



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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22nd September 2019

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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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 : 23rd-29th September

Monday:	St Pius of Pietrelcina	7.45am	No Mass
Tuesday:			
morning:		9.15am	FLM
evening:		6.30pm	FLM
Wednesday:		7.45am	No Mass
		9.15am	FFS
Thursday:		7.45am	No Mass
		9.15am	FLM
Friday:	St Vincent de Paul Memorial		
		9.15am	FFS
Saturday Vigil:		5.30pm	FPB
Sunday:		8.30am	FPB
		10.30am	FPB

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

Mass held on Fridays during school term.
(No Mass during school holidays)



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 23rd-29th September

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

Monday :	St Pius of Pietrelcina	No Mass	
Tuesday:		5.30pm	FFS
Wednesday :		9.30am	FLM
Thursday :		9.30am	FFS
Friday:	St Vincent de Paul Memorial		
		9.30am	FLM
Saturday Vigil :		5.00pm	FFS
Sunday :		8:30am	FLM
		10.00am	FFS

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 4th October**

ADORATION: 30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday 10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 4th October**

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

Next Mass: **Friday 11th October**

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**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBEIT

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil:	6.30pm	FFS
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: ' Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world , but active citizens shaping it.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website

(www.socialjustice.catholice.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at:

Bit.ly/socialjusticeshop Follow us on Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC or Twitter: @ JusticeCatholic

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

OLIVE WOOD PIETY STALL

The stall will be held at St Anthony's on the 21st/22nd September and at St Bernard's on the 28th/29th September.

ARE YOU FLUENT IN ITALIAN?

We have an Italian gentleman in care in Melton South that does not speak English, who needs Communion taken to him or maybe a ride to Mass. Can you help? If so please ring Lesley at the St Anthony's Parish Office on 9747 9692. Thank you.

GREAT OUTBACK BBQ-SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Frontier Services helps farmers and others living in isolated places who are doing it tough during the drought now affecting our Country. Please can you help them help the folk of the outback and all other farming communities? Everyone is invited. Come and help with your donations. Have a sausage (\$3) for lunch, lucky tickets for BBQ set and other gifts. Venue: St Andrews Uniting Church, Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE- PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Parishioners please note both St Anthony's and St Bernard's Parish Offices will be closed on the 27th September for the Grand Final Public Holiday.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

CATECHESSES OF THE NEO-CATECHUMENAL WAY

Catechesis for Adults and Youth Jesus Christ has an answer for the sufferings in your Life. In these talks we will announce the Good News of Jesus Christ Risen. Please join us as we explore our Baptism and grow in faith. Every Monday and Wednesday 7:30-8:30pm Beginning Monday 23rd September IN THE PADUA HALL for babysitting or transport please contact:

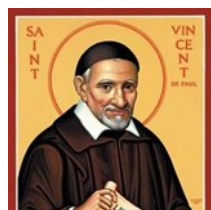
Jeremy 0416 052 018

PRIME TIMERS

Our next outing will be on WEDNESDAY 25th September for Mass with Fr Martin at St Ambrose Church Woodend. Mass at 11 am followed by lunch at the Victoria Hotel Woodend at 1 pm. RSVP Monday 23rd. Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

PARISH PICNIC- SAVE THE DATE

In the school grounds Sunday 10th November 11.30am -2.00pm
More details to follow.



QUOTES FROM St VINCENT de PAUL

27th September- Memorial

"We should spend as much time thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them."

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances."

"Go to the poor; you will find God."

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to Charity."

ST BERNARD'S

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 6th October from 11.00am at St. Bernard's' Primary School. Sausages and bread provided by St. Bernard's Parish. Please bring a salad and sweet to share. BYO plates, cups, cutlery, chairs, running shoes and competitive spirit. Races, games and great fun provided!



KSC RACING GAMES – Progress Scores

Game 1

Carmel Welsh – 54 points
Sharon Roberts – 48 points
Shirley Long – 45 points

Game 2

Bev Skinner – 54 points
Claire Young – 48 points
Lyn Shea – 47 points

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (Sept 12)

Matters discussed included:

Parish 'phone directory to be updated

Thanksgiving campaign: last three weekends in October: speakers at Masses and an Information night on Wed 16/10. Campaign funds to go to solving rising damp problems in church walls and renovating the Presbytery to Diocesan standards for parish priest accommodation

Parish Picnic; October 6th

Men Alive Weekend and Retreats: weekend of Christ the King

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Fr Fabian, late October

Trespass problems in church grounds now that gates are locked. Aggressive behavior experienced by clergy

Baptism Preparation to be revamped

School report tabled; enrolment numbers very satisfactory.

