



St Anthony's Parish



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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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13th October 2019

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

Coordinator: Godwin Barton (0425 734 449)
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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 appointments with Father Fabian please call Judy on 0414 007 009

If you need a Priest in the case of an emergency please call 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 14th-20th October

Monday:	7.45am	FFS
Tuesday:	St Theresa of Jesus Memorial	
morning:	9.15am	FLM
evening:	6.30pm	FLM
Wednesday:	7.45am	FLM
	9.15am	FFS
Thursday:	St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial	
	7.45am	FPB
	9.15am	FLM
Friday:	St Luke Feast	
	9.15am	FLM
Saturday Vigil:	School Mass All Welcome	
	5.30pm	FFS
Sunday:	8.30am	FFS
	10.30am	FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and **before** and weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

No Adoration during the Church Renovations

CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Mass held on Fridays during school term.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm FLM

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 14th-20th October

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

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday:	St Theresa of Jesus Memorial	
	5.30pm	FPB
Wednesday :	9.30am	FPB
Thursday :	St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial	
	9.30am	FFS
Friday:	St Luke Feast	
	9.30am	FFS
Saturday Vigil :	5.00pm	FPB
Sunday :	8:30am	FPB
	10.00am	FPB

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.

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 1st November**

ADORATION: 30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday 10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 1st November**

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

Next Mass: **Friday 8th November**

SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors.

Next Senior's Mass: **Friday 18th October**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2019 A TIME TO PRAY: STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH,

33 Howard St, West Melbourne 6.30pm

<https://www.cam.org.au/youth/Get-Involved/>

Six30-Holy-Hour

- Six30 Holy Hour is a chance to pray and to meet other young people from around Melbourne while listening to beautiful music, insightful talks, and spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
- Syrian priest, Fr Zaher Mhanna, will lead the devotions and share his understanding of mission.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

RETREAT DATES -SAVE THE DATE

Men's Alive Retreat 23rd/24th November Women Retreat 23rd Nov Children's Retreat 23rd Nov Details to follow.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION- NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend our parishes will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the Eden Gardens Children's Home in Nagaland, north-eastern India. As an act of mission for October 2019, Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Missionary Month, you will be offered the opportunity to support this work – please come prepared to give generously.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

THANK YOU! To all our amazing Parishioners who helped us last Sunday pack up the Church in preparation for the internal renovation. Thank you and God Bless.

VOLUNTEER DETAILS Dear volunteers of our Parish. In order for us to be aware of all volunteers in this Parish or if we need to contact you for anything to do with your work here at St Anthony's Parish we need your contact details. Could all volunteers who haven't given the Parish Office your email address & mobile phone number please do so by email to meltonsouth@cam.org.au as most communications will soon be via text or email. If you don't have an email address, please ring through with your Mobile phone number to 9747 9692

PRIME TIMERS Our next outing will be to the Gamekeepers Inn, 1555 Melton Hwy, Rockbank. Tuesday 29th October 2019. Meet at 12 o'clock, lunch menu from \$16.90. There will be a guest speaker from Dogs for Diggers. RSVP by 25th October. Enquiries contact Ineke. 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

SR MARY MCARDLE RSJ.

We have recently received some sad news about Sr Mary McArdle RSJ. Sr, Mary died at Mary McKillop Aged Care in Hawthorn East. She lived and worked in St Anthony's Parish for twelve years and many parishioners would remember her well.

DONATIONS FOR HEATING AND COOLING FOR CHURCH

If you would like to make a direct online donation to the heating and cooling fund you can do so with the following details
Account Name: St Anthony's Parish Annual Appeals
Account No: 083347/025471925 Reference: 110116461. Thank You.

WEEK 1 – PROGRAM LAUNCH WEEKEND SATURDAY 12 AND SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Renewal Program. The Program invites all parishioners to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community – to consider how important St Anthony's is in our lives. Our Program Leadership Team comprises: Godwin Barton, Lillian Christian, Michael Higgins, Natalie Howard, and Julie Leota-Seiuli Seufata. At Mass this weekend we will be provided with details of the Program and the Program brochure will be distributed. We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on our website: stanthonysmeltonsouth.wordpress.com.

