



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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17th MARCH 2019

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ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Parish Office Hours:

Mon 9.00am-4.00pm Tue 1.00pm-5.00pm

Wed—Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
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Natalie Howard	0410 478 046
Rose Ma'ae	0431 386 473
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
Shane Cook	0419 999 052
Peter Farren	0418 594 501
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Moira Ross	0400 675 056
Emillio Scalzo	5366 5800
James Waters	0403 822 795

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Emilio Scalzo

CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)

Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

Please contact Judy Johnson for any Parish news you would like published in the Newsletter

Articles must be received by midday Tuesdays. Email: judyparishnews@gmail.com

For urgent matters only please call on 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 18th March - 24th March

Monday: 7.30pm Fr Peter
Tuesday morning: 9.15am Fr. Peter
Tuesday evening: 6.30pm FFS

Novena to St. Anthony starts after Mass for 13 weeks ending on Our Parish Feast Day, June 13.

Wednesday: 9.15am FFS
Thursday: 9.15am Fr. Peter
Friday: 9.15am FJP

Stations of the Cross 2..00pm
 Adoration and Confession 6.00pm
 Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm FFS
Sunday: 8.30am FPB
 10.30am FJP

Sunday evening: 5.00pm
 Lenten Talks on prayer by Father Fabian. All welcome.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.
Friday April 12th: 6 - 8.30pm. 3 priests available

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

30 min. before and 30 min. after every weekday Mass.

CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 18th March - 24th March

All weekday Masses (except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel

Monday : No Mass
Tuesday 5.30pm FJP
Wednesday : 9.30am FPB
Thursday : 9.30am FJP
Friday : 9.30am FPB
Saturday Vigil : 5:00pm FJP
Sunday : 8:30am FFS
 10.00am FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.

Tuesday 9th April: 5 - 6.30pm. 3 priests available

ROSARY:

Prayed every Monday at 7.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour.

Rosary is also held on the first Friday of the month following morning mass.

Next Date : **Friday 5th April**

ADORATION:

30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

PROVIDENCE MASS

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **Friday 12th April**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

The next seniors monthly Mass is due for 19th April which is Good Friday. **As there can be no mass on Good Friday the April Mass has been cancelled.** A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to come along and join with the seniors in celebration of the Eucharist on **Friday May 17th.**



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIMES :

Saturday: 6.30pm Mass FPB

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PROJECT COMPASSION

**2nd Sunday of Lent
17th March 2019**



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL PARISH VISIT

Bishop Mark will be visiting the Parishes of St Anthony's and St Bernard's in the coming weeks. He will be celebrating Masses on the weekends he is visiting and will also visit the Parishes during the week. He will meet with Parishioners, Parish Council Members, School Staff and Parish Office Staff. We look forward to Bishop Mark's visit.

St Anthony's Visit: The weekend 30th /31st March and Tue/Wed 2nd/3rd April.

St Bernard's Visit: The weekend 6th/7th April and Thu/Fri 4th/5th April.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Sunday 17th March 2019 Josefina Maria's Two Hearts Eucharistic Chapel 274 La Cote Road, Greendale, Vic 3341

1:30pm: Holy Rosary Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena to Saint Joseph **2:00pm:** Holy Mass Followed by: Afternoon tea in the adjoining Saint Joseph's Hall Cost: Free Main Celebrant: Rev. Father Joseph Panackal IV Dei For further details, please contact us on: Mobile: 0425 882 470 or 0415 806 217 or Email:

twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH BINGO

St Anthony's Parish has Bingo every Tuesday evening! We have 3 sessions per evening with a cost of \$9 a set (45 games) which is very reasonable.

Finish time is 9.45pm. Bingo supports St Anthony's Parish financially so come and have a great social evening and win some money as well! Coffee and tea are provided and there are canteen services available. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Bingo also needs volunteers to help out 2 evenings a month. Please call Rose on 0431 386 473 if you can help.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office hours will be back to normal this week.

