



The Voice

5th October 2014 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A Psalter Week 3

ORDINARY TIME

Our Older Parishioners

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Recently deceased:**
Marjorie Goodacre,
Archbishop Petero Mataca,
Fr. Tadeo, Carmen Cilia,
Robert John Sharp.
- **Anniversaries:**
Fr. Pat McMaugh,
Fr. Clem Tierney,
Dorothy, John & Mark
De Beyer, Sharyn Gapps,
Bill, Mildred & William Lamm,
Norrie and Lou Glacken,
Kath and Ted Ellison,
Ray and Laurel Johnson.
- **Remembrances:**
Bruno de Souza,
Joseph Stanisha,
Raymond Sharp,
Patricia Mary Ridding.
- **Sick:**
Doris Tancred, Sr. Leo Taylor,
Fr. Bill Meacham, Beryl Allen,
Mary Harrison, Denis Glacken,
Lola Proctor, Grace Williams,
Michael Wheeler, Renee Glase,
Alan Harland,
Margaret Woodward,
Brother Michael Knights,
Mary McCumstie,
Evangeline Cusay,
Grant McManus,
Anne de Graaffe.

Over the years, I have, among other things, urged you to think ahead about your funerals. I have given the advice that you make sure in advance that your family and executors know your wishes and that you leave documentary evidence with the Parish.

I now wish to add another bit of advice – about what should happen when you (or your parents or spouse) are admitted to a nursing home.

I often find out, years after the event, that parishioners have been admitted to a nursing home and that their pastoral care has promptly ceased. As we all appreciate, this should not be the case – but if no one is told about it, that is what will happen.

You should not assume that, even if you are asked about your religion (and you may well not be asked), anything will happen beyond ticking a box.

If you are admitted to a nursing home within the Parish, you or your relatives should make sure that we know about it. We have a dedicated group of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (and we can always do with some more!) who are happy to take Communion to residents of the nursing homes. The priests are happy to administer the Sacrament of the

Anointing of the Sick on a regular basis (every month or so). *If we know you are there, we can look after you.* So please let the Parish Office know when admission takes place.

Of course, for family or other reasons, you may choose a nursing home outside this parish. In that case, you should contact the appropriate parish office and let them know. Most parishes nowadays have a service like ours, and they will be happy to oblige.

Don't allow yourself (or your parents etc.) to be deprived of the comforts of our faith. Don't let the argument, "They're too busy" to prevail. Parish priests and staff are busy, but not so busy as not to find time for the administration of the sacraments, especially to the sick and house-bound.

No Catholic should feel, on admission to a nursing home, that he has been abandoned by the Church. Especially at this time, Catholics need the sacraments of Penance, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Either notify us (or the appropriate parish) yourself, or get your relatives or the nursing home itself to do it.

FR JOHN HILL, P.P.

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Psalm Response

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The vine - yard of the Lord is the house of Is - ra - el .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Around the Parish

Sympathy: St. John the Baptist Parish extends its prayerful sympathy to family, relatives and friends of Giacomo Ghersini and Carmen Cilia recently buried from our church.

Children's Liturgy Roster 12/10/14: Brenda Sweet (L) Kylie Spicer (L) Carol Yates (H).

Volunteer Church Cleaning 10/10/14: Brian Jordan, Christine French, Melissa Krall, Michael French.

St. Vincent de Paul Summer Clothing Appeal: Clothing will be collected next weekend 11/12 October.

Cancer Support Group for those suffering from cancer or those wishing to pray for them, meeting this Tuesday, 7th October, 2.30pm in the Leo Mahon room. Enq: Phoebe 4341 6324.

Public Holiday this Monday Mass will be at 9.00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Mary Mac's Garage Sale Cake Stall: Please help us by baking a cake or slice for the stall? Slices should be cut into 6 pieces and glad - wrapped. If gluten free, please mark as such. Take to Mary Mac's Friday, 10th October before midday or Saturday morning before 8am. More information call Claudia on 0416 072 757.

Bus Trip to Pokolbin Village, Hunter Valley. Morning tea at Cessnock. Leaving 8.30am, Tuesday 21st October. \$15. Ph: Susie Casey 4344 1742 / 0403 417 639.

Morning Tea/Coffee Roster 12/10/14 after 9.15am Mass will be our Youth Group.

Senior and Junior Altar Servers: New rosters now available.

Extraordinary Synod on the Family being held in Rome 5th-19th October. Prayer cards for success of this synod and for families are available in gathering area.

Columban Calendars 2015 \$9 each. **Copy of Pope Francis Pectoral Cross** \$4.00 available in the Piety Stall.

