

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th July 2018

"GO MAKE DISCIPLES"



MASS TIMES

Weekends		Weekdays	
Saturday	6.00 pm	Monday	6.00 pm
		Tuesday	9.30 am
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am	Thursday	7.00 pm
		Friday	8.30 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30 am
(or any time by appointment)

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our Parish groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Church for prayer, prior to meeting.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation is required.

MARRIAGE

Preparation program for couples is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Call the parish office for details or pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk.


BULLETIN

A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it "Weekly" or "Big Bulletin" in the subject heading and send to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY

The Library is open during office hours

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the  Message button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm
(Closed 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)

1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm

PARISH STAFF

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Stewardship Prayer

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!



QUOTES FROM THE GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE CHAPTER ONE POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL



Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity.

Just as you cannot understand Christ apart from the kingdom he came to bring, so too your personal mission is inseparable from the building of that kingdom: "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (Mt 6:33). Your identification with Christ and his will involves a commitment to build with him that kingdom of love, justice and universal peace. Christ himself wants to experience this with you, in all the efforts and sacrifices that it entails, but also in all the joy and enrichment it brings. You cannot grow in holiness without committing yourself, body and soul, to giving your best to this endeavour.

To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. The bishops of West Africa have observed that "we are being called in the spirit of the New Evangelization to be evangelized and to evangelize through the empowering of all you, the baptized, to take up your roles as salt of the earth and light of the world wherever you find yourselves".

Do not be afraid to set your sights higher, to allow yourself to be loved and liberated by God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy, when all is said and done, "the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint".



Anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ.

It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdain service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission.

This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

We pray in thanksgiving for Maria De Lourdes Lai, Maria Phan and the lives of all those who have died recently.

We pray for Cory Sacco, Carmelo Sacco, Aloysius Yoharaja, Olimpia Anderson, Catherine Cassar, Vincent Cassar, Charles Calleja, Vincent Calleja, Jacob Gatto, Antonio & Grazia Valente, Barbara, Evangelista & Emanuel Mercieca, Margaret & Louis Gatt, Lawrence Galea and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

We pray for David, Bill Eppingstall, Fr Jerry Orbos, Orysia Duma, Thomas Hiscox, Sr and all the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant healthy to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen

CHOIR PRACTICE - SANTA MARIA

Santa Maria Choir members, please note that we are holding a choir practice in preparation for the Tribute to Mary Feast.

The choir practice will be held on Friday 10th August, at 7.00pm at Resurrection Church.

Anyone who wishes to join the choir please come and join in the practice.

For further information please call Joseph Scicluna on 0433 473 347.

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our next Parish Meeting Night will be on Wednesday 1st August commencing with prayer in the church at 7.15pm.

Parishioners who are committed to one of our Parish groups are reminded to mark their calendars.

Supper will be supplied by the Liturgy Group.

PORT PHILLIP PRISON

Fr Gerard will be celebrating Mass at Port Phillip prison this Tuesday 31st July. There will be a Communion Service instead of the usual Mass at 9.30am on that day.

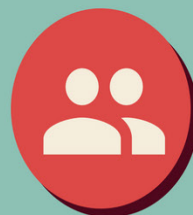
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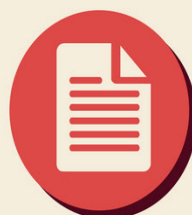
Do you have an accounting background? Are you a student completing a bookkeeping or finance course? Perhaps you are the person entrusted with the job of managing your household's finances? If you understand financial reports and budgets, we're the right group for you!

WHAT DO WE DO ?

We review the parish Stewardship, monthly financial reports, give financial recommendations, review fundraising proposals, annual budgets of income and expenditure, plan for major capital works as well as advise the Parish Priest on all financial matters.



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR ?



Seeking someone with a book keeping or financial background.

Professional

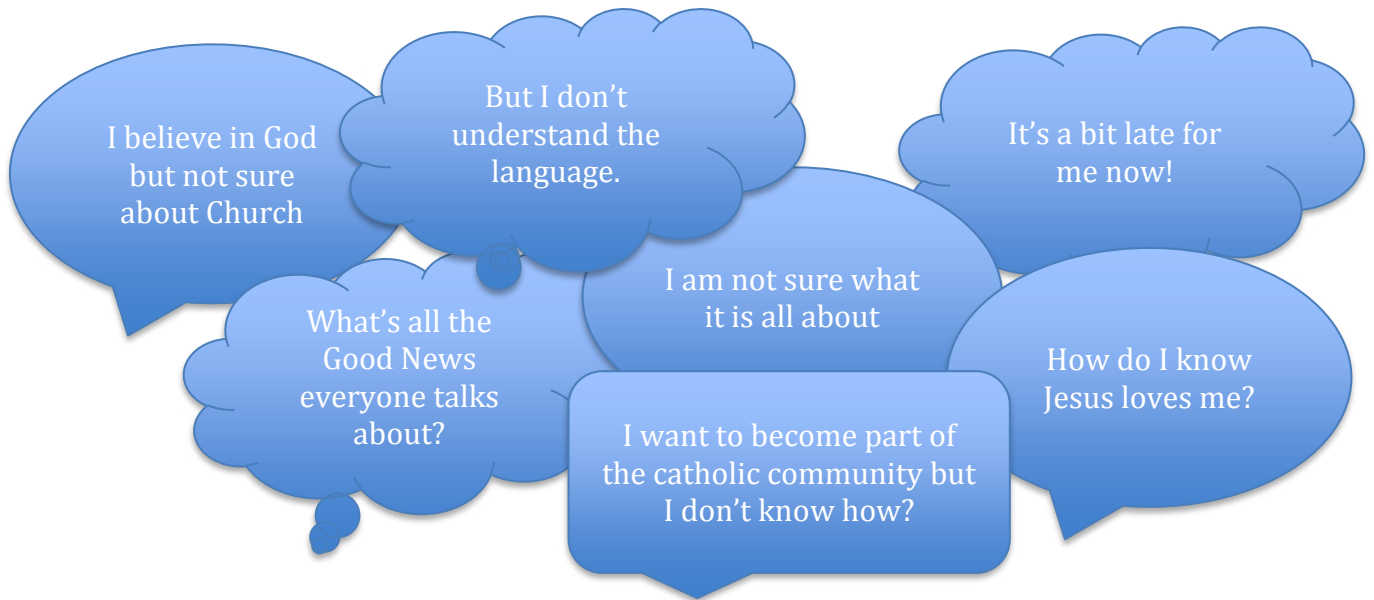
Student

WHAT WILL I GAIN FROM THIS ?

