



St Anthony's Parish



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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28th July 2019

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ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Lesley Morffew

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

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ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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EX-OFFICIO:	
Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal and Emilio Scalzo	

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 : 29th July- 4th August

Monday: St Martha Memorial	7.45am	FFS
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FJP
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FFS
Wednesday: St Ignatius of Loyola Memorial	7.45am	FJP
	9.15am	FFS
Thursday: St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial	7.45am	FFS
	9.15am	FJP
Friday: 1st Friday Devotions	9.15am 7.30pm Midnight	FJP FJP FFS
Saturday: St Dominic Memorial		
1st Saturday Devotions	9.15am	FJP
Saturday Vigil:	5.30pm	FJP
Sunday:	8.30am	FJP
	10.30am	FJP

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.



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 29th July-4th August

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

Monday : St Martha Memorial	No Mass	
Tuesday	5.30pm	FJP
Wednesday : St Ignatius of Loyola Memorial	9.30am	FJP
Thursday : St Alphonsus Liguori Memorial	9.30am	FFS
Friday:	9.30am	FFS
Saturday: St Dominic Memorial		
Saturday Vigil :	5.00pm	FFS
Sunday :	8:30am	FFS
	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 2nd August**

ADORATION: 30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday 10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 2nd August**

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

Next Mass: **Friday 9th August**

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 16th August**

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil:	6.30pm	FFS
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE

Celebrate the feast of Saint Mary MacKillop with a visit to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne on Saturday 3rd August between 10.00am & 4.00pm. See the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed as well as the Gift Shop and Refreshments area, where you can enjoy morning or afternoon tea or a light lunch. The popular Mary MacKillop 'Walking Tour' takes place at 11.00am. Entry is free and everyone welcome.

THE SECOND MARY GLOWREY LECTURE

Tuesday 27 August, 7pm, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

The 2019 Mary Glowrey Lecture, 'From Common Ground to Conscientious Objection: Catholic reflections on life and death in a context of state sponsored euthanasia', will be delivered by the Archbishop of Melbourne Peter A Comensoli. The lecture will be preceded by an introduction to the life and legacy of Mary Glowrey. The evening will conclude with music from the Choir of Newman College. All are welcome at this free public lecture. Refreshments to follow.

Details: maryglowreymuseum.info **RSVP:** maryglowreylecture@gmail.com or 9416 4674

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

An RCIA program will commence on Sunday 28th July at St Bernard's Parish Centre, 6pm. If you:

.. are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith,

.. wish to become a Catholic,

.. didn't receive all your sacraments as a child and you would like to receive them, and,

.. are interested in deepening your faith, the way you worship, and want to understand the fruits for Christian life required of a Catholic, then join us on this journey.

Please register your interest with the Parish Office.

TA PINU SHRINE (AUST)

The Ta Pinu Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive Merrimu (Bacchus Marsh), invites you to join The Most Rev. Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne in concelebration with other members of the Clergy for The Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday 17th August 2019

2.00pm Praise and Worship with Hymns 2.30pm Rosary Procession 3.00pm Holy Mass & Benediction

Visit www.tapinushrine-australia.org or call 5367 7006-Mob 0437 261 217 or 0412 360 231

A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO JERUSALEM WITH FR FABIAN SMITH

Dates : 20th Oct– 2 Nov 2019 Price: \$5690 per person. For further details contact Fr Fabian 0403 435 471.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2019 MELBOURNE PILGRIMAGE APPEAL—THIS WEEKEND

This is the Melbourne Pilgrimage Appeal Weekend at all parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It is in support of young Melbourne Catholics attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)- Australia's largest Catholic youth event—to be held in Perth from Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 December. Under the theme of "Listen to what the Spirit is saying", the Festival provides an important opportunity for young people to gather and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia. Youth engagement is a special priority of Archbishop Peter and a large group from Melbourne will attend. Sponsor sheets are available at the church entrance.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

ST VINCENTS de PAUL REGIONAL FESTIVAL MASS

The Melton South conference will be hosting the Annual Regional Festival Mass which will be held at St Anthony's Church 10.30am Sunday 4th August. Please join us after Mass for a social gathering in the Padua Hall. A clipboard is at the rear of the Church, kindly RSVP by the 27/7/19 to assist for catering purposes. All Welcome.

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS - LAST FIVE YEARS

The Parish would like new Parishioners who have joined St Anthony's Parish during the last five years to come together on this date - **Sunday, 25th August 11:30am in the Padua Hall**. Kindly save this date and place your name on the clipboard that is at the back of the Church, for catering purposes as a luncheon will be provided.

CUPPA WEEKEND

Please join us for a cuppa after all Masses this weekend.

ROCK AND ROLL DINNER DANCE -7TH SEPTEMBER

Save the date . Details to follow.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners, as we are coming up to a thanksgiving mail out, we would like to remind you to update your details if you have changed them in the last 12 months. Please phone or email the Parish Office with your details. Thank you and God Bless, Lesley.

ST BERNARD'S

TWO HEARTS PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday evenings 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Prayers in Church followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre.

Next date: **1st August**

CATHOLIC MUSEUM OPEN DAY

The Catholic Museum will be open at the old Convent on **Friday 9th August 2019** from 11:00am till 1:00pm. 88 Main Street West, Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh.

JOSEPITE ASSOCIATE

The Josepite Associate (Bacchus Marsh) group will be celebrating the feast day of Saint Mary of the cross Mackillop. It will be after a 10:30am Mass. Further details next week.

ST DOMINIC 3RD AUGUST MEMORIAL



A quote from St Dominic on austerity and charity :

"Arm yourself with prayer instead of a sword; be clothed with humility instead of fine raiment."