Monday	9.00am - 12.30pm & 1.15pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday	1.00pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday	9.00am - 12.30pm & 1.15pm - 4.00pm

EASTER LITURGY TIMETABLE

Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday - Gather in Hall before Mass for the Blessing of the Palms

Monday 15th April 7.30pm Mass

Tuesday 16th April No morning Mass
 Chrim Mass at St Patricks Cathedral East Melbourne. All welcome
 6.30pm Mass

Wednesday 17th April 9.15am Mass

Thursday 18th April Holy Thursday
 No morning Mass
 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's

Last Supper followed by Night Prayer

Friday 19th April Good Friday
 10.00am Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord
 7.00pm Veneration of the Cross
 7.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church

Saturday 20th April 8.00pm Vigil Mass
 Please gather at rear of Church For the Service of Light.

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday
 8.30am Mass
 10.30am Mass

ST BERNARD'S

LENTEN PRAYER

A time of Prayer and Gospel reflection at St Joseph's Convent, 68 Lerderberg St Bacchus Marsh
 On Wednesdays of Lent at 10.30am – 11.30 am.

Bookings essential: 5367 2078

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

The Josephite Associates next meeting will be held on Sunday March 24 @ 2pm at the Josephite Convent in Bacchus Marsh. All are welcome.

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Last Supper followed by Night Prayer .

Friday 19th April Good Friday
 11.00am Ecumenical Way of the Cross.

A re-enactment of Christ's Passion & Death by way of a street-side procession starting in the Foodworks carpark.
 3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord

Saturday 20th April 7.30pm Vigil Mass
 Please gather in Church carpark For the Service of Light.

Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday
 8.30am Mass
 10.00am Mass

KOROBET 8.30am Mass

WORSHIP NEWS

ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 23rd & 24th March

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Pat Fernandez
8.30am: Villy Julita
10.30am: Rose Ma'ae

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Lorraine Tellis (P) & Philip Anyayahan
8.30am : Ron Howard (P), Geoff Sutton & Ineke Allen
10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & Aloysious Dacunha

If you are unavailable for these dates please contact the emergency minister on the roster. Thank you.

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Dolores Turcsan & Godwin Barton
8.30am: Lina Calleja & Ken Dumandan
10.30am: Leonia Jessop & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Jonathan Dacunha & Mason Azzopardi
8.30am: Rhys Tuala & Andre Oqueli
10.30am: Nick Taunuu & Ethan Porter

If you are unavailable please contact
Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Wilfredo Baguio.

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Josephine Buttigieg, Charles Depares,
Charles Giordmaina, Paola Giordmamanja & Bill Ryan.

Please pray for the Sick: Michael Wright,
Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana,
Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro,
Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne,
Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts,
Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Clint Abela Wadge,
& John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in his everlasting wings;
Carried and kept safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ be
with you.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 23rd & 24th March

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Vicki Benson
8.30am: Moira Ross & Marj Tung
10.00am: Sr. Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Colin Remedios
8.30am: Brendan Harrison
10.00am: **Volunteer Please**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

March: Diane Corro

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm: If any Altar Servers are attending Mass
8.30am: could you please volunteer if you are early.
10.00am: It would be greatly appreciated.

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

SPIRIT OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11years+ When: Every Thursday
fortnight (starting 28th Feb) 7.00pm-9.00pm

Where: Two Hearts Centre, 274 La Cote Road, Greendale

Contact: Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or

Email : twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

Website: www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com

'Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the
Most Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts'

We pray for the recent death of:

Alan McHugh

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Bob Carr, Cristina Kingcott, Ronald Lebner, Joan Shanahan,
Peter Ward, and Bernard Wilkie.