- Work Experience
- Industrial Experience
- Reference for future employers
- Spiritual fulfillment



CELEBRATE FAITH . VALUES ENGAGEMENT



RCIA - Meeting the Challenge

We are a friendly parish group. We usually meet every Monday night starting in August to Easter Vigil the following year.

Everyone is welcome.

We cater particularly for adults

- Who want to become Catholic, what to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Who just want to find out more about the Catholic faith. We start from the beginning.
- Who want to find out more with a view to being received into the Church.
- Catholic adults who want to be confirmed.
- Baptised as Catholic, but who have done little since childhood or teens.
- Who have been part of another religion and want to become Catholic.

We do not assume any knowledge and we answer any question if we can! We do our best to make our meeting enjoyable, informative, relevant and prayerful.

Come and see, join us for a cuppa and a chat on 6th August at 7pm in the community centre to see what we are all about!

Give me a ring on 8312 6350 (Thursday or Friday) or you can leave a message and I will get back to you otherwise feel free to email me at Pauline.Debrincat@cam.org.au.



(Most Rev) Peter A Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD

Peter Andrew Comensoli was born in the Illawarra region of NSW on 25 March, 1964, the fourth son and last child of Mick and Margaret Comensoli. He was baptised at St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow, in the Diocese of Wollongong. He received all his sacraments of Christian Initiation, as well as priestly Ordination, at the parish.

Educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters at St John Vianney Primary School, and by the Marist Fathers at St Paul's College, Bellambi, Peter Comensoli worked for four years in the banking sector, while studying Commerce at Wollongong University.

He commenced his studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly in 1986 and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Wollongong on 22 May 1992. During his time in the Diocese of Wollongong Fr Comensoli served as Assistant Priest and then Administrator in a number of parishes, and was Diocesan Chancellor for six years.

On 20 April 2011, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, and ordained to the Episcopate on 8 June 2011 at St Mary's Cathedral. In March 2014, Bishop Comensoli was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Sydney, until the appointment of the new Archbishop of Sydney in November 2014.

On 20 November 2014, he was appointed the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and installed at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Friday 12 December 2014.

At the national level, Bishop Comensoli is currently a member of the Bishops' Commissions for Family, Youth, and Life, and for Evangelisation, with a particular focus on life matters, euthanasia and media. From November 2018 he will take up the appointment of Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, and a member of the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council. At the Province level, he is currently a Board Director of Catholic Schools NSW.

Bishop Comensoli holds a Bachelor of Theology (1989) and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (1991) from the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He holds a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) in moral theology from the Accademia Alfonsiana (2000), a Master of Letters (MLitt) in moral philosophy from the University of St Andrews (2007), and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh (2011). He is the author of *'In God's Image: Recognizing the Profoundly Impaired as Persons'*, as well as a number of articles in the area of disability and Christian anthropology.

His Episcopal motto is: ***Praedicamus Christum crucifixum*** ('We proclaim a crucified Christ' – 1 Cor 1.23).

Tribute to Mary



Mary, the
Mother of Jesus
a sacred symbol
of the worth and
dignity of
motherhood

Our Maltese community will be celebrating our Tribute to Mary on Saturday 18th August at 6.00pm Mass.

Followed by coffee and traditional Maltese sweets.

We ask our Maltese parishioners to please bring a plate to share.

Everyone is WELCOME!

Funerals

In baptism they received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead them over the waters of death.

Leonard Attard



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Author Unknown

May they rest in peace.



“THE WOMAN WHO FOUND HER TRUE PURPOSE”

Despite the fact that Ashleigh Walker's twenty eight years of life had seen great moments of boredom lacking direction and purpose, she never would have believed this day would change the entire course of her existence. In her usual routine, Ashleigh clocked off at the Wake Up Cafe and walked home feeling the same way as she always did, uninspired and unfulfilled. When she got in the door of her tiny apartment at the edge of Haze City she slumped on the lounge and let out a deep sigh, thinking about the mediocrity of her life and how useless she felt in her present situation.

Ashleigh reached for the remote control to distract herself but out of the corner of her eye she noticed a strange golden book on the floor which didn't belong to her at all. The title of the book said, YOU CAN BE ANYONE. This struck Ashleigh with such intrigue that she launched for the book, flipping through its pages but she realised that there were no words written in it at all. It was peculiarly blank and she was left there mystified. Suddenly the book began radiating a supernatural white light directly at her body. This light magnetically drew her right into the book itself!

Ashleigh realised instantaneously that she could now become any person she had dreamed of being just by thinking out her own adventures. Ashleigh was exhilarated by the possibilities of this unbelievable experience as she now had the power to become anyone without being mentally, emotionally, physically or financially held back.

CHARACTER ONE – CHELSEY CHARMER

“Chelsey, your limousine is waiting out the front, the after party is awaiting you.”

“Thanks Barry, I can't believe I have just accepted the best actress of the year award!”

“Did you know every woman actually wants to be you Chloe?”

“I don't blame them, have you seen this body?”

“Haha, well yeah...”

“No but seriously, maybe its because of the roles that I play? I mean who wouldn't want to play Superwoman right?”

