

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### 27 September 2020 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass Times: Monday to Friday: 9am Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil) Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm Public Holidays: 9am Rock Mass: Once a term Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment
Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice
Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am
Anointing of Sick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request
Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction
Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am
Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



Every Friday (during term time) Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg 10:30am on Zoom until further notice

First Friday of Every Month Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

Second Thursday of Every Month Anointing of the Sick —9am

#### September

Sunday 27 September Parish Choir 9:00am—11:00am

#### October

Sunday 4 October Children's Choir 9:00am—11:00am

Sunday 11 October Parish Choir 9:00am—11:00am



He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners

One of the saddest statements we sometimes hear is that 'people cannot change'. 'Can a leopard change its spots?' some people ask derisively.

The Judeo-Christian tradition has always firmly rejected such deterministic views of the human person. Our Scriptures constantly affirm that it is possible for the wicked to renounce their evil ways and live. It is possible for a rebellious son to have a change of heart and do what his father asks of him, as Jesus notes in today's Gospel.

For this change to happen, two things are required. Firstly, the individual must recognise and accept that there is something in his or her life that needs to be changed. The efforts of others to help will be of no avail until the individual acknowledges that he or she has a problem, or has done wrong, and needs help. The author of today's responsorial psalm acknowledges that he is a sinner. He admits the sin of his youth.

Secondly, and mostly importantly, the grace of God is needed for positive change to happen. People battling with addictions of various kinds speak of the need to surrender to a higher power. The psalmist makes such a surrender to God in today's psalm. He extols none of his own virtues but puts all his hope in God who is good and upright and shows the path to those who stay.

If we humbly recognise areas where we need to change, and desire that change to happen, we can be sure that the grace of God will never be lacking.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee

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#### Friday 2 October, 2020

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm

#### PIANO PLAYER TO ACCOMPANY PARISH CHOIR AT **10AM MASS**

Do you or anyone you know play the piano? We would love a volunteer to play with our Parish Choir at the 10am mass once a month. Please see the priest after mass or email the Parish office on Tuesday to find out further information.

#### SCHOENSTATT'S PILGRIM MOTHER APOSTOLATE

Schoenstatt is a lay movement within the Church; it is also a place of grace and a way of life. The spiritual home of those who belong to Schoenstatt is the Shrine – in Sydney, situated at Mulgoa.



In our busy lives, since it can be difficult to travel to Mulgoa, the Blessed Mother wants to visit the homes of families - in the form of a little Shrine - on a regular basis (monthly) to bring her Son and the graces she intercedes for us in the Shrine – the grace of being at home in God and the Blessed Mother; the grace to transform our lives so that we are reaching out to live our Baptismal Covenant each day anew; and the grace to share the riches of our faith with others - the grace of apostolic fruitfulness.

The Pilgrim Mother Apostolate is one out-reach of the Schoenstatt Movement and has been active in our parish for 20 years. Last weekend we thanked God and the Blessed Mother for the blessings received during these 20 years in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony. He challenged us to speak about the blessings of this valuable apostolate to others and invite many to open their hearts and homes to receive the Pilgrim Mother.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Crystal D'Souza by email at crystalrose747@hotmail.com or 0498 256 509.

# Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased: Guiseppe Romeo

Anniversary: Mary Teo Siam Choo; Molly Tang and Mary Tang

Please pray for the ill:

Kevin Ruberu; Rebecca Davies; Peter Shih; Denise Carmody; Steve Swain; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Gina Jaksetic, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

#### FEAST DAYS—SEPT/OCT

Monday 29th, Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels

Wednesday 30th, St Jerome, priest, doctor Thursday 1st, St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Friday 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources



We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



#### The Catenians

Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

Catenians meet every month to pray together, to enjoy each others' company and to support their Clergy and Parishes. For further information phone Paul Rubenach on 0409 445 542 or Steve Swain on 0438 441 803



Alpha began this week on Tuesday nights. Congratulations to Roman Pazniewski who took out the first prize in the shenanigans online!!

# It is not too late to register!!

We are resuming with week 2 "Who Is Jesus?" on Tuesday 13 October.

Please register online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/stives or contact Jen in the office for further information on 9144 6998 or by email: jennifer.perrott@bbcatholic.org.au



#### LOST EARRING

An earring was lost at the Schoenstatt Mass last weekend. If anyone has picked up an earring in the church or in the carpark can you please let Belinda or Michelle in the office know.



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#### GIVE THE GIFT OF FAITH

Your generosity towards Corpus Christi can go on forever when you include a bequest in your Will. Once your family is taken care of, a residual gift of your estate can be left to the church to ensure our Parish and Faith is also looked after.

For more information on how you can leave a gift of Faith in your Will, please contact Belinda in the Parish office on 9144 6998. Thank you for your consideration.

# PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 28 SEPTEMBER TO 11 OCTOBER, 2020.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 28 September & 5 October, and open from 9am to 12nn on the Tuesdays to Fridays.

Normal office hours will resume on Monday 12 October.

## **Selbin Cleaning**

- Weekly, fortnightly, spring or occasional cleaning
- Preparation for sale or rent
- End of lease cleaning

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World Mission Month is just around the corner. We focus on Catholic Mission and the life-changing work of the Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province.

The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike'**Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that "...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere....we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness".

To hear more about this **Catholic Mission** project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6pm - <a href="https://zoom.us/webinar/register/">https://zoom.us/webinar/register/</a> WN Q15BetkkTtmmaeDIHw3 Tg

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct at 1pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/ WN vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw



#### Families across Broken Bay need your help September 2020 CWF Appeal

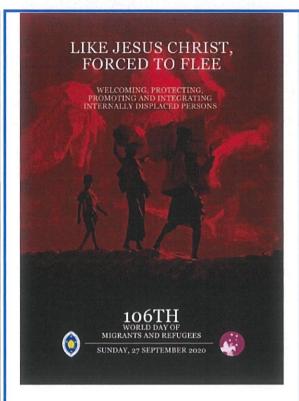
This weekend is the start of our September CWF Appeal. Charitable works are at the heart of our Catholic life, showing God's heart for the poor, the vulnerable, our young people and those in need. It's an incredible witness to the compassion and generosity that we need to rise-up during these difficult days.

Your generous donation will support five Catholic agencies and ministries helping families and neighbours in our Broken Bay Diocese. The Charitable Works Fund Appeal is 100% tax deductible. Donate online at:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund Please ensure you nominate your Parish as St Ives Corpus Christi

#### **Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



#### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

The theme for Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2020 is "Forced Like Jesus Christ to Flee".

"During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees......

Unfortunately, in our own times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality."

# SOCIAL JUSTICE AROUND THE BAY WEBINAR—27 SEPTEMBER

Join Social Justice Around the Bay and Jesuit Refugee Service Australia in their afternoon webinar as they explore what it looks like in Australia today to support those who have been forced like Jesus to flee.

Date: Sunday, 27 September 2:00-3:00pm

Register: https://bit.ly/3mr6uYn

Zoom details will be provided after registration

For more information, contact Zoe at zoe.grant@jrs.org.au

#### The Word

Sunday 27 September 2020: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

#### First Reading

From the prophet Ezekiel Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)
- Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

#### Second Reading

From the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine. vet he did not clina to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. to the glory of God the Father. The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.' The Gospel of the Lord.