PARISHIONER FORUM All parishioners are warmly invited to a special forum to be held in **Padua Hall on Sunday 20th October after the 10.30am Mass**. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. This is a great opportunity for you to contribute to the discussion. Please mark this date in your calendar.

POPE FRANCIS SAYS *"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."* Evangelii Gaudium 114

Together we pray for the success of the Program:

ST BERNARD'S

SING AUSTRALIA BALLARAT

Come and enjoy this entertaining and joyous choir. Wed 23rd Oct, St Bernard's Parish Centre, 2pm, Adults \$10.00, Children, Concession, & Carers \$5.00, Tickets available at Holy Trinity Office 10.00am-12noon. Afternoon tea supplied.

PARISH PICNIC

St Bernard's Parish Picnic was held last weekend. Please visit our website to see some of the photos.

<http://pol.org.au/bacchusmarsh/Home.aspx>

KSC MEETING

Monday 14th October 2019 at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

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Stewardship Renewal Program Prayer

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**FAITH
ENGAGEMENT
COMMITMENT**



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 19th & 20th October MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Annonica Mavaega
10.30am: Rosabella Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Dolores Turcsan (P) & Philip Anyayahan
8.30am: Ineke Allen (P), Lois Brewis
& Geoff Sutton
10.30am: Sally Markulin (P) & Elaine Lacey

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Godwin Barton & Carmen Vella
8.30am: Godwin Barton & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Jedi Anyayahan
8.30am: Nixon, Thytus, & Aaron Ben
10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Nick Taunuu
If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased: Sr. Mary McArdle rsj

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Donald Abela, Cachia Family, Anthony D'Cruz,
Francis D'Cruz, Jorris D'Cruz, Philip D'Cruz,
Wilfredo de Guzman, Rick Galanti, Bridgit Gomez,
Joseph Gomez, Rosa Gomez, Giovanni Madafferi,
Michelina Madafferi, Rio Manion, Dalcy Silva,
Salvador Pereira & Tanti Family

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana,
Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen,
Brendan Michael, 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

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask
that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their
bodies. Calm their fears and let them
experience the healing power of your love.
Amen



ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 19th & 20th October MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Vikki Benson
8.30am: Moira Ross, Marj Tung
10.00am: Sr Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Stuart Robertson
8.30am: Brendan Harrison
10.00am: James Waters

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

October: Sr Ellie Taffe

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

ST BERNARD'S YOUTH GROUP

Growing in the Spirit of Faith, Friendship and Fun
Age group: 11-30yrs Where: St Bernard's Church chapel and
Parish Centre
61 Lerderberg Street, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340
When: Fortnightly, Thursday's 7:15pm - 9:15pm
Next Youth Group meet up: **24th October**
Email contact: saintbernardsyouthgroup@gmail.com

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Prayers in the
Church followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre.
Next meeting **24th October**.

We pray for the recently deceased:

Sr Mary McArdle rsj, and Dominic Morabita.

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Justin Callaway, Fr John Nagle, Tim Shea, John Trask, and
Betty Williams.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett,
Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, 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 John-
son David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney,
Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Maryo, Pauline
McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur
Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell
Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith,
Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung,
Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels,
Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils
Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young & Hannah Young.

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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 19th & 20th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Indika Silva

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: 26th & 27th October

5.30pm: Josephine Sultana & Carol Fonua
8.30am: Joyce Stelline & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Anne Nappi & Doris Bonello



CHURCH FLOWERS—Sept/Oct

Anna Taunuu & Roperta Mavaega



CLEANING ROSTER: Thursday

Lorelle Porter

Volunteers would be appreciated as well.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Welfare Number: 1800 305 330

The Melton South Conference meet every 3rd Tuesday morning in the Holy Family Room 10.30am.

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

God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our Churches; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow with Jesus Christ offering to you their gifts and talents.



Amen

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 19th & 20th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Trish Davine
Sunday: Margot Short

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Is held on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass.