“Yes that may very well be true Chelsey. But not only that, you are beautiful and talented!”

“Thanks Barry, I wouldn't have it any other way. You can park right out the front, I want the paparazzi to get a hold of this new red dress of mine!”

“No worries, I'll be waiting for you when its over. Have a nice night Miss Charmer”.

Chelsey was an entertainment elite who had been in show business for ten years.

Everyone adored her. Even from the age of five she had a unique and creative way of entertaining everyone in the room, she absolutely loved the

limelight. People were drawn to Chelsey's charisma and at school she was the popular girl who everyone wished they could be. Never had problems meeting people, dating or even getting jobs because she was stunningly beautiful and due to that, life was easy for her.

As she mingled at the afterparty on the upper east end of Prominence she couldn't help but wonder if all the people flocking to her really liked her for who she actually was inside?

Did anyone really know her? Or did they just want to further their own agendas? After a few cocktails and several hours of getting her photos taken with her fans, Chelsey left the party feeling strangely alone. She couldn't find Barry but she did notice a homeless woman sitting on the pavement.

“Excuse me dear, would you happen to have a few dollars to help me? I haven't eaten today.”

“No dear, I'm in a rush, so sorry.”

“Barry, here you are, thankfully. Lets get out of here. You wouldn't believe that my night was rather standard. You would think gaining this honour would have given me a sense of fulfillment but the truth is Barry, there is something really missing that I can't quite put my finger on.”

“I'm sad to hear that Chelsey, this actually surprises me though.”

Barry thought quietly to himself, What more could she want? Is she just plain greedy?

CHARACTER 2 – MIRANDA MARBLES

Who wouldn't want the life of Doctor Miranda Marbles, the world renowned psychiatrist of the decade. Not only was she a class above everyone intellectually but every success of hers came easily due to her exceptional memory. She didn't have any financial problems worrying about getting the best education because her wealthy parents paid for everything.

She always knew she would be a Doctor because her parents instilled in her the best method for achieving financial success. Why not be paid \$350 an hour to sit there listening to people talk, her parents would chuckle. Miranda loved the idea and attained the highest honours in her profession. Her luxurious office overlooked the waters edge of Opulent Bay and on one ordinary day, she met with a new patient. Miranda laid back comfortably in her leather chair watching this nervous woman sit down in front of her.

“My name is Doctor Miranda, how can I help you today, Miss Forlorn was it?”

“I am hearing voices Doctor. I am struggling with anxiety and depression too. Life has been so ridiculously hard for me and I need some serious help.”

“Here is a survey, I want you to fill this out honestly and I will be able to help you.”

“Thank you so much Doctor, thank you!”

The results of the examination came back in and after a quick chat, Miss Forlorn was handed a prescription for Seroquel to stop the voices and Prozac for anxiety. In the back of her mind Doctor Miranda couldn't help thinking about the lunch appointment with the President of the Psychological Board. She knew he would be impressed by her new book on mental health so she quickly wrapped up the session and left the office. A few months later Doctor Miranda Marbles turned on the TV at home and saw that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (who are in charge of what drugs are passed for the health profession) were going to court for the suicides of over 245,000 people because of the anti-depressants on the market! The findings pointed to the fact that the drugs were a form of sorcery, associated with witchcraft - which was the reason behind the suicides. Miranda was never one who believed in the spiritual realm but this was on Channel Truth and she knew that this channel was a credible one. Miranda felt sick to the stomach thinking about all the patients she had prescribed with the drugs mentioned in the report and for the first time in her life she questioned her role as a Psychiatrist having given out so many prescriptions willy-nilly.

CHARACTER 3 – SONYA SANCHEZ

Life was always lived in the fast lane with Sergeant Sonya Sanchez. She didn't get to her position by rolling over and playing dead. She fought better than men and worked harder than them too. She was one of those types who loved danger and thrived in it. However there was one case that really stood out to Sonya. One day she was sitting in her office and she got a call from the Ambulance Team to go down town, as there was a woman standing on the ledge of a building about to jump. Sonya arrived not long after and got on the loud speaker and talked the hysterical woman off the ledge. Another officer retrieved the woman, handcuffed her aggressively and brought her to Sonya like a rag doll stating that he found some Ice in this woman's pocket and that she was being charged for possession. Sonya couldn't believe what this officer had just done and how he was treating her, considering that her life was just in serious jeopardy. This woman by the looks of it just needed drug rehabilitation rather than a criminal conviction and a possible two year jail term. Sonya left the scene and began to really wonder about the laws and the people that she worked with. Two months later Sonya gets a call from a jail missionary worker who tells her about one of the inmates that became suicidal as a result of taking antidepressants. Because Sonya was so effected by the suicide attempt of the woman up on the ledge she began to investigate the link between antidepressants and suicide. As she delved further into it she realised that the real problem lied with the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration) who decided what drugs are considered safe and what drugs aren't. She discovered that 30% of suicides were linked to antidepressants and took it upon herself to compile all the evidence, which was then handed over to the district attorney for a major suit against the TGA and the

pharmaceutical companies themselves.

