



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Times
 Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
 Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
 Mon - Thur: 9.15am
 Frid - Sat: 12 Noon

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:
 Sunday 10.30am

Sacraments Reconciliation
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

Baptism
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month
 at 12 noon

Marriage - Sat & Sun
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

Devotions Cenacle
 Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer
 Monday 8.30am
 Thurs & Saturday 11.30am
 Sat Adoration 11am-12noon

Holy Hour of Mercy
 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
 2.30pm - 3.30pm
 Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Monthly
 Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm
 Eucharistic Adoration

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

More information is available on our website or email Heather sacraments@stjosephenfield.org.au

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Confirmation Commitment Weekend: All Masses 21/10/2017 & 22/10/2017. Please bring a copy of your Baptismal, Reconciliation & Holy Communion Certificates. **Payment for resources will be cash only on enrolment day.** Catholic Schools and the Catechists to the Public Schools support the programs and instruction on the Sacraments is included in the Religious Education and Scripture curriculum.

CONFIRMATION MASS SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017, AT 1PM

ROSTERS

The new readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cleaners, children's liturgy rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Antonietta Currenti, 29 Brighton Street Croydon. Please call Antonietta on 0418 976 094 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

NOVEMBER HEALING MASS

Friday 3 November 2017, Celebrant: Bishop Anthony Randazzo D.D. Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7pm, Prayer & Praise 7.30pm, Mass 8pm, Exposition (after Mass), Prayer Ministry available after Mass. More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

PRAYER GROUP Wednesday 7pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. 7.30pm Prayer & Praise, then looking at next Sunday's Gospel, what is the Gospel saying to me? How do I go out and live the Gospel? A time of sharing what is God doing in my life, intercessory prayer praying for the sick and the needs of our Parish. Close 9pm.

LENTEN DVD SALE

Bishop Robinson presented a 5 week Lenten lecture series which has been produced into a 5 part DVD series. The lecture series provides a deeper understanding of the Gospel readings during Lent. The DVD series can be purchased through the Parish office. A kind donation of \$30 is appreciated.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Catholic Women's League meeting will be next Wednesday 25th October after the 9:15am Mass in the Meeting room. All Welcome. Catholic Women's League Raffle - Yearly Christmas Fundraising on Saturday 18 November & Sunday 19 November.

PRAYER OF ST JOHN VIANNEY BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

I love You, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life. I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You. I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally... My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

May the tribute of my humble ministry be pleasing to Thee, Holy Trinity. Grant that the sacrifice which I, unworthy as I am, have offered in the in the presence of Thy majesty may be acceptable to Thee. Through Thy mercy may it bring forgiveness to me and to all for whom I have offered it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES Week 4 - 22 October

This Sunday 22 October, is the fourth week of the Month of Prayer and Fasting. The prayer theme for this Sunday is: For our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage: That we will act to protect God's plan for marriage and family life. The Prayer of the Faithful for 22 October is: "Today and throughout this week we pray for our nation's understanding of the importance of marriage. Heavenly Father, grant that all Australians develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. We pray that we will work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families."

2018 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ON SALE NOW

The 2018 Columban Religious Art Calendar with feast days included is now available for purchase at a cost of \$10 each. Can be purchased either before or after Mass at the sacristy or parish office in parish hours. Please have the correct money.

LAUNCH OF THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH OFFICE

You are all invited to the launch of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office: Sydney Catholic Youth! **DATE: Wednesday 8th November**
TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
VENUE: All Saints Catholic Church, 48 George Street, Liverpool. Please join His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Umbers, Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Brady as they launch Sydney Catholic Youth and celebrate one month out from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Theme of the launch will be FAITH AND FIESTA! The night will begin with mass and then lead into celebrations of faith and culture. There will be performances by Sydney Archdiocese own Samoan, Filipino, Maronite and other Cultural Communities. All young people are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration. Contact - Chris Lee, Team Leader - Sydney Catholic Youth chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org

LAST SUNDAY'S HOMILY AT St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, 15 October 2017 Archbishop Anthony Fisher

My favourite film this year has been Mel Gibson's Hacksaw Ridge. Andrew Garfield brilliantly plays Desmond Doss, a medic who was the first conscientious objector to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. The film explores how he maintained his principles in three hostile contexts: the terrible Battle of Okinawa between the U.S. and Japan; the conflict between the conscience of a pacifist and his comrades' expectation that he will "have their back"; and the internal struggle between conflicting duties to God and country, mates and self.

