The bad steward will be assigned a place with the unfaithful.

The unfaithful are those who don't have what faith alone will get you: union with the Lord. So when the Lord says to some people, "Go away!"— the bad steward will be in that group. This is truly a dreadful punishment. So what is a steward, and what does it take to be a bad one?

If you are a mother of small children, you are one of the Lord's stewards, because there are human beings who are in your power.

Well, a steward is a person who has servants under him. In the parable, these are the Lord's servants. Since every human being is the Lord's servant in one way or another, then every person who has any human beings in his power is a steward of the Lord's, in virtue of having some kind of charge of the Lord's servants. If you are the president of a company or if you are a mother of small children, you are one of the Lord's stewards, because there are human beings who are in your power. It doesn't take much to meet this condition for being a steward. If you sit at the dinner table with other people who can't easily get away from you, you are the Lord's steward as far as those people are concerned. To some small extent, they are in your power until you leave the table and them. Two things mark out the bad steward. First, he considers his own needs and desires solely, not the needs and desires of those who are in his power. Second, when he deals with those in his power, he treats them unjustly. A mother who watches TV instead of caring for her children or who lets the older child tyrannize the younger one is a bad steward. A president of a company who assigns raises not to reward merit but to get revenge on his political enemies in the company is a bad steward too. So having other people in your power is a fearsome responsibility. Do it badly, and you get a place among the faithless, outside, looking in at the dinner the Lord has made for the faithful, who served him well.

2. Educare Sunday

'Educare' is a Latin word which means to educate. We celebrate this weekend the 'Educare' Sunday to recall the importance of Catholic education and catechism in our Christian life. Interestingly, on Monday, August 8, we celebrate the feast of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop an apostle of Catholic Education in Australia. She established and ran many Catholic schools in Australia. With her maxim of 'never see a need without doing something about it' St Mary of the Cross saw the need in educating our youths. She also founded the Sisters of St. Joseph (Josephites) who helped in the school apostolate.

Jesus Christ is our Chief educator/instructor. Today, He teaches us on the need to be watchful and vigilant in prayer and good works in order to be found worthy of God's sight in His Kingdom. There is need for us to educate our family and young ones on the things of God. And we cannot help if we are not cognizant of the things of God. They are the need before us and we are called to do something about it.

Please stay with us following 9am Sunday Mass for a morning tea.

3. National Vocations Awareness Week

This weekend we begin National Vocations Awareness Week. Today, we focus on the Lord's call to follow him with our whole hearts. We pray especially that the Lord may bless the Archdiocese with faithful priests and religious brothers and sisters in the consecrated life. We pray also for those called to the Vocation of Holy Matrimony and those living a chaste single life. Please continue to encourage young men and women to respond generously to the Lord's call in their lives

4. Silence in the Church

Allow five minutes before Mass in the church to be a time of silence and quiet reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. No group prayer at this time and, at all times, no noise in the church.

5. Anointing of the sick Mass

Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3rd Wednesday of the month during the 9am Mass. Please join us for our next mass on Wednesday 17th August 2022.

6. Piety Store

We are currently sourcing a display unit to stock items for our store. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help run our Piety store. We will be in touch as soon as the store is ready to run. It is not too late to volunteer.

7. Confirmation

Our Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20th August 2022 at 11am. Please keep all children and their families preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

8. Safeguarding Workshop

It is an Archdiocesan requirement that certain ministries in the church require a current Working with Children check and Safeguarding Certificate. Some of those ministries include lectors, acolytes, and children's liturgy. Please note that every six months a current and updated list needs to be sent to the Archdiocese by our Parish. If you have not completed a safeguarding workshop either, online or in person, you must do so to continue to assist in our Church. For those who require a refresher course in safeguarding, that course may be completed online. Contact the Parish office for the link or any further information. Please ensure all documents are up to date given that the new reading and acolyte roster will be sent out this week. Our priority is to keep our Parish safe.

9. Volunteers for our Church

Is there any role or ministry you can be of help in the parish? We are always looking for volunteers in our Church from cleaners, florists, setting the church up for events to readers. Further, if you are interested in becoming an acolyte, reader, choir member, altar server or Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish office.

10. Prayer Intention – Pope Francis

With the cost of living rising, it seems that many businesses are finding it difficult to make ends meet. People are thinking twice before they spend money and now using what little is left towards the rising cost of living. Pope Francis has now asked that we pray for all businesses to persevere through this hardship and continue to serve their communities. We pray for all our own parishioners who are finding it difficult to operate their business with the downturn in this economy.

11. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Monday 8th August 2022 is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am with some of the College students. All are welcome.

12. Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Assumption is a holy day of obligation in the Church calendar. Our Parish will be holding two masses on Monday 15th August 2022. The morning mass will be shared with the College and will commence at 9.15am. The evening mass will commence at 6.30pm.

13. CWF August Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal** is



happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns and broken families. Special envelopes are available over this weekend's masses. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

14. Parking

Please reserve the parking in the church yard for the elderly seniors who find it difficult to walk a long distance from their car to the church. You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please reserve the green grass parking area for the seniors of the church.



15. Nursing Home Mass

On every last Thursday of each month we celebrate mass with and for the residents at John Edmondson Nursing Home. Last week a group of children from the St Anthony of Padua Catholic College Choir joined in the mass and sang for the residents. The residents enjoyed the voices of the College students so much that they will now sing at every mass. Well done to the College Choir.

16. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. We have just bought a new Audio/Video electronic Mixer to replace the old one that became faulty due to mishandling. If you do not know how to operate them and you need any of it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 8th August 2022—St Mary of the Cross Mackillop— Solemnity

Tuesday 9th August 2022— St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross—Optional memorial

Wednesday 10th August 2022—Feast of St Lawrence—Feast

Thursday 11th August 2022—St Clare—optional memorial

Friday 12th August 2022—St Jane Frances de Chantal—optional memorial

Events in the Parish

- Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass
- The second Saturday of each Month **Children's Prayer Group** held in the Parish Hall from 4pm to 5pm. The next date is Saturday 13th August 2022
- Third Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass **Anointing of the Sick**. *The next service will be held on Wednesday 17th August 2022*

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Francesco Pace, Annuziata Zappacosta, Leone Pace, Maria Reale, Femia Gatt, Frank Anthony Vartuli, Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

Anniversaries:

Mary Vella, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Petra San Jose, Mary Low, Angela Polistina, Jessie Curmi, Denise De Vries, Giuseppina, Polsia and Domencio Carbone, Michelina Inzitari, Carmel Ferraro, Giulia and Caterina Caria, Nata Mileto, Cosimo Caccamo, Vincenzo Scundi, Caterina Armeni, Pasquale Scundi, Mary Flynn, Michael and Sylvia Farrugia, Mariamma Jacob, Teresita de los Santos Antonio Castelvetero, Rosa Prontti, Vincent Vella, James Borg, Jhona Oros, Julieta San Jose, Feliciano Espinosa, Rosorio Albastas, Cosimo Tassone, Paolo Polito

Also for:

Catherine and Laurie Tumor, Domenico Polistina, Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, The Dimech Family,

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Herbet Herrman, Marija Rados, Saint Lucia, Doris and Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose

A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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

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