CHARACTER 4 – GRACE GOLD

"In the name of Jesus, I call upon the Holy Spirit to fill you with Power, Peace, Wisdom, Healing and Happiness!" Grace Gold wasn't what you would call rich in the worldly sense of the word, but she had a supernatural gift given to her by God to do miracles for others. This happened to her when she was at the brink of her own death. Grace had had a fatal accident in her late twenties and was on life support in hospital. One night in agony she laid there in her bed thinking that this could very well be her last day on earth, when she was struck by a tremendous being of white light which came over to the side of her bed. The power and brilliance emanating from this being made her truly believe that she had passed onto the afterlife and was with God himself. But instead of being taken further on into the heights of heaven God began filling her with his light. She awoke the next day utterly convinced that God was real and that she had encountered God himself. Grace from then on could actually hear God speak inside of her soul and because of that there was no one on the earth that could put it over her. Her wisdom was second to none. Grace eventually got better and it wasn't long after that she would float about town with a celestial glow, praying over people and witnessing the joy of God's Peace entering peoples souls. Illuminated with light they would become quiet literally. Grace Gold became a volunteer at Block Off Women's Jail. She loved her work and loved bringing love to those who needed it most. One day she came across a woman who was hearing voices in her head. Grace was given a revelation from God about this woman which was that the voices she had been hearing was the devil rather than a mental illness. So Grace began to teach the woman about God and the Devil and told her that what she was going through, was going to stop by God's Power. The woman wasn't sure how to take what Grace was saying to her until the moment Grace laid her hands upon the woman's head for a healing. Automatically the woman's face lit up with joy and she could feel God's spirit in her soul. She exclaimed that the voices had completely disappeared and she spent the rest of the next ten minutes thanking God for the miracle. Grace sat there listening to this woman's story and found that she had become suicidal after receiving medication from a doctor. Grace knew that antidepressants were the work of the devil having being schooled at the best college of Spirituality there was, which was why she knew she had to get this story out.

CHARACTER 5 – KASEY TAYLOR

"So I just made it through security with this fake identification completely incognito! If only they knew my real identity they would be certain to watch what they say after a few drinks! Who needs the CIA when I am here." Kasey Taylor made it her business that evening to sneak into the Senators Ball. Why?

Because she thrived off the excitement of finding out as much as she could and dressing up to do it.

Kasey had a platform in society that not many could match. She was the top reporter for Channel Truth and her daringness in investigation was her greatest asset. She had a father in the Broadcasting Business which gave her the power to tell any story she felt needed to be heard. This didn't mean life was smooth for her though. She copped a lot of backlash by politicians, religious leaders, the police force and large corporations for exposing corruption however this only fuelled her determination to keep searching and spreading more Truth. At the Ball she noticed Senator Stern heading into the ladies room. She began to follow her wanting to strike up a conversation regarding police violence and the lack of disciplinary action regarding it. When she got into the bathroom she noticed a sniffing sound in one of the cubicles. Kasey got into the next cubical and stuck her head over it and saw what she suspected - the Senator sniffing a white powder off the toilet seat. Kasey quickly grabbed her camera phone and snapped the woman in action. Horrified by the flash Senator Stern ran out of the cubicle beckoning Kasey to give her the phone offering her \$20,000 for the photo. But Kasey had an even greater idea in mind, seeing as though this woman was responsible for sending people to jail over petty drug offences. Kasey demanded a change to the justice system regarding drug sentencing. She wanted people struggling with addiction to be sent to drug rehabilitation centres rather than worsening their lives by locking them up in prisons. The Senator agreed to make the necessary changes but threatened Kasey saying that if the photo was ever leaked she would make it her business to ruin her life. Kasey left the Ball smiling to herself, thinking – where shall I infiltrate next?

CHARACTER 6 – FELICITY FIERCE

“This has got your name all over it Felicity. This is our biggest client yet and there is no one greater to do this than you. You know what this means. If you win, you will make Partner at the Firm! But if you don't, well – you know what Andrew will do...”

Felicity Fierce always knew how to talk her way out of any given situation. From the age of six her parents were astounded with her ability to turn around her own blame and put it back on others convincing. It was no wonder why she won endless high school debating competitions which paved the way to her applying for a scholarship to become a lawyer.

Her ruthlessness didn't go unnoticed in the courtrooms and it wasn't long before she was employed by the biggest firm in Swindle City. Why would Felicity care about the Truth, when winning meant thousands upon thousands of dollars, more recognition from her colleagues and a closer shot at promotion in the firm? Felicity could never contemplate parting with her lavish lifestyle. Money and Power were the driving factors in her life. She couldn't bare thinking about being in a position where she had to rely on a man for income, especially when she had come across so many cases where women were left with children, financially stricken because the

income provider couldn't remain faithful.

Felicity went over all the documents for her upcoming case defending the Therapeutic Goods Association. She knew how to discredit the suicide cases by using her own Psychiatrist and Investigator by proving that the mental health of each victim was unstable before taking the anti-depressants. After days of investigation she realised that there had been no suicidal tendencies before taking the medication, having spoken to the majority of the victims families and going through doctors reports. But Felicity knew that she could cause reasonable doubt by driving the argument that they had to be sick anyway for even consulting doctors and that not many people do speak out about wanting to kill themselves anyways. Going through the reports one last time Felicity was struck with horror as she had previously misread one of the names of the victims. Samantha Davies was her cousin that she hadn't seen since she had left home for law school. Felicity was never in contact with any of her family after that day because she was embarrassed by where she grew up and wanted to leave that neighbourhood and its people behind her.

Felicity knew she had to make contact again, to make sure that the Samantha Davies on the report was the one she grew up with. She called her Aunty Sally and dropped to the floor hearing that it was and because she disowned her family she had missed out on the funeral. This news, coupled with the testimonies of her family members regarding Samantha's health prior to the medication was the turning point in her life. She had a moral awakening and felt sickened with herself for defending all the corrupt organisations that she had, so she decided to go into court and do the prosecuting herself. Her bosses were completely shocked and it's needless to say that she was fired. But for the first time in her life she felt an inner happiness that she tried so desperately to gain by chasing money and status instead.

CHARACTER 8 – FIONA FORLORN

Fiona Forlorn had always known the meaning of suffering. She grew up in a volatile home and left at the age of sixteen which brought her into a life of drugs, alcohol and homelessness. She relied on government benefits to get by because she could never manage to hold down a job, but despite all of this she had the strength and courage of a lion. Her life was filled with one affliction after the other, much more than most, yet it was precisely because of this that she could accept all walks of life understanding people better than most. Everyday she awoke from her tiny tent in Pit Town to go for walks in the park to take in the beauty of nature. On one occasion she came across that famous actress Chelsey Charmer standing outside a lavish theatre. She could tell that this woman didn't want anything to do with her, but that kind of reaction was normal for Fiona Forlorn being noticeably homeless.