The first half of the film shows young Desmond growing up in a mid-Western pastoral idyll, "vibrant and sunny and green." This contrasts sharply with the brutal second half, which contains "visceral and well-choreographed battle scenes... sharp-edged and industrial, muddy and hellish and grey."1 We are drawn to ponder how people can maintain their ideals when transferred to such an unfamiliar and unsupportive context. Doss manages to reconcile these things in an extraordinary act of life-saving. But this poses the question of how to present the Gospel in a culture that increasingly regards Christian views on many things - especially on sexuality, marriage and reverence for life - as arcane, even harmful? In a culture which for all its putative open-mindedness is less and less tolerant of Christianity, how will we ensure in the years ahead that people in parishes, schools and other institutions are free to speak and practice their beliefs? How will we maintain a sense of who we are and what matters most to us when some others barely tolerate us or even vilify and bully us?

These questions are particularly pertinent as we approach the final strait of the national marriage survey. As we examine our own consciences on how to 'vote', if we've not done so already, or on how we voted, if we have, we might ask ourselves this question: Is the Christian understanding of marriage peculiar to Christian believers? My thought is no and yes. NO, because marriage is demonstrably a natural institution; but YES, because we Christians have a particular take on marriage which makes it especially crucial to us. Let me explain...

The life-long pairing of a man and a woman as the foundation of a family is found in every religion, culture, society and polity we know of through the millennia of human history. It is by no means a monopoly of Christians. To this day it is international law and the civil law of 9 out of 10 countries. When you next hear on the ABC that Australia is "the last English-speaking country to embrace same-sex marriage" remember that, according to the ABC's own FactCheck site, "out of 70 countries and self-governing areas that have English as an official language, only 14 have legalized same-sex marriage".2 We can, I believe, give good arguments from philosophy, history, science, art and law for the classical view of marriage. Human beings are capable of living and breathing, eating and drinking, thinking and feeling, choosing and acting, all by themselves; but there is one human capacity each of us only has half of: the capacity to reproduce. Only by joining with a person of the opposite sex can we procreate. And if the children that commonly result from people doing what husbands and wives do are to have both mother and father, devoted to each other and to them over the long haul, we need an institution like marriage. Marriage is that 'comprehensive' union of minds and bodies, lives and resources, that creates the identity of spouse and mission of parent and supports the family that naturally results.

Sadly, the ideologues paint religious believers as homophobes and try to shut us out of the debates for the soul of our culture and the definition of crucial institutions. If overseas experience is anything to go by, if marriage is redefined it will be very hard to speak up for real marriage anymore in schools, at work, socially. Traditional believers will be vulnerable to discrimination suits and other kinds of bullying for their beliefs. Some may lose their jobs, promotions, businesses, political careers.

At Hacksaw Ridge Desmond Doss had to make some hard choices, between worldly regard and godliness, between sticking to his principles and selling out to go with the flow. He found a way to be true to his beliefs without being bigoted or bitter; indeed, being true to his ideals drove him to heroic compassion towards others and self-sacrifice on their behalf. However the marriage debate pans out, I pray people will be able to say of us that we maintained clarity about real marriage while demonstrating charity towards all. God bless our country and its voters with such clarity and charity.