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 3rd & 4th August 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), Geoff Sutton
& **Volunteer Please**
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 & Carmen Vella
8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard
10.30am: Anthea Scerri & 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:

Angela Aquilina, Joseph Aquilina, Angelo Camilleri, Maria Camilleri, Camilleri Family, Cilia Family, Rose DeBono, Coral Mary Manuel, Patrick Portelli, Joseph Saliba, Jack Tolhurst, Michael Turcsan, Emanuel Vella & Charlie Zammit

Please pray for the Sick:

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: 3rd & 4th August 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

August: Mary Flanagan

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm: Roster Pending
8.30am: **Volunteers Please**
10.00am: Thank you

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 Where: St. Bernard's Chapel and Parish Hall 61 Lerderderg Street, Bacchus Marsh
Next Youth Group: **1st August**

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 recently deceased:

Peter Fernando

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Zvonko & Mary Benac, Tony Dickinson, Bronwyn Kays, Brook Lovell, Mark Sims, Evelyn & William Walsh & Helen & Noel Waters.

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, Marian Smith, Frank & Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung, Stephen Van Eede, 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: 3rd & 4th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

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



CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **24th & 25th August**

5.30pm: Marian Muller & Margaret Coghlan
8.30am: Edwina La Rose & Carol De Rocha
10.30am: Charlie & Lina Vassalo

CHURCH FLOWERS—August

Rosabella Tuala



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 10.30am.

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

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 3rd & 4th August

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Sean Giani
Sunday: Marj Tung

MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

Next Morning Tea: **4th August**

Host: Baptism Preparation Team



CHURCH FLOWERS

Tup Shea



COUNTING TEAM # 10

Kath Connell
Val Dickson
Michael Duffy
Mary Delahey

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (August)

Front Garden:	Volunteer Please
Back/Side Garden:	Volunteer Please
Parish Centre:	Ron Geurts
Carpark/Pines:	Ron Geurts
Back Paddock:	Henry Gasior

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 22nd Aug**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **1st & 15th September**

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

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

BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson

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

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

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

FATIMA STATUE

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

Group 1: **Wayne & Marian Muller** 0400 007 286

Group 2: **Kalolaine & Sam Foma** 0432 295 121

Group 3: **Anthony & Mary Saliba** 9746 1470



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 July**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd

Sunday of the month: **4th & 18th August**

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

COORDINATORS : Kate & Danny

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

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



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

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 137

Comm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

All: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

All: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23;

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5,9-11;

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XXXIV

Fathers and Parenting: Do Dads Matters to Toddlers?

According to a large-scale study conducted by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, Aussie dads are spending, on average, less than 30 minutes with their children one-on-one each day — and that includes weekends!

Toddlers need their dads, and research convincingly shows that they need them for more than 30 minutes a day!

What makes a dad so important to a toddler, and what does a dad do that a mum doesn't do? Researchers don't suggest specific things that dads do that mums don't. However, what they have shown is that having dad around and involved in both positive parenting and play with toddlers makes a huge difference in a toddler's childhood.

An active, present, and positive father has been shown to:

- Reduce behavioural problems in boys.
- Reduce psychological problems in girls.
- Reduce later criminal behaviour in children.
- Enhance intelligence, curiosity, reasoning, and language development.
- Decrease the incidence of children smoking (as teens).
- Help children develop better friendships and social skills.
- Help children have better marriages (at age 33) if their relationship with Dad was good at age 16.

This is only a brief snapshot of a handful of the positive behavioural aspects that are enhanced when dad is involved in parenting, rather than absent or merely a spectator. Kids are happier and they function better when they have their dad involved in their lives. The earlier the involvement begins, and the more constant the involvement remains, the better the children's outcomes.

If you are a couple with a toddler, or even an infant or a pre-schooler, now is the time to get dad involved as much as possible.

Here are some fatherly activities things that dads do to make sure that they are spending time with their toddler and building a real relationship.

One-on-one dad time

Make sure dad schedules some toddler time. Try and have this date each week (and don't let them watch movies! There's no communication when you

stare at a screen). Encourage dad to take your toddler to the local park or playground, go for ice-cream, walk on the beach, just go out and be together. (This can be important for kids whether they are aged two or 22!)

Make one night a family night

Encourage your child's father to set aside one night a week for family time. Make this night a special time where phone calls are ignored, television and internet are turned off, and the focus is entirely on your toddler and family. Use it as a time to talk about issues that your family needs to be concerned about, or that you want your children to learn about.

Read stories together

Toddlers love their dads reading stories to them. Get dad to read slowly, and ask questions about how the characters are feeling, or what your toddler would do in similar circumstances. This will turn father/toddler story time into a fun experience.

Develop a project together

A great way to boost daddy and toddler time is to do a craft or activity together, be it build a raft, a model, a dolls house, or a toy your child can play with, or something more simple. If dad isn't handy or crafty, your child will not mind. It will still be a great bonding and learning experience for both child and father.

Just be around and involved

If dad is simply "there" and available if needed, this can make a huge difference to your toddler's childhood. Fathers who are around may suddenly find themselves involved in a rowdy wrestle on the lounge room floor right before dinner, or helping patch up some hurt emotions.

Life as a parent is hectic, with priorities competing and demanding our attention. Dads are preoccupied with long work hours, pressures, and doing what they can to contribute to the family. Plus, most dads love a bit of time to tinker in the shed, or release some energy via sport. In the hustle and bustle, it can be easy to forget just how important they are in the lives of their children, and just how big the impact they have on their children is. Mums, remind them!