

Parish News

We warmly welcome Archbishop Mark Coleridge and congratulate 51 children who today are confirmed.

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy:

... for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. (Mk 10:14)

Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

Weekly Diary : 04th - 09th September 2017

Monday 04th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
 Tuesday 05th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Bupa Aged Center
 Wednesday 06th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary
 Thursday 07th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Christ Community Prayer Group

Welcome of Centennial Pilgrim Statue of Fatima Blessed by Pope Francis: Fri-Sat, 8-9 Sept

Fri 08 : 9.00 am Welcoming Procession & Re-Coronation of our Lady
 : 9.30 am. Mass & Family Consecration to Two Hearts followed by Eucharistic Adoration
 : 7.00 pm. Stations of the Cross & Confessions
 : 7.30 pm. Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
 Talk: Answering the Urgent Call to Prayer and Reparation by living Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary.

Sat 09 : 9.20 am Benediction
 : 9.30 am. Thanksgiving Mass & Farewell

Saturday 09th : 5.30 pm. : 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 10th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of October will be on the 01st at 5.30 pm. : 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time A.

Mass Duty Roster : 9th/10th September 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto	Jean Di Benedetto, Julie Dakin, Helen Topham Clive Broughton, Rachelle Broughton	Mia Braun
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Helen Chapman Bernadette Swindley	Rose Hessen, Michael Nicholson, Danielle Carter Margaret McNamara, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Michael Laidler	Jane Howard Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Jane Howard Pam Nelson, Denise Moar	John & Matthew Healey

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 1 (4/9/17)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Piety Shop	St Anthony's
\$1093.35	\$1881.10	\$49.70	\$137.55

"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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"GET BEHIND ME" means FOLLOW JESUS

"Get behind me" means "follow me." Jesus is telling Peter to take up his place as a disciple, a place which calls him to get behind Jesus in order to follow him and not be an obstacle in his way. Jesus and not Peter, is the number one!

Jesus' strong rejection of Peter contains certainly forgiveness of his error. Jesus believes that Peter is able to conduct himself as a disciple again and walk in his footsteps. Even though Jesus disagrees with Peter, he trusts his return.

To Follow Christ is to imitate Christ. St John of the Cross said: "First, have a habitual desire to imitate Christ in all your deeds by bringing your life in conformity with his. You must then study his life in order to know how to imitate him and behave in all events as he would."

More importantly is to imitate Jesus in our daily life – "to behave in all events as he would." Don't bother about mystic heights but to sweep the corridors, clean the windows and wash the dishes. 1 Cor 10:31 "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." That's the will God the Father in heaven (Mt 7:21) To follow Jesus means to allow his life to well up from within in accordance with Pauline text: "I live, now not I, but Christ lives in me." (Gal 2:20) It means to allow him who dwells within, to act.

To follow Jesus is to turn away from selfishness and self-centredness, to resolve to leave behind our compulsions, addictions, fears and insecurity, to move out of the prison of the ego, and leave self behind by placing God's will above all else. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life.

The lives of Jeremiah and Jesus reveal the cost of choosing a true and authentic life. Their lives are a concrete expression of the first commandment by which we are instructed to "love God with our whole mind and our whole heart and our whole soul, and our neighbour as ourselves."

"Get behind me" means stop loving the wrong thing – loving ourselves more than God, or loving creatures for themselves and this is the meaning of sin. "What will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?" That means that the true and authentic life is God himself. He is a reality for us, a reality that we cling to and place ahead of all other personal considerations. We have to be willing to sacrifice everything else for this faith. It is a matter of belief and deep conviction. For us who follow Jesus, God is as real as our own father, or brother, or best friend. We trust in him. We fear his judgment of our failings and we stand ready to lose everything in the world rather than offend him.



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

Fr. John Khoái

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20:7-9 *The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: "O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout: 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. "If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 62:2-6.8-9 *R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**

SECOND READING ROMANS 12:1-2 *May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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 MATTHEW 16:21-27 *If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves.*

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, on the third day be raised. And Peter to Jesus aside, and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."



Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it; and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Mt 5:9-10 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ersilia (Elsie) & Joseph (Joe) Bugeja, Daniel Thomas Egan

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela McAloon, Audrey Dwyer, Robert John Nichols, Barbara Bou-Samra, Philomena Selba, Fred & Selina Betros, May & Tony Stephens

SICK LIST: Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Babara Paton, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, 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

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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