



21st Sunday in Ord. Time
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SPREAD THE WORD

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MASS TIMES: Mon – Fri: 7am; 9am

Sat : 8am (Convent)
6pm (Vigil Sunday)

Sun: 8am; 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wed: 8am

RECONCILIATION: Wed: 8.30am – 8.50am

Sat: 5pm – 5.45pm

Finding Freedom

Ours is an age of limitless options. The mantra of our time is to keep options open. We don't like getting boxed in, we resist making choices that exclude future possibilities. We become very agile at keeping competing options in play. We're anxious about what we might miss out on, so we fight to stay free.

If this is the motif of our culture, then it seems to be at odds with the word of God for today. Joshua throws down the gauntlet of choice to the Israelites of old, Jesus puts his disciples on the spot with a piercing question, and Paul offers teaching on marriage that can get our teeth on edge.

The question to wrestle with is, how can we be truly free? No-one was more obedient than Jesus, and no-one has ever been so free.

Dare we believe that by taking the risk of whole-hearted bridge-burning commitment to the Lord we shall find the freedom for which we long?

CHILDREN'S Liturgy



Children's Liturgy will recommence
on **Sunday 30th August**
during the 10:00am Mass.



“...Lord...You have the message of eternal Life...”

Your generous support for the **Catholic Mission Appeal** this week-end sustains and strengthens the work of Catholic missionaries in ensuring that the message of eternal Life is shared with all who suffer in poverty and oppression throughout the developing world. As Pope Francis' official overseas missionary aid agency, receiving regular monthly donations will reaffirm that it is **'the spirit that gives life'** in the midst of much suffering & brokenness. This year the Catholic Mission envelope offers you a choice for your missionary offerings:
Give to support our community development programs (because you need a tax deductibility receipt), or give to support our pastoral, faith-based programs (because you don't require a tax deductible receipt). Or both: nourish the body as well as the soul.

Words of Wisdom

“The media only writes about the sinners and the scandals, but that's normal, because a tree that falls makes more noise than a forest that grows.”

Pope Francis

Dominican Fathers' Land corner of Angelico and Sabina Streets.

A report on further developments regarding the use of this land will be provided at Masses this weekend. A report to parishioners is also on the Church Notice Board.

Rosary Care at the Assumption Vigil Mass

Rosary Care is developing a tradition of thanksgiving to and for our volunteers at this annual celebration. Each year we have had a Prayer Focus set up to honour Our Lady of the Rosary as our parish patron. In 2012 at our founding mass of tradition, Father David lent us his treasured personal statue of Our Lady. We reflected on the Joyful Mysteries as our inspiration to work in the community. In 2013 Dorothy Johnston lent a framed print of Mary of the Way to consider the Visitation when we visit the sick and housebound. In 2014 Terese Johnston lent a statue of The Mystical Rose and we again reflected on the Mary Mysteries being the Joyful and the Assumption. This year we reflected on the watching and pondering Mary to the right of the Tabernacle as she walked the Sorrowful Mysteries. And with her we committed ourselves for another year through the sure hope of the Assumption. A copy of our new reflection is now available on the back of our updated brochure on the notice boards. Please pray with us and if able join us to assist others in our community.
Dorothy Johnston

Migrant and Refugee Sunday **30th August**

This year marks the 101th Anniversary of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme this year is "Church without frontiers, Mother to all" as outlined by Pope Francis in his message for Migrant and Refugee Day 2015. It also coincides with Migrant and Refugee Week which runs from 24-30 August.

Piety Stall

If you would be willing to assist in the running of the Piety Stall, please contact Mary Hayes on 9445 2834 or email cmh@inet.net.au

Children's Liturgy

For further information or if you would like to help (no experience necessary), please contact **Carli Woolfrey** on 0422 402 218 or email carliwoolfrey@gmail.com



Healing Mass in Spring

As we come out of winter, start off spring with the healing of Anointing at a Mass on Thursday 3rd Sept at 10.00am. Bring your elderly relations along to the Mass and stay for the morning tea to follow. If you need transport contact Rosary Care. Dorothy 29431 4405 or Chris 9244 3288

Pilgrimage to Vietnam **20th January 2016**

Departing to Hanoi via Singapore on the 20th of January 2016 and returning via Saigon on the 5th of February 2016.

The final commitment date for this pilgrimage is Saturday 5th September.

Please contact Kevin Susai to confirm kesusai@gmail.com.

48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Boquet

The 48 hours will commence on Saturday 5th September at 6pm concluding Monday 7th at 6pm. A roster is drawn up and parishes, schools, groups and individuals can commit to a time when they can pray the Rosary. Please record your name on the sheet on the table in entrance.

Holy Rosary Community **Food & Wine Fair**

Saturday 17th October
School Oval – 4pm Till Late

This is a community event for school families & staff and parish members.
More information in future newsletters.

(Proudly sponsored by the Holy Rosary P&F)

Commentary on the Gospel – Fastening eyes on Jesus helps sustain faith

Where, I've often wondered, do Peter and the other disciples get their faith? Or to put it another way, what makes them different from all those who gave up on Jesus and went away? Now in asking this question we must, again, be careful. For as easy as it is to write off those other disciples as stupid or blind unbelievers, 'we should not pretend to imagine Peter and the rest as flawless Faith Giants. These disciples were also plagued by doubt and fear. They suffered at times from an over abundance of pride or a lack of courage, and they, too, eventually deserted Jesus — and at the very time he needed them the most.

So if they aren't smarter or more faithful or more courageous or, in short, any better than the rest of Jesus' disciples — then or now — then what it is that sets them apart?

