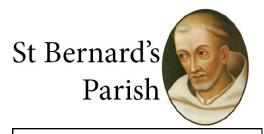


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21st April 2019

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MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES: 22nd April- 28th April

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday morning: No Mass

Tuesday evening: 6.30pm FPB

Week 6 Novena to St. Anthony

Wednesday: 9.15am FPB

Thursday: (ANZAC DAY) 8.00am FPB

Friday: 9.15am FPB

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm FFS

Sunday: 8.30am FFS

10.30am FFS

Divine Mercy Adoration 2.00pm

Divine Mercy Holy Mass 3.00pm FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.

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 and Friday

Thursday No Mass (ANZAC DAY)

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBEIT

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm FJP

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES: 22nd April—28th April

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

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday 5.30pm FPB

Wednesday: No Mass

Thursday: (ANZAC DAY) 9.00am FPB

Friday: No Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm FPB Sunday: 8:30am FPB

10.00am FJP

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 3rd May

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 10th May

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

<u>April Mass has been cancelled.</u> 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.**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!



Thank you for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2019 Lenten appeal.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's & St Bernard's

There is an age old saying that men get naughty at Four O Forty. Well I turned 40 on the 15th April. Since you keep me so busy and there is no way to be naughty I am hosting three parties to celebrate my 40th. **One** to celebrate with my family and friends and parish council members of both parish communities and two with all of you. The **second** party at **Padua Hall** at 6.30pm on **Saturday 27th April** (Dinner) at 67-75 Exford Road, Melton South and the **third** at **St Bernard's Parish Centre** (Morning Tea) after 10am Mass on **Sunday 28th April**. Please join me to celebrate this milestone. If you are able to attend the dinner at St Anthony's on Saturday 27th **or** the Morning Tea on Sunday 28th at St Bernard's please let me know by writing your name and number of attendees for either events on the clipboard at rear/foyer of the Church.

Many blessings

Fr Fabian

MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM OPEN DAY

The Mary MacKillop Museum at 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open Day on Saturday 4th May, from 10.00am-4.00pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11.00am including a visit to Mary's birth place. A special morning or afternoon tea is available between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2019- ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

2pm –3pm Adoration, Meditations, Confessions, Rosary

3pm, 3 O'clock Prayer and Chaplet followed by Benediction, Blessing of Images and Holy Mass.

Enquires Gordon—9747 8302 or 0402 021 435

ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S 2019 EASTER MESSAGE

Please visit this site for Archbishop Comensoli's 2019 Easter Message.

https://www.cam.org.au/easter-message

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH OFFICE HOURS- NEXT WEEK

Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday)- Closed Tuesday 23rd April—1.00pm-5.00pm Wednesday 24th April—9.00am-5.00pm Thursday 25th April (ANZAC Day)- Closed Friday 26th April—9.00am-400pm

THANK YOU - SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the Social Committee for raising \$431.00 with their sale of Easter Raffle tickets. Special thanks to all those who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the extension of the Church. The raffle will be drawn after the Easter Vigil.

EASTER FLOWERS

Last weekend we had a special collection for Easter Flowers. We collected \$550. Thank you for your generosity.

PRIME TIMERS

Our next outing will be on Tuesday 30th April to Soltan Pepper Restaurant 118 Main St. Romsey. If anyone needs a lift, please contact John or Lois 97436582.

ST BERNARD'S

PARISH OFICE HOURS- NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 23rd April—9.00am-1.00pm Wednesday 24th April—9.00am-1.00pm Thursday 25th April- (ANZAC Day) - Closed Friday 26th April—10.00am-3.00pm

EASTER MONDAY 22nd APRIL - 10:00AM MASS

St Malachy's Byres Road, Blackwood.

VINNIES' FASHION PARADE

Sunday 5th May 2019 at 4:00pm in Vinnies store,

8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Store will remain open after the show.

Tickets \$5 available after Mass with all proceeds going to SVDP and used for local community.

Tel: Vinnies store 8199 4205 or Snjezana 0455 112 540

Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's and St Bernard's

May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you new hope, and bless you with peace.

Father Fabian, Father Patrick & Father Joseph



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 27th & 28th April

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Stephen Fernandes8.30am: Dolores Turcsan10.30am: Volunteer Please

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis (P) & Gavin Pereira **8.30am:** Geoff Sutton (P), Lillian Christian &

Anthea Scerri

10.30am: John Scerri (P) & Elaine Lacey

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Pat Fernandez & Godwin Barton8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard10.30am: Leonia Jessop & Anthea Scerri

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 death anniversary at this time of:

Jennifer Barrow, Denis Castelino, George Firth, Josephine Pullicino & John David Schuler

Please pray for the Sick: Michael Wright,

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Margaret Hall, 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

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: 27th & 28th April

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Vikki Benson

8.30am: Moira Ross & Marj Tung

10.00am: Sr Mary Fermio

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Colin Remedios 8.30am: Volunteer Please 10.00am: Volunteer Please

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

April: John Thorne

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm: Vereker 8.30am: Shea Family 10.00am: Volunteer Please

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

SPIRIT OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11-30years When: Every Thursday fortnight, 7:15pm - 9:15pm (see website for details)

Where: <u>CHANGE OF LOCATION</u>: St. Bernard's Chapel and Parish Hall (61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh) 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 death anniversary at this time of:

Leslie Crowe, Bob McGregor & Theo van Alkemade.