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Someone has taken control over this last chapter! This character is not my thinking. Its so strange but I find myself sitting in the park in filthy clothes! There must be something wrong with this book because I wouldn't write this. Why am I now in a doctors of fice being brushed off with medication? Why can I hear voices? They aren't stopping and I am going mad. Why cant I change this scene? I need help to stop this because I can feel the misery of this character. I am now screaming on the ledge of a high rise building! This is an absolute nightmare! Someone take me out of this! Ahh thankfully here is a police woman. But wait, I have Ice on me and I'm being searched by a violent police of ficer.... Hang on, where am I now? I am in a courtroom being trialled and prosecuted! Two years jail for what? Not Ice! This is an absolute nightmare! Why cant I stop living this character? Everyone is looking down at me! I cant believe how this feels. I want this feeling to stop. I want my old boring life back.

Someone get me out of this. But I have no control.... Now I am actually sitting in Jail and the women here are maniacs. Who is this person wanting to see me in this God forsaken place? Grace Gold her name is. Wait a minute.... she is the only one that sees me as a person worthy of love? Why is that? Why is she being so helpful without being paid? Why is this prayer she is saying having so much affect on me? Hang on a minute, the voices are disappearing! This is absolutely incredible! This feeling of Peace. This is a Miracle! This is it. This is the real answer.

CHARACTER 8 - ASHLEIGH WALKER

Ashleigh Walker found herself being tele-transported out of the golden book and back into the reality on her couch. She noticed that the book had mysteriously disappeared yet she was left with a feeling of such exhilaration that she couldn't deny that her experience was real. Astonished by the events Ashleigh concluded that this was Gods way of showing her, her true purpose in life. She laid in bed all night thinking about everything she had learned from each character and especially Fiona Forlorn. She knew what she had to do. She would wake up the next day and begin a new life. She would begin a new Ministry which would help people who were suffering. At last she knew why she was here and how she could bring true happiness to those around her. You might be wondering how this story could apply in your own life. You have probably dreamed of many different ways you have wanted to live. You might not have the resources of Kasey, the fame and beauty of Chelsey, the intellect of Doctor Miranda, the money and power of Felicity, or the position of Sonya - but we can all use what we have been given by God to help the Fiona's in this life. God, may you enlighten the person reading this with your Power, Peace, Wisdom, Healing and Happiness so that they can see how to effect great change in this world.

Now let the real adventure begin!

A Prayer of forgiveness

In 1960, six year old Ruby Bridges was the first African American child to integrate an all - white public elementary school in the American South, Every day for months, federal marshals escorted Ruby past a mob of angry parents shouting curses, threats, and insults at her. Safely inside, she sat in a classroom alone with Barbara Henry, the only teacher willing to instruct her while parents kept their children from attending school with Ruby.

Noted child psychologist Robert Coles met with Ruby for several months to help her cope with the fear and stress she experienced. He was amazed by the prayer Ruby said every day as she walked to school and back home. "Please, God, forgive them because they don't know what they're doing"

The words of Jesus spoken from the cross were stronger than the hatred and insults hurled at Him. In the most agonizing hours of His life, our Lord demonstrated the radical response He taught His followers: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"
(LUKE 6:27 - 28,36).

This remarkable approach is possible only as we consider the powerful love Jesus has given us - love stronger than even the deepest hatred.

Ruby Bridges help show us the way.

Sudoku - Medium

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The presence of grace



Recently, I was on the phone with one of my teenage nieces: there was a story about something that had happened at school and at one point she said: ‘are you listening to me?’ I certainly was after she said that! Because (truthfully) while she was on the phone, I had also been unloading the dishwasher (with the TV in the background) and keeping an eye on what was happening on the stove-top.

Her prompt reminded me of how mum listened on the phone. I think it was partly because she was from the time of the fixed phone line which meant that when the phone rang everything else was put on hold. There was a phone table, a notepad for messages and a chair. The only thing she was focused on for that time was listening, talking and being present to the person who had called her. In later years she had a mobile phone and when it rang she maintained this gift of stopping everything and being present to her caller. But her phone was never answered if she was with someone else – no phubbing (a term that has been coined to describe those times when a mobile phone is answered when in the presence of another) for her!

A few days later I was walking through the Bourke Street mall and a violinist was playing the hauntingly beautiful Schindlers List theme composed by John Williamson. For the second time in a matter of days I was stopped short. Something about the music touched me and I was totally present to the strains of the violin and the bustle of the mall melted away.

I resonate with Mark’s disciples – I can be a slow learner. There was another forced stop in store for me. A friend was unwell and I had a day sitting in a hospital emergency department. Just sitting, just being, just being present. And there was nothing I could do but sit, be there and listen. Listen to my friend, listen to the doctors, listen to the world of anxiety that was unfolding as a backdrop to my own anxious experience. I was being called out of

myself to pay more attention.

These moments helped me realise how easy it is to busy ourselves to the extent that we can miss important moments of grace. Moments when, if we are not paying attention, we can be almost cavalier and careless about the experience that life is offering us. And I realised how easy it is to slip away from thinking about God and about how God is revealed to us in our daily life. How easy it is to miss the daily invitation of grace and blessing that is being offered to us.

In the Catholic tradition the great season of Easter has just concluded. For practicing Catholics, it has been a rich time of ritual and remembrance. This is one of the wonderful things about ritual: word, colour and action come together to re-connect the faithful with the ancestral stories which offer powerful reminders of how God speaks through the ages.

And now it is Ordinary Time. A time when, for those with the imagination to see and the ears to hear, God continues to be revealed in the events of daily life. The faithful imagination has this capacity, I suspect. A capacity to be inspired by the Word of God that is daily offered to us and to see how it forms our work in the world. To not just read the words of Scripture but to hear them. To listen. To be formed by them and to act.

