



St Anthony's Parish



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2nd Sunday of Easter– Divine Mercy Sunday

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28th April 2019

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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 BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

Admin Assistant: Judy Johnson

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

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal
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ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
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Peter Farren	0418 594 501
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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)

Officers: Aloysious Dacunha, Karina Dunne & Lorraine Tellis

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

For urgent matters only please call Fr Fabian on 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 29th April- 5th May

Monday:	No Mass	
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FJP
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FFS
Week 7 Novena to St. Anthony		
Wednesday:	9.15am	FFS
Thursday:	9.15am	FJP
Friday:	9.15am	FJP
1st Friday Devotion:	7.30pm	FJP
	12.00 midnight	FFS
1st Saturday Devotion:	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

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 29th April-5th May

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

Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday	5.30pm	FJP
Wednesday :	9.30am	FJP
Thursday :	9.30am	FFS
Friday:	9.30am	FFS
Saturday Vigil :	5.00pm	FFS
Sunday :	8:30am	FFS
	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 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

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.**



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS KOROBET

MASS TIME:

Saturday Vigil:	6.30pm	FPB
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you!



Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

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

CATHOLIC MUSEUM OF BACCHUS MARSH

Open Day: Sunday 28th April 2019 Time: 1-4pm Address: Convent Lane, Bacchus Marsh (opposite CFA Main St)

Entry: Gold Coin donation Presentation/Talk: 2.30pm

The presentation will be given by Mrs Carmel Shea, a distant relative of Australia's first Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

It will be held in the Museum which is housed in St Joseph's Oratory/Chapel.

Free parking available outside the Chapel.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE-MASS COUNTS

Parishioners and visitors to our Parishes please note, to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese a mass count will be held at all weekend Masses in May.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

SOCIAL COMMITTEE– EASTER RAFFLE

The Social Committee would like to advise the Easter Raffle was not drawn last Saturday, it will be drawn this Saturday after the evening Mass. Winners will be notified.

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 ANTHONY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Copies of the St Anthony's PPC Minutes dated 21st February 2019 are on display and are available for collection at the back of the Church.

CRAFT STALL

Dear Parishioners don't miss out on the opportunity to visit the Mother's Day stall next weekend. All items hand made with love by the craft group. We look forward to your visit.

HOLY WEEK COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday Collection for Project Compassion—\$807

Good Friday Holy Places—\$1140

Thank you for your Generosity.

ST BERNARD'S

ST VINCENT DE PAUL POOR BOX

Did you know that all donations made in the Poor Box located in the church assist our local conference in their welfare work? Last quarter we assisted 56 local families with rent arrears, food vouchers, fuel vouchers, furniture, medical and education expenses. The total cost being \$12,200.

If you would like further information on our works or are interested in joining our Conference contact Margot Short Conference President 0419 507 438.

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

ST BERNARD'S PARISH – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish AGM is set for Sunday, 5 May in the Parish hall after the 10 AM Mass. Organisations need to submit their reports to the Parish office asap if they have not already done so. Parishioners wishing to raise items for the AGM agenda must contact the parish office in writing by Friday, 3 May.



*“Whoever sincerely says ‘Jesus, I trust in You’,
will find comfort in all fears”*

Pope John Paul II, 7/6/97

WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 4th & 5th May
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Marian Muller
8.30am: Ineke Allen
10.30am: Karina Dunne

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira (P) & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Ron Howard (P), Sue Alexander
& Lillian Christian
10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & Doris Bonello

MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Dolores Turcsan & Carmen Vella
8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Anthea Scerri

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:

George Bonello, Nina Bugeja, Tony Carberry,
John Debrincat, Bernie Lavery, Honorato Miranda,
Kennith & Ell Rule, Anne Singleton
& Alan Christopher John Tovio

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: 4th & 5th May
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: John Thorne
8.30am: Jan Carragher
10.00am: Carmel Shea

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Stuart Robertson
8.30am: **Volunteer Please**
10.00am: James Waters

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

May: Sister Mary Fermio

ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm: **Volunteer Please**
8.30am: **Volunteer Please**
10.00am: Byham

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: CHANGE OF LOCATION: 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:

Muriel Burt, Angela Kuute Minja, Patrick Leonard, Paul Micallef &
Margaret Rose.

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: 4th & 5th May

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

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



CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **25th & 26th May**

5.30pm: Visna & Oshadie
8.30am: Ineke Allen & Agnes Faavae
10.30am: Charlie and Lina Vassalo

CHURCH FLOWERS—May

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 10.00am.