Josephite Associates meeting next Wednesday, 8th October, 10am in the Leo Mahon room. New members welcome! Enq: Betty 4341 8849.

Our Lady of the Rosary Tuesday 7th October: 1.20pm-2.20pm. Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in the Lady Chapel.

Of Grace and Faith Study Group Thursday 9th October, 11am in the Leo Mahon room.



The Just Word

"If you want Peace, Work for Justice." Pope Paul VI

Barrister, human rights advocate and author, Julian Burnside, Has been awarded the 2014 Sydney Peace Prize.

The Sydney Peace Prize Jury commended Mr. Burnside in these terms: "For his brave and principled advocacy for human rights and for those wronged by government, for insisting that we respect our international legal obligations, and for his unflinching defence of the rule of law as a means to achieve a more peaceful and just society." The Sydney Peace Prize is Australia's only international peace

prize and has been awarded for 16 years to the most eminent, brave and effective workers for peace throughout the world, including Desmond Tutu, Patrick Dodson and Arundhati Roy.

"The prize is specifically directed at peace with justice which means the practical realisation of human rights: food, health, education and freedoms, not just a lack of oppression," the jury stated.

Mr. Burnside said: "I am deeply honoured to be selected to receive this year's prize, especially in a year when Australia's reputation is being tarnished by

its intentionally harsh treatment of asylum seekers.

"The Sydney Peace Foundation keeps our focus on the importance of the rule of law, the need to treat all human beings with compassion and to ensure that human rights are respected."

The prize will be awarded at the 2014 City of Sydney Peace Prize Lecture to be given by Julian Burnside at Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday November 5. For further information, visit:

www.sydneypeacefoundation.org.au

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

From the Diocese and beyond

Journey to God: Growing through Faith: A Presentation by Bishop David Walker. The Vatican proclaimed that the call to holiness was to all the faithful. Often it was only associated with clerical or religious life. Talks carried over three successive nights, focus on how to respond to this call in ordinary, everyday life. All are welcome! 14th-16th October, 7.00pm-8.30pm. St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School Hall, York St. East Gosford. RSVP: Friday 10th October. registrations.org.au Ph.9847 0448 or 4332 9825.

Schoenstatt Jubilee: The Schoenstatt Movement cele-

brates 100 years of foundation this year and a day of celebrations is planned for Sunday, 19 October at Mt. Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd. Mulgoa. The day begins 10am. At 10.30 Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated by the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Paul Gallagher. Lunch will follow and then an international festival with activities for children. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3pm. All welcome. More information info@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 4773 8338.

Fashion Parade: The Ettalong Ladies Fellowship invites all to a Fashion parade by Sarongs.

Tuesday 28th October, 10.30am in the hall of the Ettalong Uniting Church, Picnic Pde. A light luncheon will be served after the parade. Cost \$10. To assist with catering please RSVP by 18th October to June Jepson 4342 2046.

Young Adult Dinner - For Young Adults 18-35 Yrs. A fun and social night at the Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson St. Epping. Drinks and canapés followed by a 3 course meal. Organise a table or come along and join ours. Saturday 1st November. Cost: \$30 per head. RSVP 13th October. youthministry@dbb.org.au

What Catholics Do (Part 2)

Cecelia P. Regan

Last month, we gave some basic definitions of the Mass and explored the church building and special books and vessels of the liturgy. In part 2, we continue to explore the interior of the church building, its furnishings and artwork, and the role of the assembly.

Interior design

The tabernacle is the special container where consecrated hosts are reserved for bringing communion to the sick and for private devotion outside of Mass. The tabernacle may be in the sanctuary or in another part of the church. A sanctuary lamp close to the tabernacle burns when consecrated hosts are present in the church to remind us that Christ is truly and objectively present in the Eucharist.

The pews, where the assembly sits and kneels, are directed toward the sanctuary area, sometimes surrounding the altar, so that the action of the Mass is easily accessible to all.

The seasons of the church year help us focus on events of Jesus's life and our salvation. Symbols and decorations remind us of what we are celebrating. The colours of the seasons are reflected in the priest's vestments and around the church. Green, the colour of hope, is worn during Ordinary Time. Purple, the colour of penance, is worn during Advent and Lent. Red is worn to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and on Passion Sunday, Good Friday, feasts of martyrs and celebrations of confirmation. White, the colour of joy, is worn for the Christmas and Easter seasons, for feast days, for weddings, and usually for funerals.

In or near the sanctuary is a special closet or chest called the ambry, where the sacred oils are kept for celebrating the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick.