In April 2013 Pope Francis expressed it this way: "Are we capable of bringing the word of God into the environment in which we live? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening, and is strengthened by proclamation."

Or, in the words of Ernest Hemingway: ‘When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen’.

Perhaps as we commence this period of Ordinary Time we are being called to listen with attention. A listening that requires us to listen to our hearts, to reflect upon the events of the world, to be attentive to the people around us so that we may hear and respond to God’s call. The God of our ancestors who continues to be revealed to us in the events of our everyday lives.

May the Lord of Ordinary Time enable us to listen to the Spirit in order that we may renew the face of our earth.

x

Cathy Jenkins

Director

Helping our Refugee Families and Friends Forum for Parishes

Saturday 25 August: 9.30am - 12.45pm



This forum is part of our [Welcome the Asylum Seeker Parish Support Program](#). It will be an interactive occasion between speakers and participants, with emphasis on how to take up the many opportunities we have to reach out to refugee families and friends.

It will bring together asylum seekers, parish leaders with a variety of experiences supporting refugee families, Catholic support agency leaders and parishioners.

You are encouraged to invite friends from your own and other parishes, to help extend the network of support as wide as possible.

The need for support is great, with support for many asylum seekers currently being withdrawn by the government

In attending this forum, parish representatives will be empowered to contribute more, thereby helping to create a stronger network of support and advocacy for refugees and people seeking asylum.

Guest Speaker: Phil Glendenning AM, Director Edmund Rice Centre. *"If the Catholic Church in Australia cannot stand up for, and be seen to stand up for, the weakest, the poorest and those who are most vulnerable ... then we would be a sad replication of the Church Jesus wants us to be"*.

- RSVP BY:** 20 August 2018
VENUE: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St (enter via Lansdowne St) East Melbourne (car parking available on the premises)
COST: \$20.00 (includes lunch)
BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/WBHM>
ENQUIRIES: Adrian Foley: Adrian.Foley@css.org.au

For catering purposes, please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

Domestic Violence: Committing to prevention and response A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of Victoria

***“...we must always say ‘no’ to
violence in the home”***

Pope Francis

We, the Catholic Bishops of Victoria, condemn domestic violence in the strongest possible terms, and call on parishes, church organisations and people of faith to play a part in its elimination.

Domestic violence is a crisis in Australia – each week a woman dies at the hands of her partner or ex-partner. It is estimated that one in four children experience the fear and distress of witnessing their mother being abused.

In addition to this physical violence, domestic violence can also be emotional, financial or spiritual. The roots are abuse of power and the control of one person over another.

While men also suffer domestic violence, women and children form the great majority of the victims of domestic violence.

This statement is addressed to the whole Church community – we must all work to prevent violence against women and children. In particular, it is addressed to:

- victims of violence who may need the Church's help to break out of their situation,
- priests, pastoral associates, and parishioners, and teachers, who may be the first point of contact for adults and children who are victims of domestic violence, and
- men who abuse and may not know how to break out of the cycle of violence.

Domestic violence in all its forms offends against a vision of family as a place of safety and love, where children learn to respect and live with others.

We hope that this statement will lead people to learn about domestic violence, and seek to do what they can in their relationships, parishes, communities and organisations to eliminate violence and assist survivors to heal from its impact.

Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect.

Jesus always protected the oppressed and exposed evil. He always respected the human dignity of women, consistently challenging cultural attitudes of oppression and exclusion. We see him breaking social taboos that exclude people, and expanding the boundaries of human love, acceptance and friendship. Jesus challenges us to act in favor of the victims and work against anything that would prevent individuals from 'living life to the full'.

As pastoral leaders in Victoria, we reject a reading of scripture that condones domestic violence. A correct reading of scripture leads to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love.

Responses to domestic violence are needed, which provide victims with protection and help in rebuilding their lives; which make offenders accountable and assist their rehabilitation; and which change those community attitudes from which violence emerges.

We need to look at prevention, intervention,

supports for victims, accountability and healing for offenders. We need to confront the causes of this violence, including the unequal position of women and men in our community. We welcome the work undertaken by Catholic agencies in these areas, while recognizing the continuing challenges.

We aim to make all Church communities places of support and healing.

To our priests, pastoral associates and others in leadership positions – we say that our churches should be a safe place for victims of domestic and family violence, where understanding and assistance are readily available. For this to happen we all need to reflect on our attitudes and equip ourselves with the knowledge to assist those who ask for help, through referrals to specialist services where needed.

We all need to foster in our families and communities alternatives to violence. In particular we need to lead boys and young men to treat girls and women with respect and teach them how to develop positive and violence-free relationships.

In Victoria we have benefitted from the insight of the Royal Commission into Family Violence that recently made recommendations on how we, the Victorian community can prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. We welcome this report, and the Victorian Government's prompt and positive response to its recommendations.

Our hope is that the implementation of these recommendations brings about very positive change within the Victorian community. We are pleased to join with other Churches and faith communities in being part of that change.

Catholic Social Services Victoria has made information and resources available to Parishes and organisations to promote understanding of domestic and family violence, and of how to respond to those affected. This is also available through the website – www.css.org.au/dv. We recommend this material, and the training that will be available, to assist you and your community in playing your part in preventing domestic violence, and responding appropriately when it does occur.

For advice or support in relation to family violence call
1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

If you or someone else are in immediate danger, contact **000**

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I believe IN ONE GOD

A common question non-believers ask Catholics is something along the lines of 'Why do you believe in God?' But a more important question, it seems to me, is, 'What kind of God do we believe in?'

Some may assume this is a ridiculous question. In our Catholic tradition, God is truth, life and love. This is indeed the case, even as we do not claim to know the inner recesses and mystery of God as Trinity.

Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, has long argued instead that the real problem of belief today is not so much about atheism as idolatry. We *all* believe in 'gods'. The critical question is, 'Which one?'