A full version of the Archbishop Homily can be found at: www.sydneycatholic.org

	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Week 5 - 28/29 Oct				
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Teresa	Tania	Monique	Chris
2nd Reader	Kevin	Donna	Rose	Simran
EMHC	Lina & Mary F	Marianne & Denise	John S	Natasha
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters	Stephanie Smith & Maria Dight			
Ministers to the Sick	Kevin Smith Carla/Lucy Touma Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's Liturgy	Lina			
Church Cleaning 9/15 Oct	Linda Praum, Belinda, Barbara Manduca, Liz Reardon			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Motto
 Live Justly, Love Tenderly
 and Walk Humbly with
 Our Loving God.
 For all new enrolments
 please call 9744 2811.

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick
 Lee Tilliam
 Fedorowicz Family
 Sokolowski Family
 Sharon Holliday
 Sarah Holliday
 Zachary Marsh
 Sue Brancatisano
 Bishop Geoffrey
 Nikranicz Family
 Waslowicz Family
 Michael Abou-Antoun
 Douglas Edwards
 Helen Bache
 Lan Fon Yu
 Anna Pezzuto
 Sonia Grigoriou
 Barbara Mitchell
 Lina Grande
 Michael Tucker
 Antoniette Serci
 Sean Da Silva
 Alfonso Costantini
 Joseph You
 Martin Fleming
 Sam Shepherd
 Patrick Morris
 Rocob Shi
 Haishong Andy Shi
 Theresa Lee
 Urban Fernandez
 Beatrice Fernandez

For the Souls of
 Chuan Yan Yu
 Mary Saleme
 Patrick Coyne
 Francis Luscombe
 Carmela Castorina
 Mary Cassar
 Maria Marinucci
 Eric Lee Egan
 Luigi Caristo
 Sophia Sabellico
 Tranquillo Faccin
 Carmelo Tabone
 Giuseppe Trimboli
 Maria Gregorio
 Daniel Dredge
 Sebastiana Nicotra
 Mario Roselli
 Salvatore Cali
 Giovanni Currao
 Souls of the unborn children
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

Recently Deceased
 Ruth Shamis Correy
 George Aboumelhem
 John Mouawad
 Matthew Mace
 Giannino Sante Morassut
 Giovanni Calarco
 Phillip Mouawad
 Nassif Haddad

Anniversary
 Ronald McAloon
 Peter Aboumelhem
 Carmela Cutrupi
 Neil Gosper
 Conrad Grauss
 Sr. Conrad Grauss
 Mario, Gina, Paul

Special Intentions
 Ferraro Family
 Pezzuto Family
 Grigoriou Family
 Saada Aboumelhem
 Haisheng Shi
 Angela

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 OCTOBER 2017

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE COIN FOR THE CENSUS TAX

After Rome annexed Israel in 63 BC, the people were levied taxes. One of the principal taxes was the *tributum capitis*, the 'head tax' or the census tax, which is the subject of the exchange between Jesus and his Jerusalemite opponents in today's Gospel. In Jesus' time, the census tax required of every man, woman and slave between the age of 12 and 65 was a denarius, or one day's wage, per annum. Taxation was a painful symbol of conquest and aroused hatred for the Roman occupiers.

The Pharisees have Jesus in a trap when they ask him whether it accords with the Torah to pay taxes to the emperor or not. If Jesus says it is not lawful, he will anger the Roman officials. If says it is lawful, he will offend the ardent Jewish nationalists, including the Pharisees.

The denarius coin bears the image of the emperor Tiberius with an inscription: 'Tiberius Caesar, Augustus, son of divine Augustus, high priest'. For the Pharisees, possession of this graven image is idolatrous. It would be shameful if they are caught possessing this coin. If a Herodian in the group produces the coin, the Pharisees are nonetheless shamed for having as allies the Herodians who are collaborators of the Romans.

Jesus replies, 'Render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.' The tax is a necessary evil; it causes more trouble not to pay it. This is probably also the opinion of the Pharisees. But Jesus then adds, 'Render to God what belongs to God.' He implies that neither the Pharisees nor the Herodians are doing that. Instead they are in plotting against Jesus who teaches the ways of God.

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SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY. The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practise the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory. / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / Tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. R.

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, / to be feared above all gods; / the gods of the heathens are naught. / It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. / Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.



SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.