Please pray for the Sick:

Terry Sims, Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett,
Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, John Canty,
Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally,
Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans,
Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea,
Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison,
Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn,
Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Marie Maloney,
Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Maryo, Pauline
McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Danny McRae, Marcus Meno,
Paul Mullin, Kevin O'Gorman, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson,
Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts,
Ken Shaw, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist,
Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum,
Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Carol Wells,
Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek,
Betty Young & Hannah Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 23rd & 24th March

PIETY STALLS VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Anne Peramuna
8.30am: Judy Johnson
10.30am: Kim Barton

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **30th & 31st March**
(Bishop Mark's visit)



5.30pm:
8.30am: To Be Advised
10.30am:

CHURCH FLOWERS

Doris Bonello & Josephine German



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY QUADRANT

Volunteers are required for the following groups:
Piety Stall & Social Committee.

Contact:

Natalie Howard	0410 478 046,
Amy Honrade	0457 042 695
Lillian Christian	0400 441 257

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.00am.

New members most welcome, training provided.

Non perishable items within the use by date can be left in the 'drop box' at the back of the Church. Thank you.

COMBINED CHURCHES CARING MELTON INC

CCCM's aim is to supply free food to help people in our local community in need and walk alongside them to reduce dependency through friendship and education.

Address: 100 Coburn Road Melton South 9747 6811

Hours: Mon- Thurs: 10.00am-3.00pm

Friday: 10.00am-12.15pm

School Holidays: 10.00am-12.30pm

PRIME TIMERS NEXT OUTING

Melton Botanic Gardens for a BYO picnic lunch in the Gazebo Tuesday 26th March at 12 o'clock.

Please contact John or Lois Brewis on 9743 6582 for any information.



ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 23rd & 24th March

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Carmel Shea
Sunday: Jan Farmelo

We are looking for Piety Stall volunteers! Your commitment would be 30 minutes every 5 weeks. If you can help please call Margot 0419 507 438. You will need to produce a Working With Children Check or show that one is in progress. Thank you.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Host: Rosary & Prayer Group - Contact: Colm Carragher
Date: 7th April (First Sunday of Month after 10.00am Mass)

CHURCH FLOWERS

Bernadette Kearney

COUNTING TEAM # 2

John Tung
Lucille Wheelahan
Jennifer Taylor

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (March)

Front Garden:	Stuart Robertson
Back/Side Garden:	Volunteer Please
Parish Centre:	Ron Geurts
Carpark/Pines:	Ron Geurts
Back Paddock:	Colm Carragher

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre
Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@inet.net.au

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon-Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

NOTICES FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Do you have a notice for an event that is appropriate for our Parish Newsletter and relevant to our Parish Community? Why don't you email it to us at: judyparishnews@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 28th March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **7th April (No Baptisms on 21st April– Easter Sunday)**

See details on Parish Homepage as listed on front page and download forms. Forms are also available from the Parish Office or from the Sacristy after Mass from Father. Both parents are required to attend these meetings. We kindly request adults only and a copy of the birth certificate.

Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph .

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held during Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY: 1st Sunday of the month at 3pm .

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Paul & Sonia Zarb 0477 813 272**

Group 2: **Sr Therese Dagge 0418 480 880**

Group 3: **Indika & Mangala Silva 0410 677 692**



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 11:15am.

Next program: **Sunday 24th March**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **7th April (No Baptisms on 21st April– Easter Sunday)**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh. Bring completed Registration Form with a copy of Birth Certificate to the program. Please note: Both parents are required to attend the program. Contact Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick, Fr Joseph or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Kate & Danny

ADULT PREPARATION for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are through the R.C.I.A Program. Please see Fr Fabian, Fr Patrick or Fr Joseph.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Is held every Sunday during 10.00am Mass in the meeting room in the Parish Centre.

CONVERSION: FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

Join us for our Lenten journey of study, discussion and fellowship. Dates: Tuesdays March 19, 26 and April 2. Times: Following the 5.30pm Mass; 6-7.30pm
Location: Parish Hall, St Bernard's, Bacchus Marsh
More info: Sister Mary Sarah @ melbourne@op-tn.org



PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14*

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.