Next Morning Tea: 3rd November

Host: Parents & Friends



CHURCH FLOWERS—October

Katie Lindorff



COUNTING TEAM #1

Allan Comrie

Jim Scott

Peter Mooney

Margot Short

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (October)

Front Garden: Colm Carragher

Back/Side Garden: John Tung

Parish Centre: **Volunteer Please**

Carpark/Pines: **Volunteer Please**

Back Paddock: Ron Geurts

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@iinet.net.au

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

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

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

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

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 24th Oct**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th Nov**

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 Lucas 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 Lucas .

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: **Lillian Christian** **0400 441 257**

Group 2: **Margaret Williams**

Group 3: **Helen Calleja** **0401 497 980**



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 27th October**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th November**

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 Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

COORDINATORS : Kate & Danny

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



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 PROCESSION

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 97

Comm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

All: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,

because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ex 17:8-13;

Second Reading: 2 Tim 3:14-4:2;

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8



The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XLV

Seven spiritual mistakes of “good Catholic parents”

Continued from last Sunday

5. Hypercriticism: It is hard to remain upbeat when living in a culture hostile to nearly everything we believe, and in a Church which too closely mirrors that culture. The Devil launches a gigantic wave of temptations against serious Catholics to be annoyed by every failing and to comment instantly on what is wrong (including in our kids).

One of my adult children mentioned that he was so used to hearing me criticise bishops that it took him a long time to enter into a proper relationship with the Catholic hierarchy. (Happily, I have another adult child who remembers that, after Mass one day, when the kids were commenting negatively on how the liturgy had been done, I pointed out that not one of us is worthy of even the most poorly said Mass.) Parents who constantly criticise everything, including their children and their children’s friends, cannot be surprised if their children run for cover as adults.

6. Confusion between tradition and Tradition: Serious Catholics tend to accept everything the Church teaches and try to live accordingly. While many of their neighbours confuse cultural platitudes with the Faith, these Catholics are more likely to confuse Catholic *traditions* with Catholic *Tradition*. For example, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven is part of Tradition (and therefore revealed), but the use of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite is not.

The unique particulars of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (which is celebrated in Latin) and even the use of Latin itself are simply human Catholic traditions. This does not mean it is wrong to have a preference for them—only that they are preferences. Parents who treat any human traditions as if they are Tradition run the risk of alienating their children from the Church when they realise that something inculcated as a matter of faith is not divinely ordained.

7. Emotional piety: The cases encompassed by item 6 are often occasioned by unrecognised emotional attachments. Just as our approach

to the Faith can be too narrowly focused on behaviours or doctrines as if they exhaust the divine mystery (see item 3), so too can our piety be too rooted in human emotion.

While this can affect us in all kinds of ways, a classic example is found in the charismatic experience, which tends to be emotionally stimulating, and can lead to a confusion between feelings and the action of the Holy Spirit. Parents run a risk when the experience of the Faith they offer their children is predominately emotional. Unlike reverence and the principles of faith and morals, emotions cannot be inculcated. No matter what the context, if emotions are at the core of religious commitment, children who do not experience these emotions will drift away as they mature.

This list will do little good for the majority of those who claim the Catholic name. Better indeed that they should fall into a few of these excesses than be lukewarm, proud of being in step with the larger culture, refusing to make the sacrifices to give their children a truly Catholic education, and failing to recognise that Catholicism must effect that revolution in all their affections that we call conversion. Such parents may well see these pitfalls as warnings against the very effort to acquire what St Francis de Sales calls “true devotion”.

No, this is for those who are consciously committed to raising children to be lifelong Catholics. I have tried to outline seven dangers frequently experienced by parents who take their Catholicism very seriously. For, serious as we may be, we are all still only “on the way”. We may be committed souls and committed parents, but we are as weak and fallible and sinful as anyone else who has received the treasure of the Faith with little gratitude.

Still, much has been given to us in our children, and so much is expected of us. Therefore, we must not fully trust our fallen nature. As parents, we must be trained and corrected through constant prayer, by the Church and by Christ Himself. And of course even after our children are grown—and even if they fall away—our prayers must never cease, nor our confidence that Christ and His Church will bring them safely home.