



St Anthony's Parish



St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

27th October 2019

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Fabian Smith

ASSISTANT PRIESTS: Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint

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 Anthony's School Principal: Damien Schuster

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Website: www.crcmelton.com.au

ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:

Naim Chdid Fri 10.00am—3.00pm

Parish Office Hours: Tue –Fri 9.00am-1.00pm

Email: bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au

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St Bernard's School Principal: Emilio Scalzo

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

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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 0478 768 141

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 28th October– 3rd November

Monday: St Simon & St Jude Feast	7.45am	FLM
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FPB
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FLM
Wednesday:	7.45am	FLM
	9.15am	FLM
Thursday:	7.45am	FPB
	9.15am	FLM
Friday: All Saints Day	9.15am	FLM
1st Friday Devotions	7.30pm	FLM
	Midnight	FPB
Saturday: All Souls Day		
1st Saturday Devotions	9.15am	FLM
Saturday Vigil:		
	5.30pm	FLM
Sunday:	8.30am	FLM
	10.30am	FLM

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.



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 28th October– 3rd November

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

Monday : St Simon & St Jude Feast	No Mass	
Tuesday:	No Mass	
Wednesday :	No Mass	
Thursday :	9.30am	FPB
Friday: All Saints Day	9.30am	FPB
Saturday: All Souls Day	9.30am	FPB
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 15th November**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm FPB

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers end of November 2019.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

RETREAT DATES -SAVE THE DATE

Men's Alive Retreat 23rd/24th November, Women Retreat 23rd Nov and Children's Retreat 23rd Nov. Flyers will be available next weekend.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

PARISH PICNIC-SUNDAY 10th November Be sure to check it out 11.30 am to 2.00 pm .To be held on the school oval. BYO food and drink. We will be enjoying some fun with activities.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS MASSES

All Saints Day —Fri 1st Nov 9.15am & 7.30pm (1st Fri Devotion) All Souls Day -Sat 2nd November 9.15am Mass (1st Sat Devotion) 5.30pm Mass (you may bring a photo of your loved one)

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK As per previous years we have a clipboard for you to enter the names of your loved ones. It is at the rear of Padua Hall. It will be processed in at all Masses during November.

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS During the month of November, Masses are offered for the Holy Souls. If you wish to have your deceased loved ones remembered in Masses to be offered for the Holy Souls, please fill in the 'November Intentions Envelope' and specify which Mass on the 2nd weekend of November you would like their name to be announced. Envelopes can be found at the rear of the Church. The names will also be recorded in a Remembrance Book which will be placed at the altar for the month of November.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (for students who attend non-Catholic schools) To enrol your child in the program , please attend one of the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, during the first 3 Saturdays of November and speak to the Sacramental Coordinator after Mass. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment . EFTPOS is available.

WEEK 3 PROGRAM COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Renewal Program. We have recently reflected on the role of faith in our lives and the importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a *community* of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries. This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams. This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by: Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Renewal Program On Sunday Archpriest Michael Kalka JP (PP - Parish of Mary Help of Christians, Altona) will be encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome Stephen Littleton from Parish First P/L who will coordinate the distribution/completion/collection process at all Masses, with assistance from members of the Leadership Team. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

ST BERNARD'S

CHRISTMAS DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Would you like to help at the Christmas Day lunch for people who are on their own? If so, call Marion Ingram (0432 719 440) or Iris Blyth (0408 106 733). A meeting for volunteers is planned for Monday 11th November, 5.00pm in the hall at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Gisborne Rd.

FR PATRICK FAREWELL

Fr Patrick will be farewelled by the parish, in the Parish Centre, after the 10am Mass on Sunday November the 3rd. All invited.

PIETY STALL Christmas cards are available in the Piety Stall \$9 for a pack of 10. Also don't forget to purchase your Columban Calendar from the stall.

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THOUGHTS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Q: Why do you think it is important to support your Parish financially through our Parish Renewal Program?

"As parishioners we use the Parish, so bills need to be paid."

"To help the PP, especially to carry the load/stress together as a family to become a stronger community. Happy Priest=Beautiful Homily=Happy Parishioners=Happy Families=Fun Community." "Our Parish needs to grow and we can only do this through increasing our engagements."

"Make a commitment; feel part of the Parish – help it grow both spiritually and in community." "Allow programs to be run."

"Many of our parishes have buildings that were built many years ago and require significant maintenance. It's also important that we give to support the many welfare and community programs that we, as a Christian, should support."

"It is important to look after the Parish, for our Parish looks after our spirituality, so it's important for us to give back."

AS WE HEAR FROM ST PETER

"The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up." (1 Peter 2:5)

Together we pray the **PROGRAM RENEWAL PRAYER** for its success:

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

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 2nd & 3rd November MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Marian Muller
8.30am: Amy Honrade
10.30am: Karina Dunne

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira (P) & Ann Tennakoon
8.30am: Ron Howard (P), Sue Alexander
& Geoff Sutton
10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & Sally Markulin

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

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Godwin Barton & Josephine German
8.30am: Godwin Barton & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Leonia Jessop & Josephine German

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Mason Azzopardi
8.30am: Nixon, Thytus & Aaron Ben
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:
Ooi Mooi Lee & Neil Rowley

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, Peter Poole, 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: 2nd & 3rd November MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: John Thorne
8.30am: Carol Jones
10.00am: Diane Corro

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

November: John Thorne

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: **7th November**
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 **7th November**

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Kath Doran, Maree Larkin, Teresa Laszcz,
Veronica McGregor, Ingrid Middlemast, Joan Pickin,
Carmela Provenzano, John Schifferle, and James Wilkie.