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

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 4th & 5th May

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Trish Davine
Sunday: Margot Short

MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

Next Morning Tea: **5th May 2019**

Host: St Vincent de Paul Society



CHURCH FLOWERS

Volunteers Please— Roster Pending



COUNTING TEAM # 7

Denis Everard
Bernard Coburn
Mary Flanagan
Patrick Flanagan

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (May)

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

(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

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: **Shane & Dolly Barrow** 0439 386 130

Group 2: **Carmen Vella** 9743 4378

Group 3: **Josephine German** 0407 469 159



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 117

Comm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

All: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – 3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;

Second Reading: Apoc 5:11-14

Gospel: Jn 21:1-19



SECOND READING : Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XXI

Discipline: What works and why IV

Effective parents combine rightful authority with respect for their children's rights. Children do have rights, of course. Not because they're children, but because they are people; and all people, even young ones, have certain basic rights. Here are the rights that great parents keep in mind as they exercise moral leadership in the family:

- **Right to privacy (up to a point).** Children need a certain security of privacy. For instance, they should have a place of their own to keep personal effects away from prying by other family members. And their normal, above-board dealings with friends should be respected as "personal"; no one's business but theirs.

Naturally, these privacy rights are not absolute, just as they are not absolute in adult society either. Sometimes privacy rights must give way before higher necessity; for instance, the law can force testimony under oath about some personal affairs, and it makes allowances for "reasonable search" in criminal investigations.

So, too, in your family. Your children's privacy rights give way to your parental rights wherever some serious danger suggests itself—for instance, in possible involvement with drugs, or what you perceive as excessive intimacy with the opposite sex. But in normal circumstances, parents who respect their children's privacy generally find that their children grow to be open and sincere with them. If you respect their rights, they will respect your judgement, and then come to you with the truth. It is control-oriented, excessively prying parents who find their children close-mouthed, secretive, and sneaky.

- **Right to presumption of innocence.** Don't rush to judgement. Listen to your children's side of things, especially in dealing with your older children, and most especially when you did not personally witness an alleged misdeed. But by the same token, never undercut your spouse if it was he or she who witnessed things. If you think your spouse is mistaken or overreactive, then discuss the matter privately.

- **Right not to be publicly embarrassed.** Whenever you can, make corrections personally and privately, as you would in business. If you chew out your child in front of siblings or friends, the lesson is probably lost. Your child's resentment at public humiliation acts like static to cancel out your message. Corrections made privately—eyeball to eyeball—go straight to the point.

By James B. Stenson, ParentLeadership.com

- **Right to just punishment.** An angry, overreactive punishment easily skyrockets way out of proportion to the original provocation. To be effective and long-lasting—to get the lesson across for life—punishment has to be fair. It will be fair if it's rational, and it's rational if thought out carefully beforehand, as mentioned above. Sometimes, in fact, you can even ask your son or daughter to propose a suggestion of their own for reasonable punishment: "What do you think is fair? Make me an offer." More often than not, surprisingly, their proposals turn out to be reasonable, and sometimes even more severe than what you had in mind.

- **Right to a second chance.** This means that, once apologies and restitution are forthcoming, the kids start with a clean slate. Children, like all the rest of us, resent grudge-bearing and long memories for past misdeeds that were supposedly forgiven and over with.

We do not really forgive unless we also forget. When you truly forgive and forget, you show the kids that you disapprove of their faults, not them personally. Forgiveness like this is crucial, absolutely indispensable for family solidarity. The family is one place in the world where we can always count on a fresh start.

From time to time, through rage or oversight, you may blunder in doing justice to your children. Nobody's perfect. Whenever this happens, follow up with an apology.

If you imposed an excessive punishment, then retract it and scale back to whatever seems reasonable. Don't ever be afraid to say "I'm sorry" to your children, and to explain why. Never fear that you'll seem inconsistent in their eyes. You really are being consistent in what matters most—your heartfelt determination to treat them fairly. When you apologise, you teach them a valuable lesson: you put justice ahead of your ego.

What are we talking about here?

In all of this we are really talking about the way responsible grown-ups try to treat each other. You, like anyone else, would expect other adults to respect your rights to privacy, presumption of innocence, personal dignity, just punishment, and so on. You would expect this treatment from your spouse, your employers, the law. So, what you're really teaching your children, is ethical conduct among responsible adults. You are treating your children as adults-in-the-making, and you begin by respecting them as people.