The location of the baptismal font has great significance. In newer churches, it may be located in the narthex or at the entrance of the church. Other churches have located the baptismal font in the centre of the church or near the altar. The proximity to the front door and altar tells us that it is through the sacrament of baptism that we enter into God's family, the church. Close to the baptismal font is the paschal or Easter candle,

which reminds us that Christ is our light, who alone obliterates the darkness of sin and death. We light the paschal candle during the 50 days of Easter and at baptisms and funerals.

Since the Second Vatican Council, music ministry to aid our sung prayer has taken on new importance. In some churches the organ or other instruments have been moved from a loft in the back of the church to a position close to the altar or the congregation. A podium to the side of the altar provides a place where the cantor (leader of song) leads the congregation in responses and hymns.

Reconciliation rooms, previously known as confessionals, are special places to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Most churches offer the option of celebrating penance face to face, seated in a chair facing the priest, in addition to the option of confession behind a screen for anonymity.

Our faith has the wonderful tradition of devotion to the Blessed Mother and the saints. People of other faiths often do not understand this affection; if they inquire, we can explain that we ask the saints to bring our prayers to God "through their intercession." The statues in our churches remind us to imitate their holy lives.

The stations of the cross are the story of Jesus's journey to death in 14 scenes. Other artwork in church helps to centre our minds and hearts on the life of Jesus and our relationship with God.

Role of the assembly

At Mass, we come together as church to praise and worship God, remember what God has done for us, ask for what we need, support each other, and share in the eucharistic meal. In the Eucharist we become what we eat – the body of Christ. God wants an intimate relationship with us, but relationships must be nourished on both sides. "Liturgy" means "work of the people." Mass is not something "done to us" but something we actively participate in to experience its fullness. Relationship with God takes work, as do all relationships.



In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?



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Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula

Woy Woy, Woy Woy South, Umina, Umina Beach, Ettalong, Ettalong Beach, Koolewong, Blackwall, Booker Bay, St Hubert's Island, Empire Bay, Horsfield Bay, Pearl Beach, Patonga, Woy Woy Bay, Daley's Point, Phegan's Bay and Wondabyne

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"He must increase, I must decrease"

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5pm; Sunday 7.30am, 9.15am, 6pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 7.45am (Monday & Tuesday with Lauds); Saturday and Public Holidays 9am; First Friday 4pm (with Anointing of the Sick).

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday after morning Mass; First Friday, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday 11.30am; & 4.30pm; Sunday 7.00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sundays, 11am; 5th Sunday, during 9.15 a.m. Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practising Catholics, at least sixteen years old. If there is at least one godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents and godparents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Saturday after 9am Mass until 10am; every Monday until 9am (Public Holidays 10.15am).

PARISH CHOIR – Practice Wednesday nights in the church, 7 p.m. Enquiries: 4341 3367.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, 21a Dulkara Rd South Woy Woy 2256. p 024341 0884 f 0243 445049.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP For information and events contact Sam French 042 244 9539.

CATHOLICCARE Counselling and Family Relationships 4356 2600.

MARY MAC'S PLACE Volunteers provide nutritious, freshly cooked meals and information and referrals to appropriate community services. Open Monday to Friday, 11am-1pm, at the Ethel Cox Parish Centre. For more information, please contact Christine on 4341 0584.

CASH HOUSIE every Saturday night at Peninsula Community Centre, Cnr Ocean Beach Rd & McMasters Rd, Woy Woy. Games start at 7.30 p.m. and finish 10.20 p.m., cash prizes. Ticket sales from 6.00 p.m. Proceeds benefit Parish. Enquiries Rob: 0427 990818.

What Catholics Do

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The word "Mass" is from the Latin for "mission" – sending forth. At the conclusion of the liturgy, the priest or deacon instructs, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." In answering "Thanks be to God," we are challenged to go forth and be Christ for others.

The Mass is a ritual – an action repeated over and over again that gives comfort and pattern to our lives, helping us find meaning within them. Birthday and holiday celebrations are examples of family rituals. Many of us have morning rituals; when these rituals are disrupted, we are thrown off course for the rest of the day. Sacred rituals serve the same purpose, but on a deeper level. They provide pathways into the mystery of God and a familiar structure in which to express our faith – no matter where in the world we are. Ritual worship keeps us close to God and each other.

The Sabbath day of rest challenges us to let go of work, worries, and activities and to reentrust our lives to God for one day a week. This surrender is an act of faith in God's compassion and love for us.

In part 3: Gestures, postures, tradition. **ML**

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