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, 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: 27th & 28th April

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

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



CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: 27th & 28th April

5.30pm: Josephine Sultana & Carol Fonua Geoff Sutton & Skye James 8.30am: 10.30am: Anne Nappi & Doris Bonello

CHURCH FLOWERS—APRIL

Ana Taunuu & Roperta Mavaega



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 10.00am-12.15pm Friday: School Holidays: 10.00am—12.30pm

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 27th & 28th April

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Jan Farmelo Sunday: Carmel Shea

MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

Next Morning Tea: 5th May 2019 Host: St Vincent de Paul Society



CHURCH FLOWERS

Volunteers Please-Roster Pending

COUNTING TEAM #6

Jill Geurts Ron Geurts Michael Larkin



PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (April)

Front Garden: **Volunteer Please** Back/Side Garden: **Volunteer Please**

Parish Centre: John Tuna Carpark/Pines: John Tung 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.

(No Preparation on ANZAC Day)

Next preparation: Thursday 2nd May

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the

month: 5th & 19th May

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

<u>ADULT PREPARATION</u> 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: Barry & Rossana Melder 9743 5063

Group 2: **Gregory McCutcheon** 0455 457 645 Group 3: **Michael & Monica Kratochvil 0438 765 776**



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 28th April**Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd
Sunday of the month: **5th & 19th May**

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: Justin & Katie

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.

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 - EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117

Comm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

<u>All:</u> This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

<u>All:</u> This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 5:6-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple, to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead. The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

<u>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 2nd Sunday of Easter</u> Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16; Second Reading: Apoc 1:9-13, 17

-19;

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XX

Discipline: What works and why III

Smart parents—those who live that affectionate assertiveness described on the two previous Sunday bulletins—work with each other to plan out different lessons of responsibility (that is, punishments) in response to their children's varying types of misbehaviour.

This is important. The more carefully these responses are thought out beforehand, and thus made routine in family life, the calmer and more consistent both parents can be in handling their kids' provocations.

This rational structure avoids, or at least minimises, the problem that can be seen in many ineffective families, especially when dealing with teenagers: impromptu punishments imposed in anger, often harsh and extreme, and resented as unfair. Remember, you can be tough with normal children and quite effective with them if, and only if, they perceive that you are trying to be fair.

Here is a rational structure for imposing memorable correction on the kids. It is based on a sound principle from military history: Those generals who chose their battlegrounds ahead of time usually managed to win–Hannibal at Cannae, Wellington at Waterloo, Eisenhower at Normandy.

Choose your battleground. Don't scatter your resources trying to correct the kids every single time they do wrong. If you try this, you will soon need a straitjacket. Instead, establish three levels of misbehaviour, each calling for a proportionately heavy response. In rising order of seriousness, these are:

First, misdemeanours. These are minor infractions, just kiddish misdeeds arising from childish inexperience, thoughtlessness, impulsiveness—such as tracking mud through the house, noisy rough-housing, throwing missiles indoors, forgetting (that is, honestly forgetting) to do chores, failing to put things away. A lot of these habits the kids will outgrow anyway.

These misdeeds call for a quick but low-level response, or sometimes just letting the matter go. It is like the quality control system in a factory: try to catch a sample every few times. You don't need to correct minor goofs every single time, and you might go crazy if you tried.

Second, serious infractions. These are acts where children infringe on the rights of others, especially siblings: name-calling, property without permission, physical aggression, refusing to give or accept apology, using profanity. Though you can occasionally overlook the misdemeanours mentioned above, you must correct these serious lapses of justice and charity practically every single time.

Never forget, every time you correct your children's injustices, their infringements on the rights of others, you are forming their lifelong conscience. You are preparing them for the way they will later treat their spouse, children, and professional colleagues.

Third, **felony infractions**. These are serious matters that endanger your children's welfare, either now or later in life, and they call for the severest punishment every single time. For the youngest children, this category includes whatever physically endangers them now: playing with fire, wandering into the street, poking metal objects into electrical outlets. Punishment must be swift and memorable.

But equally important are those wrongdoings that threaten children's welfare later on as adults—those acts that imperil their basic concepts of respect for rightful authority and the importance of personal integrity. You must impose swift, serious punishment every time your children do the following:

- Show disrespect for you personally: call you names, try to strike you, raise their voice in anger at you, say that they "hate" you.
- Attempt to defy your authority: say "no" or otherwise refuse to comply with your direction, or deliberately "forget" to do so. This pertains even in relatively minor matters, especially after you've given warning. If you direct your child to clean up a mess of his and he refuses or just walks away, then the issue becomes one of authority, not just clean-up. You must not permit him to get away with this defiance.
- Deliberately lie to you, especially after being put on their honour to tell the truth.

These three areas are vitally important for your children's welfare. Everything you have to teach your kids depends on their respect for you and for your authority and for their own word of honour. If you lose this, you lose them.

By James B. Stenson. ParentLeadership.com