

2017 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Year 4 & 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Lessons

Session 1	Mon 20 Feb at 6.00pm or Tue 21 Feb at 3.30pm
Session 2	Mon 27 Feb at 6.00pm or Tue 28 Feb at 3.30pm
Rehearsal	Mon 06 March at 6.00pm

Celebration of Sacrament Thursday 09 March at 6.00 pm.

Lent begins next Wednesday 1st March: Mass: 9.30 am. & 5.30 pm

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday

Our first Family Mass in 2017 will be held at 9am on Sunday 5th March. Families and parishioners are welcome to join in.

Weekly Diary : 20th - 25th February 2017

Monday 20 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena.
Tuesday 21 st	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.
Wednesday 22 nd	: 09.30 am. Feast of the Chair of St Peter, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 23 rd	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Polycarp, followed by Christ Catholic Community Prayer.
Friday 24 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 25 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 25 th	: 5.30 pm. 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 26 th	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of March will be on the 05th at 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Lent A.

Mass Duty Roster : 24th/25th February 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Debbie Vivian Trish Flower	Helen Topham, Dot Baker, Julie Dakin Rachelle Broughton, Clive Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Gloria Butt Asha Cameron	Rose Hessen, Jackie Cameron, Margaret McNamara Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Jane Howard Kathy Fuller	Pam Nelson, Jane Howard Marie Roberts, John Lynch	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (20/2/17)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
\$1128.00	\$2335.70	\$68.00	\$68.40

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance...

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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Runaway Bay



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Holiness is not Measured by Calluses on our Knees but by our Love for Others

A hero of nonviolence, Martin Luther King, wrote: "The oceans of history are made turbulent by the flow of always insurrecting revenge: Eye for eye, tooth for tooth." In spite of the fact that the law of revenge does not solve any social problem, people continue to follow this self-destructive path.

Jesus inaugurated a new era of salvation, in which there is no more retaliation or revenge, nor the defence of himself and of his rights, even though appropriate, but the search for the good of everyone, even those who do evil. In this way one becomes free from the chain of revenge or even violence, which could become endless, to get justice by oneself, risking to fall into the spiral of evil under the influence of excessive zeal.

He demands us to have a "animus magnus" – a soul wide opened, to give more than it is required or claimed by him. It is a way to show the spirit of love even towards those who have done something bad. Those who belong to him must live according to generosity: spending one's life for others, forgetting their own interests, free from meanness, being benevolent, forgiving, giving proof of greatness of soul.

Jesus from the cross stated eloquently a higher law. He knew that the old law eye for an eye would make all blind, and did not try to overcome evil with evil: he won the evil with good. Crucified by hate he responded with aggressive love.

What a wonderful lesson! This noble lesson of Calvary will be an urgent warning that only goodness can eliminate the evil and only love can overcome hate. It is to this mighty power of love that Jesus wanted to bring his disciples: "Love your enemies."

Love them up to pray for them. It is the supreme gift that can be done to the enemy, because it puts in place the maximum internal energy: the power of faith. If you pray for him, asking for him graces and blessings, it means that you desire and want what is good for him. The real difference between Christians and other men is the attitude and the capacity to love even those who would be naturally not lovely.

Finally, Jesus links the commandment of love for the enemy with his Father's example, with the actions that He accomplishes daily for the benefit of all and which are the fruit of his heart full of love, that He, the Son, knows deeply. This is the heart of Christian morality which is not a law to observe, but is a communion of life with this Father given by the Holy Spirit, "the law of the Spirit who gives life in Christ Jesus" (Rom 8:2).

In this communion, the Christian absorbs the love of the Father, a love that aims to change enemies into friends, changing the bad and making them become good. So, when we love our enemy, we become children of the Heavenly Father, because it is the result of the desire to love like He does.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18** *You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13** *R. The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 3:16-23** *All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.*

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours – whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future – all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **See 1 John 2:5** Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL **Matthew 5:38-48** *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, live your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."



COMMUNION ANTIPHON **Ps 9:2-3** I will recount all your wonders, will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stephanie James, Peter Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul O'Connor, Gregory Brian Kehoe, Brian Smith, John Grasso, Maurice Hanrahan, Helen Mary Regan, Harold Patrick Regan,

SICK LIST: Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Mary Patricia Hurley, Nicole Ashdown, Babara Paton, Tony Collett, Scott Kuhnemann, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Edda Pronard, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler, David Shinnors

Any updates please advise the parish office.

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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