

death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power.

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 Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,

we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. 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

JESUS' TRUE HONOUR

In the Gospel of last Sunday, Simon Peter proclaimed Jesus' identity: he is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (*Matthew 16:16*). Jesus received this honourable identity not from human beings but from God. It was the Father himself who revealed Jesus' identity to Peter.

Jesus senses that the honour received from the Father will involve his suffering and death at the hands of his enemies. He will be utterly shamed before the people. In today's Gospel, he makes his first passion prediction: he will suffer greatly in Jerusalem and be killed. But God will bestow on him the true honour by raising him from the dead.

Simon Peter, who probably understands only the 'passion' part of Jesus' prediction, challenges him. He says, 'God forbid, Lord'. He wants God to change his plan about Jesus.

Jesus senses that Peter is testing his loyalty to God, his very claim to honour. His reply to Peter's challenge is to call him 'Satan'. Sometimes the Bible identifies Satan as the devil; at other times, however, Satan is seen not so much as an evil spirit but as an 'accuser', a heavenly prosecutor who questions to test the genuineness of human virtue (see *Job 1:6-12*). Peter here acts as a tester of Jesus' loyalty to God, as Satan did in the temptations Jesus experienced after his baptism. Jesus again proves his loyalty to God's will for him.

Death on the cross is the worst shame any Israelite could suffer. It is seen as a 'curse' from God (*Galatians 3:13*). But in Jesus' case, the cross proves his loyalty to God 'to the very end'. This is his true honour, which God confirms by raising him from the dead.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

3 SEPTEMBER 2017

'YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!' The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

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.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to



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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

Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm
 Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Daily Prayer

Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm
Holy Hour Weekdays
 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Cenacle

Every Monday 8am

Rosary & Prayer

Monday 8.30am
 Thursday & Saturday 11.30am

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

INFORMATION & ENROLMENT DAY 15th October 2017 at 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the parish hall. Confirmation Commitment Weekend: All Masses 21/10/2017 & 22/10/2017. Those who have enrolled online will be contacted via email to arrange joining a group that will suit them, once the Leaders and their available times are organised by the Parish. This can be quite close to the enrolment date. 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

PLANNED GIVING

For new families in our Parish if you would like to register and become a contributor in supporting the parish and its activities, please contact the parish office during business hours. For Credit Card donations, these will be processed every 15th day of the calendar month.

TAX RECEIPTS 2017-2018 A total amount of 25% of your Planned Giving will be contributed to Charitable Works Fund, so that you can benefit a 25% tax deductibility from your Planned Giving contributions for the new financial year ending 2018.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Eddy Morris, 18 Cromwell Street Croydon. Please call Eddy 9799 5403.

PRAYER GROUP, HEALING MASS every 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm. Rosary, Divine Mercy, Prayer & Praise. **Healing Mass** every first Friday of the month at 7pm.

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 30th August 7pm. St Joseph's Prayer Group Adoration All Welcome 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, silent Adoration followed by Benediction Conclude 8-30pm.

TEACHING DAY 16th September **More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.**

JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Please join us at our next gathering as we read and discuss Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation - Joy of the Gospel. We will be meeting on Monday evening 4 September at 7pm in the small parish meeting room. For more information please contact Teresa on 0450768027.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.htm

A MATTER CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

To show due reverence to the Holy Eucharist, I would like to remind you before Holy Communion, please genuflect or bow before receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ on the hand or on the tongue. Also, dipping (intinction) the Eucharist into the Blood is not permitted in the Sydney Archdiocese.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O my God, help me to make a good Communion.
 Mary, my mother, pray to Jesus for me.
 All you holy Angels and Saints, pray for me.
 My dear Angel Guardian, lead me to the altar of God.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, I love you. Make me love you even more.
 Amen.

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.

ACT NOW TO DEFEND MARRIAGE

A change in the marriage law has consequences for all Australians, and particularly for people of faith. It is crucial that you have your say. Visit www.coalitionformarriage.com.au for more information. Vote **NO**, to keep marriage a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

SANTA SABINA FAIR 2017

Saturday, 9th Sep, 11 am - 4 pm.
 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield.
 Rides & games, chocolate wheel, hoopla, kids corner, international food, cakes & lollies. All welcome.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Appeal - set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support - to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. As a way of expressing your gratitude for the men who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Thank you.

DAY REGISTRATIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL ARE NOW OPEN Visit www.acyf.org.au for all the information of the Festival. Encourage your young people to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in Sydney 7 - 9 December 2017.

Dear good people of God,

Winter is over and I am glad, it was rather a dry and cold winter. Welcome to spring, the beautiful season of the year, a time of growth, and doing new things.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers celebrating Father's Day today. You do an amazing job providing and protecting your family. Your job is made harder every year as society gets more complex and the roles of fathers and males in general is less defined and appreciated. We obviously have only one Father in heaven, God, but all father's in the world, in a way reflect God's providence for all, God provides for everyone. Father's have been given greater physical strength to protect their family from all physical and spiritual harm. Father's and Mother's Day play an important role in emphasising the important and distinctive role of fathers and mothers in family and society. God bless all fathers.

The gospel today continues from last week when Jesus conferred on Peter the leadership of the Church. It is not Peter's Church but Jesus's Church: **"and on this rock I will build MY church."** The Catholic Church is a divine institution ordain by God for our salvation and that is why it is still around despite destructive forces from within and the world.

We see a sudden turn between Jesus and Peter, from a blessing to a curse: "get behind me Satan." Jesus reserved the most severe condemnation to Peter the one whom he just blessed. Why? Because Peter rejected his humanity to suffering. Peter wants what we all want, to be great, to get the glory, to be free of suffering, to be like God free from all trouble and worry, care. While Jesus, God is showing the way to be a human being, to love and suffer and die for it. To reject the cross is to reject suffering, death, shame and humiliation. Jesus shows us there is no spiritual death in this only physical death. But we die spiritually when we try to avoid suffering at all costs. Think about the greed, pride, selfishness that comes from avoiding suffering. We find ourselves contributing to the evil of this world and not fighting the good fight to overcome sin and evil of the world. That is why Jesus tells Peter "get behind me Satan" Suffering love is the way, self emptying until our lives become like Jesus, a life offering.

Following from last weekend's appeal for more volunteers for various roles in our parish community. There is a volunteer sheet at that back of the church where you can place your name and contact number to participate in various ways to help this parish community. We need more children's liturgy volunteers, mass slide operator for the Sunday 6pm Mass. You may also volunteer for various other ministries and work; acolytes, readers, cleaners, choir, collection helpers, catechists.

An attempt to legalise euthanasia is before us again in the legislative council of NSW government. Please express your strong opposition to this bill. There is a petition near the entrance of the church to voice your opposition.

There will be a funeral on Monday for Mary McKeon at 10:30am. Bishop Geoff will be the celebrant. Mary McKeon was a good faithful parishioner aged 90 years. May Mary rest in peace.

Please help Archbishop Anthony Fisher look after retired priests by giving to the priests retirement foundation, envelopes can be found at the entrance of the church.

Fr. Kim

Friday, The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

Week 2 - 9/10 Sept	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Allen	Tom	Richard	Chris
1st Reader	Henry	Kate	Sabrina	Lalita
2nd Reader	Elizabeth	Marianne	Vesna	Josephine
EMHC	Rose C & Jenny	Sue & Rose T	Silvia & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
Altar Servers	Niamh & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Patrick & Nate
Counters	Stephanie Smith & Maria Dight			
Ministers to the Sick	Sue Chidiac Kevin Smith Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's liturgy	Helmarrri & Lina			
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