SECOND READING :

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk 13:1-9

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XV

PASSING ON THE FAITH

First and foremost, success in transmitting faith to children, or to anyone, is dependent upon the level of faith of those transmitting it. Parents need to be encouraged in their role as primary educators of their children, especially in the area of catechetics. In this day and age, parents are accustomed to allowing others to take over their responsibilities. No one can explain the Catholic Faith to children as well as their parents can—by living it, loving it and by being particularly zealous.

Don't be afraid to tell a two-year old or even a one-year-old that this is Jesus Whom mummy is receiving, and this is the same Jesus Who is on the cross. Never forget to mention the tremendous love He has for them.

A list of ideas to use to pass on the Faith:

1. Take children to daily Mass.
2. Prepare them daily to attend Mass by familiarising them with the readings before Mass and by explaining the different parts of the Mass and what they should be thinking.
3. Assign each child his or her own missalette which they carry to each Mass. For the younger children, use paper clips to help them turn to the right pages quickly. Also, write in these missalettes phrases such as, "O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine", at the bottom of the consecration page. Even younger children could use a picture missal so they might follow along with the Mass.
4. Read through the missalette with your children and explain prayers and responses.
5. Tell them how much Jesus loves them, especially when they try so hard to follow the Mass, and also how proud you are of them.
6. Don't bring toys to church because they may think it's time to play.
7. Be very firm but loving about the fact that this is Jesus' house and here we act differently than we do in any other place.
8. Take children to weekly confession with you and tell them how refreshing it is.
9. Encourage them to learn about the young saints who had devotion to the Eucharist, such as St Tarcisus and others.
10. Read, read, read to them about their Faith, especially about the saints. Our children love to have their father read to them about the saints in the evening. I firmly believe that this activity has played an extremely vital role in the development of our children's faith.
11. Family devotions are vital. Children need to see their parents pray, especially their father. An

examination of conscience for children is essential for family unity and training. This time can be very joyous as we all strive to do better together.

12. Get good materials for your children. Our Lady of the Rosary, Ignatius Press and Catholic Book Company are some excellent materials.

13. Speak often about how Catholic Christian children should act. Our seven-year-old said to me this summer that his swimming teacher was not Catholic. I told him: "That's too bad. Did she tell you that?" "No," he said, "She was wearing a swimsuit that showed her stomach, so she couldn't be Catholic."

14. Speak often about how unfortunate some of their friends are for not having the true Faith and how fortunate we are to have it. These can even be one-minute conversations.

15. Be aware of the liturgical year and talk to children about it. Emphasise special feast days and talk about what is coming up so they are ready.

16. Participate in Eucharistic Adoration, May Crownings, etc.

17. In a school or catechetical setting, use what I term "reaction logs". They are written at the end of a lesson and children may write any questions or concerns they didn't want to ask in public. This gives the teacher an idea of what is on the minds of the students and provides an ongoing conversation which provides more opportunities to catechise. The teacher can respond to the student on paper.

18. Recognise that children need heroes and provide good ones for them. Talk about your heroes and explain that you are reaching for a higher level of sanctity. There are saintly heroes but also present-day heroes, such as Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II, or perhaps a pious aunt, uncle, friend or parish priest. Encourage these individuals to come to dinner so that your children may get to know them. Have them come to your RE class.

19. Expect a lot of your children. Don't underestimate what they are capable of. They may surprise you. How is it that Maria Goretti, St Bernadette, Dominic Savio, Tarcisus and others can have such a simple faith, but truly deep love of Our Lord while our teenagers today somehow have not developed the capability to truly love Our Lord? I am convinced that many parents do not believe they have that capability. I believe, after some years of working with children of all ages, especially teenagers, that, given the knowledge, traditions and true heroes, the piety of our young people would put us to shame.