Do we believe in the one true God definitively revealed in Jesus of Nazareth or mere idols that we use to substitute for the living God?

Contemporary idols are everywhere in our culture. From the cinema screen to the federal budget, we bow to the power and sovereignty of the 'god' of money, just as the Babylonians bowed to the sword and its master, Marduk.

Witness our love affairs with large shopping centres in Australia these days. Here, the idol is the consumption of goods. We place our pride, worth, and identity in stuff and gadgets.

Even sport can be a 'god' for some people. We can talk more about last weekend's football game than we do about our faith. We obsess about this team or that team's performance.

When we are young, we devote ourselves to honing our own skills and physique. The body can be the idol of vanity and sexual consumerism. Airbrushed magazine figures become our obsession; gratification and fleeting pleasure come across in nearly every movie, book and television series.

The television can make an idol of entertainment. We can get our identity, our care and our hopes caught up in this or that media production.

The computer and the internet threaten to become the idol of communication and information. We long not so much to

encounter Christ in our lives, but for another update, another email message, another blog post to satisfy our need for superficial connectedness and talking-head ideology.

Many more idols could be added to the list.

Perhaps we need to listen to Genesis 1 through the ears of ancient Israel; to hear again that to the extent that these things testify to the sovereignty and power of the one true Creator God, they may have some place in our lives. But when we give our heart to them, they need to be named as false competitors to the one true God.

When we put our faith in other 'gods', we find ourselves on many different tracks, moving apart and occasionally colliding. But if there is one true God, then everything is created and related, and we have hope and reason to seek peace with one another.

I believe in One God. I do not believe in idols. The risk of faith insists that we choose. ■



THINK ABOUT IT

- Walter Brueggemann says, 'the real problem of belief today is not so much about atheism as idolatry.' As believers, we too can get caught up in the many 'idols' of today's world. *Can you name some 'false competitors to the one true God' in your life? How might you go about changing this?*
- 'If there is one true God then everything is created and related, and we have hope and reason to seek peace with one another.' *Does this statement resonate with you? If so, how might you put it into action in your daily life? If not, why?*

Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into Resurrection community children who were baptised in the waters of Baptism. We pray that they will grow to love the Risen Jesus.

July

Lalita Alana Krishnan

Daughter of Karthikeyan & Simone Sankarkishnan

Layla Sienna Krishnan

Daughter of Karthikeyan & Simone Sankarkishnan



4th & 5th August 2018
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Pauline Debrincat	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Mary Ngoma	Margaret Vella Mario Vella Vinilda Rebusillo	Christine Perram Helen Visperas Nyanrob Mawn	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Oliver D'Souza	Calvin Alderson	
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Emergencies	Jonathan Magtalas	Dudi Nicart	Aurora Asuncion	
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Emergencies:	Martine Grech	Rem Libang	Akok Kiir	Mary Rulla
SACRISTY DUTY	Spira Attard	Remy Libang	Dolly Zipagan Marta Molina	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Veronica Santiago Leanne Alderson	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Luisa Fletcher Kyanjes Kajnar	
CHURCH CLEANERS No Church Cleaning			FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulias ALTAR LINEN: Lina Scicluna PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Doris Cauchi	

11th & 12th August 2018
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9.00 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Dudi Nicart	Marissa Medilo	
HOSPITALITY	Joe Caruana Jane Caruana Charlie Grech	Anna Cassar Andrew Cassar Maryann Psalia	Evelina Tumiauga Dolly Zipagan	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jonathan Magtalas	Christian Dizon	Leanne Alderson	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1st Response 2nd Intercessions	Karen Colaco Choir Connie Attard Henry Dunn	Glenda Macapolo Isabela Macapolo Marc Dicconson Colleen Wolfe	Emmanuelle Brizuela Choir Cleo Oliveria Evelyn Tuimauga	
Emergencies	John Borja	Minh-Tam Pham	Jane Inot	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea George Borg Jacob Magtalas Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Aimere manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Alexander Rayappu Alexstephen Alexander Cristina Paulino David Trinh Diana Bellina George Paul Isabella Abrigo Jomar Magnaye	Lorenz Rena Patelesio Valeliano Paul Bossini Queentexan Alexander Rachitha Antony Veronica Balinakandi Euphemia Kollie
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Emergencies:	Lina Sylvester	Eve Balfour	Teddy Bernardo	Teresita Lim
SACRISTY DUTY	Tony Zahra	Pauline Debrincat	Teresita Villar	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Henry Dunn	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Noelyn Fitzgerald Erato Muscat	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Alexander Rayappu	
CHURCH CLEANERS Saturday 11th August Alexander Rayappu Winston Fernando Geraldo D'Silva Jol Magot Leslie Lopez San Aue Vincenza Cauchi Danilo Wico Marciano De Jesus	Catherine Muscat Nyanrob Mawn Samantha Rosair	BAPTISM MEETING Saturday 11th August Aurora Asuncion Fely Baltazar Susan Mosero Josie Chircop	FLOWERS: Julianna Tusa ALTAR LINEN: Helen Muscat PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall	

18th & 19th August 2018
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Remy Libang	Marques Navarro	
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia Amelia Bonavia Grace Eppingstall Anna Wright	Mary Gatt Nella Rajamanijum	Richard Marshall Brenda Shafton Naveen Andrade	
DATA PROJECTOR	Isabella Portelli	Sebastian Brizuela	Oliver Zipagan	
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Emergencies	Henry Dunn	Elizabeth Osegueda	Yvonne Utoasega	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
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Emergencies:	Martess Borg	Rosemarie Balfour	Margaret Vilardo	Lilian Libang
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra	Dudi Nicart	Aurora Asuncion Emilia De Bono	
COFFEE MAKERS	No Coffee	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Daisy Bunag Mario Debono Juliet Garcellano	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	No Coffee	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Zeny Vella Emelia Debono Arthur Garcellano	
CHURCH CLEANERS NO ROSTER			FLOWERS: Maria Dinh ALTAR LINEN: Rahab Chege PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Daniella Gozun	