One thing. Listen, again, to Peter: "*Lord,*" he replies to Jesus' question, "*to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*" Peter, you see, knew where to look. That's it; that's what makes him and the other 11 different — it's not their brains or their ability or their status or even their faith: they simply know where to look. To Jesus; and they keep their eyes fastened on him. [From [a homily on the Gospel](#) by Fr David Lose, from the website of the St James Catholic Church in Pennsylvania.]

Parish Ministries: Maintenance



Although much maintenance of church facilities requires professional services, some of the work is carried out by volunteer labour drawn from the ranks of parishioners.

The Parish Pastoral Council has a designated member whose role it is to co-ordinate remedial tasks around the church and its environs. Jobs may include gardening, green waste clean-up, tidying of paths and steps and general care and maintenance of facilities.

The work is only required on irregular occasions although more frequently in the wake of adverse weather.

If you would like to register your interest in helping out from time to time, contact Richard Goodwin on 9446 6542 and email goodies.ar@iinet.net.au

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA process has changed the lives of many people who have chosen to follow Jesus Christ and the people who accompanied them on their journey.

The aim of the RCIA process is to invite and to form people to become disciples of Jesus, followers of Jesus. In other words, they are invited to enter into a deep relationship with God through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The RCIA program will commence on Tuesday 6th October. Enquiries to Kaye Shervington 0411 123 441

2015 Sacramental Program

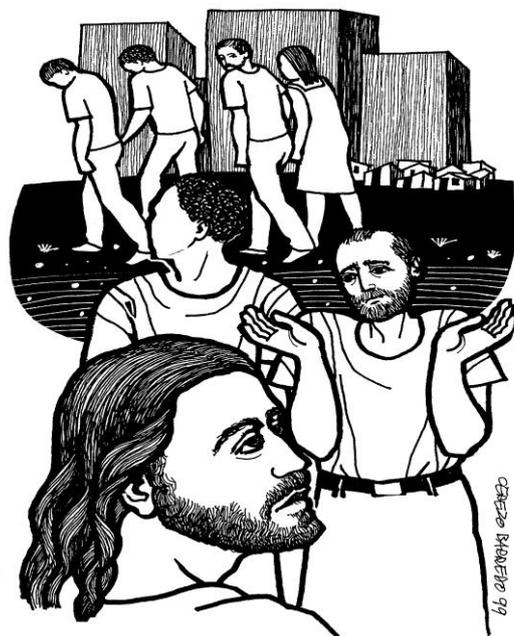
First Eucharist:

Commitment Mass:	August 29	6:00 pm
	August 30	10:00 am
Workshop:	Sept 9	5 pm & 6:30pm
Retreat Day:	Sept 18	8:30 am
Sacrament:	Sept 19	6:00 pm
	Sept 20	10:00 am

Parents are reminded that all children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they receive their First Eucharist

If you have any queries in regard to the above, please contact Kaye at the parish office on 0411 123 441.

Kids Corner



**Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

First reading: *Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18*

(We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.)

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-32*

(This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.)

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: *John 6:60-69*

(Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.)

Next Week

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

Rosary Care

(Short term crisis care)

Phone: Doris – 0428 441 566.or

Catherine – 0410 019556

Prayers for the sick

Barbara Antonetti, Justin Boylan, Rebecca Fry,
Andre Della Franca, Collette Goodland,
Judith Graham, David Kenny, Ross Malm,
Joan Meade, Fr Aquinas McComb OP,
Rebekah Norman, Dejana Ribar Ken Ryan,
Marcel Suwarno, Anne Tan, Julie-Anne Taylor,
Leigh Windsor, Jenny Zorich

To be Remembered

Aileen Dwyer, Barbara Lehmann,
Mande Malekin, Lee Medwid, Lillian Mouna,
Kathleen Rackstraw, Maria Waters,
Elaine Watson

“May they rest in peace.”

For your Diary

August	23 rd	Mission Sunday
	29 th	Commitment Mass – 6 pm
	30 th	Commitment Mass – 10 am
		Children’s Liturgy – 10 am
		Migrant & Refugee Sunday
September	3 rd	Healing Mass – 10 am
November	7 th	Parish Dinner – 7 pm

ROSTERS:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd / 23rd August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th / 30th August
Readers: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	Liz Crowe & Ray Teakle Dorothy & Barry Johnston Sr Myrtle & Colleen Harland	Maureen Byrne & Helen Murray Laraine Penberthy & Miranda Hickey Susanne & Peter Whyte
Acolytes: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	Brian Gotts Peter Gillett, Laurie Smith Michael Gillooly, Gordon Kendal	John Mordini Brian Gotts, Pat Kirwan Peter Gillett, Kevin Susai
Special Ministers: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	Glenda Gotts, Libby Dimmer, Sue Walker Anne Bucat, Elizabeth Re, Paul Slyth Kaye Shervington, Lina Vinci, John Hayes	Libby Dimmer, Sue Walker, Tony Wong Elizabeth Re, Paul Slyth, Lina Vinci Cathy Bostock, John Hayes, Elizabeth Susai
Power Point: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	Sr Imelda Doris Zambonetti Simon Wong	Nicole Drinkwater Doris Zambonetti Simon Wong
Music: Saturday 6:00 pm Sunday 8:00 am Sunday 10:00 am	Lexi Wilkinson Julie Prior	Lexi Wilkinson Julie Prior
Counters: Altar Society: Pilgrim Statue:	Dan Byrne, Eddie Fernandez, John Hartigan Marion Ferguson, Mary Slyth, Sonia Tanham (28 Aug) Geraldine Drew	Les Norrish, Br Noel Hickey, John Astone M & N Byrne, Helen Murray, Julie Prior (4 Sept) Jim & Yvonne Ferguson

