

Parish News

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)

Anointing Mass: 9.30 am. Friday 10th November.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 5.30 pm. Thursday 09th November.

Nativity Play on Christmas Eve Solemnity:

* Fr. John cordially invites 30 boys and girls to play the 2017 Nativity of Jesus at 6.00 pm, Sunday 24 December 2017.

* Please, contact Fr. John (042 7777 500) or Josephine (0424 354 925) or Joelle (0422 183 050) or Tatiana (0434 605 909) or Lynne (0406 794 343) Brad (0418 791 790) as soon as possible to have your name recorded. The first birds will be in!

The final Family Mass for the year will be held next Sunday 12th November at 9am. Come and join in with the Year 3 students of St Francis Xavier. All are welcome!

Weekly Diary : 06th - 11th November 2017

Monday 06th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
 Tuesday 07th : 08.00 am. Mass, followed Eucharistic Adoration.
 : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Bupa Aged Center.
 Wednesday 08th : 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Rosary.
Thursday 09th : 09.30 am. Feast of Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, followed by Rosary and Christ Catholic Community Prayer Group
Friday 10th : 09.30 am. Anointing Mass, Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, followed by Rosary
 Saturday 11th : 09.30 am. Memorial of St Martin of Tours, bishop, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 11th : 5.30 pm. : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 12th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A
 : 11.00 am. 4 Children Baptism Celebration

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of December will be on the 03rd at 5.30 pm. : 1st Sunday of Advent B.

Mass Duty Roster : 11th/12th November 2017

| Mass Co-ordinator | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Servers |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 5.30pm Lorraine Knight | Pierrette Serra Jean Di Benedetto | Jean Di Benedetto, Julie Dakin, Rachele Broughton Helen Topham, Clive 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 Ronnie Wilson | Kathy Fuller Ronnie Wilson | Kathy Fuller, Pam Nelson Denise Moar, John Lynch | John & Matthew Healey |

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 3 (13/11/17)

| 1 st Collection | 2 nd Collection | Pietv Shop | St Anthony's |
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| \$921.15 | \$1256.10 | \$71.00 | \$64.95 |

"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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The Best Seats (Mt 23:1-12)

Today's Gospel concerns, above all, people in high offices and leading positions, especially in the Church, but also in politics and in other official positions. It is a Gospel that concerns me as a parish priest and all of you who have any position in the parish. It frightens and encourages us at the same time. It shows the dangers that lurk in the offices of the Church, and it shows simple ways to avoid these dangers.

We all must especially be on guard that there is not too great a difference between word and deed, between sermon and life. We must take great care lest we demand from others what we are neither ready nor able to live up to ourselves. Anyone who is in a high-profile, high-visibility position is in danger of gradually acquiring an ever-greater taste for being in the spotlight in every place, at every festival, at every religious celebration, and in the media in all its forms.

Jesus does not criticize the fact that there are people who are appointed to preach and to teach or that there are exalted offices and that these are associated with certain positions of honor. What he reproaches the scribes and Pharisees with is their pursuit of recognition, their desire to be seen, their pushing themselves to the fore, and their craving for honor and making a good impression on others.

Christoph Cardinal Schönborn O.P. (born 22 Jan 1945) Archbishop of Vienna told how he was received with unimaginable honors in a very poor village in Sri Lanka. For days his visit had been prepared: garlands, the long road neatly and painstakingly covered with fresh sand, flowers, music, everything that these poor people were able to muster. When he finally reached the church—a wretched building, the Jesuit Father, who had been living there, impoverished, for forty years among his parish children, whispered in his ear: "Do not believe that these people did all that on account of Christoph Schönborn. They do it for Christ."

Do not believe you are elevated above others because of your office: "You are all brothers!" The common ground we share in God counts for more than the distinctions in offices and honors: "You have one Father, who is in heaven." Great and small, famous and unknown: we are all children of the one Father.

We should never forget this and always remain simple and modest even in the highest positions. Let's learn to understand, above all, that there is only One who is truly great, before whom we are all small, before whom all our differences, which we consider so important, are trivial.

Let's keep this in our heart and never exploit a high office for ourselves. We must view it as a position of service. The only ones who are truly great are those who, even "way up", keep serving and are thus close to their fellowman. We know our Pope to be such a person, which is why we do not shy away from calling him "Holy Father." Anyone who is a servant to such an extent is truly a father to many.

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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 LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10 *You have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction.*

“I am a great King,” says the Lord of hosts, “and my name is revered among the nations. “And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not lay it to heart to give glory to my name,” says the Lord of hosts, “then I will send the curse on you and I will curse your blessings; indeed I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. “You have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction; you have corrupted the covenant of Levi,” says the Lord of hosts, “and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you have not kept my ways but have shown partiality in your instruction.” Have we not all one father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 131:1, 2, 3 R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me. **R.**

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 *We are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own selves.*

Though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ, we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God’s word, which is also at work in you believers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Matthew 23:9, 10 Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; You have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 23:1-12 *The scribes and Pharisees do not practice what they teach.*

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ chair; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. “But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”



COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 15:11 You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pat Otago, Doris Mary Hill, Joseph Karl Rabaud, Mabel Alice Mahon, Pasqualina Di Benedetto, Nunziato (Nick) Pagano, Nancy Jean Carlaw

ANNIVERSARIES: Desmond Albert Harth, Guillermo Stafforini, Paula Stafforini, Ivan Ho Kew, Jenny Christina Ho, Ian Andrew Birkbeck

SICK LIST: Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, 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, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O’Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, 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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