25th & 26th August 2018
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 PM	9 AM	10.30 AM	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulias	Vilinda Rebutillo	Aurora Asuncion	
HOSPITALITY	Melanie Apap Mary Ngoma	Rianne Brizuela Rotcer Brizuela Emmanuelle Brizuela Sebastian Brizuela	Daniella Carapellotti Kathy Fatone Mark Gatt Pricness Dorbon Delvana Subah	
DATA PROJECTOR	Johann Noronha	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Jomar Inot	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Oliver Zipagan	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Marlene Axiak Geraldine Holt Max Michel Maria Mai	Elizabeth Michaelson Oliver D'Souza Teresa The Rianne Brizuela	Owen D'Cruze Maryanne Magnaye Yvonne Du'Pratt Paula Prosia	
Emergencies	John Borja	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Zita Alderson	
COLLECTORS	Anthony Ferraro Isabella Portelli Jacob Galea Lachlan Colaco Mary Ngoma Paul D'Rozario Shanal Perera Geisel Aceiton	Frank Gatt Aimeree manabat Louis Manabat Oliver D'Souza Sherlina Vasquez Emmanuel Galea Ian Mc Donald Rosemarie Balfour	Alexander Rayappu Alextephen Alexander Cristina Paulino David Trinh Diana Bellina George Paul Isabella Abrigo Jomar Magnaye	Lorenz Rena Patelesio Valeliano Paul Bossini Queentexan Alexander Rachitha Antony Veronica Balinakandi Euphemia Kollie
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Emergencies:	Henry Dunn	Maryann Psalia	Natalie Anderson	Owen D'Cruze
SACRISTY DUTY	Adelina Borja	Remy Libang	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	Marlene Camenzuli Louis Camenzuli	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Mary Rulla Katrina Abagatnan	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Mary Ngoma Fely Baltazar Martine Grech	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Zenaida Magtoto Jane Inot	
CHURCH CLEANERS No Cleaners		FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulias ALTAR LINEN: Joyce Zahra PARISH OFFICE CLEANING: Doris Cauchi		

1st & 2nd September 2018
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Pauline Debrincat	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Dominic Boland Maryann Krsteski	Margaret Vella Mario Vella Vilinda Rebusillo	Christine Perram Helen Visperas Nyanrob Mawn	
DATA PROJECTOR	Marcus Dunn	Daniel D'Souza	Alicia Joseph	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	N/A	Calvin Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Gillian Rodrigues Trinh Doung Connie Attard Jonathan Magtalas	Dudi Nicart Kathy Wale Nadia Young Remy Libang	Teresita Lim Alicia Joseph Sacreana Ulugia – Sa'ena Atalina Ulugia – Sa'ena	
Emergencies	Judith Makripoulis	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Tony Tuimauga	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea George Borg Jacob Magtalas Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
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Emergencies:	Lina Sylvester	Kathy Wale	Evelina Tuimauga	Imeleta Filimoeatu
SACRISTY DUTY	Patricia Marek	Rianne Brizuela	Dolly Zipagan Marta Molina	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Henry Dunn	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Veronica Santiago Leanne Alderson	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Noelyn Fitzgerald Erato Muscat	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Luisa Fletcher Kyanjes Kajnar	
CHURCH CLEANERS Friday 31st August Tony Zahra Joyce Zahra Kim Nguyen Mary Zahra Olga Hughes Barbara Dabadie			FLOWERS: Julianna Tusa ALTAR LINEN: Spira Attard PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall	

August 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Communion Service 9.30am Parish Meeting 7.15pm	2 RE Level 4 @ 4pm Mass 7.00pm	3 Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm	4 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm	5 18 th Sunday in Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Celebration 12.15pm
6 Office Meeting Mass 6.00pm RCIA 7pm	7 Fr Gerard-Port Philip Prison Communion Service 9.30am Confirmation Parent Workshop 7pm (RE & School Parents)	8 St Mary of the Cross Communion Service 9.30am	9 RE Level 3 @ 4pm Mass 7.00pm	10 Saint Lawrence Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm	11 Reconciliation 9.30am Baptism Meeting @ 10.30am Mass 6.00pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">2nd Collection ~ Catholic Care Grade 6 Commitment Mass</div>	12 19 th Sunday in Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am
13 Gerard Away	14 Gerard Away Communion Service 9.30am	15 The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Evening Mass 7pm	16 RE Level 1 @ 4pm	17 Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm	18 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm Maltese Celebration at Mass <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Grade 6 Commitment Mass</div>	19 20 th Sunday in Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am
20 Mass 6.00pm RCIA 7pm	21 Mass 9.30am 55 Plus Movie	22 Communion Service 9.30am	23 Confirmation Day Reflection Day Mass 7.00pm	24 Saint Bartholomew Mass 8.30am Station of the Cross 9.00am RCIC 4.30pm	25 Parish Office Closed No Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm	26 21 st Sunday in Ord Time Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Welcome Mass 10.30am
27 Mass 6.00pm	28 Mass 9.30am	29 Communion Service 9.30am	30 RE Confirmation Practice 4pm Mass 7.00pm	31 Mass 8.30am – Fathers day Mass Station of the Cross 9.00am Confirmation Celebration 7pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">2nd Collection ~ Church Repairs</div>		



Reading 1

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?"

for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Reading 2

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:

I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him,

"Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Reflection
A day at a time

God provided a mysterious food called manna for Israelites during their time in the desert. However, they were told not to stockpile the manna, but to gather only what they needed for one day. Jesus told his disciples not to worry about tomorrow. He said, when you pray for your heavenly Father, you are to say, "Give us this day our daily bread". No matter how difficult life may be, for those who live a day at a time, the manna falls every day.

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