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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SERVICE / COMMUNITY

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: 2nd & 3rd November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos
8.30am: Pat Chiles
10.30am: John Scerri

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **This Weekend:**

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 : 2nd & 3rd November

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Mandy Harrington
Sunday: Jan & Colm

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—November

Sisters of Love and Peace



COUNTING TEAM #3

Cheryl Rodgers
Lyn Shea
Graham Hooper
Michael Love
Sean Gian
Margaret Love

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (November)

Front Garden:	Stuart Robertson
Back/Side Garden:	Hugh Miller
Parish Centre:	Volunteer Please
Carpark/Pines:	Volunteer Please
Back Paddock:	Volunteer Please

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 28th Nov**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **1st & 15th Dec**

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: **Richard & Rosabella Tuala** 0422 390 617

Group 2: **Rudy & Carol Nalipay** 0401 875 410

Group 3: **Tony & Stella Cochrane** 9743 6340



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 November**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **1st & 15th Dec**

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 : Steve and Geraldine

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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a
poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 32

Comm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

All: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

All: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the
time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good
fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept
the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to
all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a
single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me
- may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood
by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole
message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and
so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue
me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone
else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a
Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there
and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am
not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and
particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast
twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to
heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to
me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights
with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

we will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wis 11:22-12:2;

Second Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2:2;

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10



The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XLVII

Boys will be boys, girls will be girls ... from birth

Even though I'm a psychologist who specialises in early education, it took having kids to make me realise that sex differences are real. One study found that when 18-month-old boys and girls were shown pictures of a doll and a vehicle, for example, most of the girls opted for the doll, while the majority of the boys chose the vehicle. The research suggests that many of the differences we see are evident from birth, and may even be hardwired.

To see what else I unearthed, read on. Do you recognise your little XY or XX babe in what the science says?

If you've got a James or Brian at home, you've probably already learned that boys love action — watching it and being a part of it (hint: stock up on Band-Aids!). But they're also more emotional than the stereotypes give them credit for. Here, some of the milestones and traits you can look forward to as your little man grows:

- ◆ They like motion. According to psychologists at the University of Cambridge in England, boys prefer to watch mechanical motion over human motion. When they gave 12-month-old boys the choice of looking at people talking or windshield wipers moving, you can guess which the tots picked. And it turns out that baby boys are more adept at keeping track of moving objects. Recent research shows that boys are about two months ahead of girls when it comes to figuring out the laws of motion (that if you roll a ball under a couch, say, it will take a few seconds to pop out on the other side).
- ◆ They've got the moves. Although girls talk first, boys are likely to start walking — and hit all the major motor milestones — around the same time as girls. It is easy to see how this misconception arose: Boys squirm, kick, and wriggle more than their female counterparts. To wit, according to new research, infant boys are more likely to end up in the ER for injuries. But all that activity does not pay off in meeting early childhood milestones any sooner. Boys' gross motor skills do take off, however, during the preschool years, at which point they outpace their female peers in most measures of physical ability.
- ◆ They're more emotional than you think. There is some evidence that boys tend to be more easily agitated than girls and have a harder time self-soothing. According to one study, even when six-month-old boys appeared as calm as the girls in the face of frustration, measures of heart rate and breathing suggested that they were actually experiencing greater distress.
- ◆ They love a crowd. Boys prefer looking at groups of faces (future teammates, perhaps?) rather than individual ones. In fact, given the choice, newborn boys would rather look at a mobile than a single face.

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- ◆ They are (comparatively) fearless. Boys express fear later than girls, and less often. According to a recent survey, the parents of boys ages three to 12 months were much less likely than the parents of girls the same age to report that their child startles in response to loud noises or stimuli. Another study revealed that when mums made a fearful face as their 12-month-olds approached a toy, the boys disregarded the mum and went for the toy anyway. Girls slowed their approach.

Raising a little lady? Then prepare to gab with your girl. Whether they're trying to maintain eye contact with you as newborns (research shows they do this more than infant boys) or saying their first words sooner, girls thrive on communicating with you. You can expect all or most of those characteristics to blossom in your baby girl:

- ◆ They're made to mimic. As early as three hours of age, girls excel at imitation, a precursor to back-and-forth interaction. In a study done last year, newborn girls did better than boys in trying to copy finger movements. As toddlers, girls zoom ahead of boys on imitative behaviours such as pretending to take care of a baby but, interestingly, are no different from little guys when it comes to pretending to drive a car or water the plants, actions that are much less about human interaction.
- ◆ They're good with their hands. Infant girls exceed boys when it comes to fine motor tasks, a head start that will stick with them until preschool. They're faster to manipulate toys; they use eating utensils sooner; and they write sooner, too.
- ◆ They may be better listeners. Research shows that girls are more attuned to the sound of human voices and seem to prefer the sound to other sounds. Shake a rattle and you'll see no difference between newborn girls and boys but, when you talk, the girls are more likely to be engaged.
- ◆ They like face time. Girls are more likely to establish and maintain eye contact, and are attracted to individual faces — especially women's. They are also more skilled at reading emotional expressions; if shown a frightening face, for example, they'll look at Mum or get distressed, but they'll be fine if they see a happy one. Boys take longer to notice the difference.
- ◆ They talk sooner. All that watching and listening pays off: girls start using gestures like pointing or waving bye-bye earlier than their brothers, and they play games like patty-cake sooner.

Girls understand what you're saying before boys do, start speaking earlier (at around 12 months versus 13 to 14 months for boys), and will continue to talk more through the toddler years. At 16 months, they produce as many as 100 words, while the average boy utters closer to 30. Although girls remain somewhat ahead through toddlerhood, the gap does begin to narrow, and at 2½, both boys and girls have 500 words, more or less.