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 28th & 29th September MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Patrick Ilustrisimo
8.30am: Regina Traczynski
10.30am: Romeo Sacris

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Ann Tennakoon (P) & Gavin Pereira
8.30am: Edwina La Rose (P), Villy Julita
& Michael Higgins
10.30am: Doris Bonello (P) & George Bonello

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Stephen Fernandes & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Jedi Anyayahan & Mason Azzopardi
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 recent death at this time:

Mark Chiles

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Fay Blake, Angelo Borg, Leslie Butler, Emmanuel Caruana, Romuald Correa, Christopher John Doyle, Mavis Ferreira, John Galea, Greta Mascarenhas & Lavina Mascarenhas

Please pray for the Sick:

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)

ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 28th & 29th September MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Maureen Zahra
8.30am: Gerard Harrington & Jenny Hooper
10.00am: Cathy Belcher

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Mary Beaton
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi
10.00am: **Volunteer Please**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

September: Sr Mary Fermio

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Francis McGinchee, Joe O'Brien, & Gwen Tottle.

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 Johnson 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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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



SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 28th & 29th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Marthese Mercieca
8.30am: Chris Fitzgerald
10.30am: John Scerri

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **28th & 29th September**

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos & Gladys Clarke
8.30am: Sam & Pat Chiles
10.30am: Rose Ma'ae & Family



CHURCH FLOWERS—Sept/Oct

Anna Taunuu



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 : 28th & 29th September

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Sean Giani
Sunday: Marg Tung

MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

Next Morning Tea: **6th October**

Host: Parents & Friends



CHURCH FLOWERS—September

Francis McDaid



COUNTING TEAM # 8

Colm Carragher
Maggie Carragher
Jill Braithwaite
Marj Tung

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (September)

Front Garden: **Volunteer Please**

Back/Side Garden: **Volunteer Please**

Parish Centre: **Volunteer Please**

Carpark/Pines: Sean Giani

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@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 26th Sept**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **6th & 20th October**

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: **Theresa Anderson** 0402 820 118

Group 2: **Gordon & Gladys Clarke** 0402 021 435

Group 3: **Santos & Liz Schembri** 5367 1681



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 22nd September**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **6th & 20th October**

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 : 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 Lucas.

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 112

Comm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

All: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

All: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7;

Second Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16;

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XLII

Top 10 parenting tips derived from the 10 Commandments

Parents play a crucial role as lead characters in their children's real-life video, teaching by the words they choose, the actions they take, the expressions on their faces, the time they spend with family and the tone of voice they use.

In a busy, media-crazed world where children are exposed to a multitude of negative images, behaviours and peer pressures, many parents are in search of some guidelines to help them deal with the many challenges they face as they help their children grow as healthy Christian men and women.

The good news for Catholic parents is that they probably have already learned and have at their fingertips some valuable and useful guidelines. The Ten Commandments can serve Catholic parents as a useful reference and foundation for parenting and a reference of for trying to lead of a moral life themselves.

Listed below are questions associated with each of the Ten Commandments that may help parents take a quick inventory of their life behaviours and parenting patterns. The first question and answer for each Commandment lead to confirming positive lessons that can be taught to their children. The second question and answer regard the negative lesson that kids will learn when parents do not obey the Commandment in question.

1. "I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me."

Question for parents: Do I honestly have faith in God, and place him at the centre of my life? Lesson kids learn: Through words and actions, children can see what living a life looks like based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, and can learn how then to teach their own children. Children will also be able to feel the strength of their parents' faith.

Or: Question for parents: Are my priorities material things, alcohol, work or causes not related to God? Lesson kids learn: Don't place God first, instead strive to drive fancy sports cars, always win the game, and wear the trendiest clothes.

2. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Question for parents: Do I choose not to take the Lord's name in vain and not use offensive language? Lesson kids learn: Taking the Lord's name in vain, swearing and offensive language are not spoken in the home and are not acceptable behaviours.

Or: Question for parents: Do I use the Lord's name in vain for drama and use offensive language because other people use it in conversation and in the media? Lesson kids learn: It is acceptable to use the Lord's name in vain, as well as other offensive language.

3. "Remember to keep holy the Lord's day."

Question for parents: Do I attend Mass on the weekend, spend time in positive activities, take a rest and not obsess or work extra hours (not scheduled)? Lesson kids learn: Go to Mass once a week and make Sunday an extra special day by sharing the time and activities with family and friends.

Or: Question for parents: Do I miss Mass, work extra hours and not have a chance to share time with family or enjoy God's gifts, such as nature, family dinner, music or reading? Lesson kids learn: It is not necessary to go to Mass regularly or spend time with family on weekends, and it is acceptable to put make or personal activities priority on days off rather than spend time with the family.

4. "Honour your father and your mother."

Question for parents: Do I speak of and to my parents with respect, spend time with them and offer them help? Lesson kids learn: If they see your parents shown love and respect, they will learn how to do the same for you, and other people as well.

Or: Question for parents: Do I avoid speaking with my parents or visiting them, or say unkind things about them? Lesson kids learn: If children see that their own parents do not show respect, honesty and healthy communication patterns toward their parents, they will probably use the same negatives behaviours toward you and their grandparents.

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