



St Anthony's Parish



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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29th 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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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 0403 435 471

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ST ANTHONY'S MELTON SOUTH

MASS TIMES : 30th September– 6th October

Monday:	St Jerome Memorial	7.45am	No Mass
Tuesday:	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Memorial	
morning:		9.15am	FFS
evening:		6.30pm	FLM
Wednesday:	The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial		
		7.45am	No Mass
		9.15am	FFS
Thursday:		7.45am	No Mass
		9.15am	FLM
Friday:	St Francis of Assisi Memorial		
		9.15am	FLM
1st Friday Devotions:		7.30pm	FPB
		Midnight	FFS
1st Saturday Devotions:		9.15am	FLM
Saturday Vigil:		5.30pm	FFS
Sunday:		8.30am	FFS
		10.30am	FFS

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

30 min. before and 30 min. after every weekday Mass.



CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Mass held on Fridays during school term.

ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 30th September– 6th October

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

Monday :	St Jerome Memorial	No Mass	
Tuesday:	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Memorial	
		5.30pm	FPB
Wednesday :	The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial		
		9.30am	FPB
Thursday :		9.30am	FPB
Friday:	St Francis of Assisi Memorial		
		9.30am	FFS
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 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 FLM

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

SPARKS OF BEAUTY: SACRED SPACES

Wednesday 9 October, 6.30-8.30pm (6.30pm registration/light refreshments)

Mary MacKillop Chapel, ACU, 115 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

The *Sparks of Beauty* series seeks to enter into dialogue with speakers from a variety of fields—art, science, music, literature and sport—and to celebrate the intersections between faith and life while encouraging a new imagining of Catholic spirituality in 21st century Australia. Join us for an evening of conversation, music and contemplation at ACU's award-winning St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Chapel, where we will explore the notion of 'sacred spaces'—the ones we build around us and the ones we create within. Fr Laurence Freeman OSB is Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation—an ecumenical, contemplative community dedicated to teaching meditation. Together with Cathy Jenkins, Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne, he will offer some insights into how we might find and celebrate the sacred in today's increasingly fragmented and secular world. **Cost:** \$30 adult, \$15 student (18 and under), \$100 for a group of five (includes light refreshments) **Enquiries:** Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or

Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BELFB>

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS- NEXT WEEKEND

Daylight Savings begins next weekend, 6th October. A reminder to put your clocks forward by 1 hour.



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, if all goes to plan, we will need **many** volunteers to help us move all the Church pews. The pews will be moved onto the school grounds, in preparation of the work to be done in the Church. Please leave your name and contact details on the clipboard at the rear of the Church. Thank you.

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

PARISH PICNIC- SAVE THE DATE

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

THANK YOU - KERALITE COMMUNITY

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the Keralite Community for raising \$686.00 by selling their Take Away Food last weekend. Special thanks to all who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the Heating and Cooling System for the Church.

SALE OF TOMATO PLANTS - THANK YOU

Please be informed the sale of Tomato Plants amounted to \$210.00. Special thanks to all those who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the Heating & Cooling System for the Church.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS -NEXT WEEK

The Parish Office hours next week are:

Monday—Closed

Tuesday-Friday— 9am-1pm

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to mow an elderly Parishioner's lawn in Kurunjang. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help. Thank you.

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!

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: **10th October 2019**

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 **10th October**.

MORNING TEA- 6TH OCTOBER CANCELLED

Parishioners please note the morning tea scheduled for Sunday 6th October has been cancelled due to a power outage by Powercor. Apologies for the inconvenience.



St Francis of Assisi Quote

4th October- Memorial

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love; where
there is injury, pardon; where there
is doubt, faith; where there is
despair, hope; where there is
darkness, light; and where there is
sadness, joy.*



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 5th & 6th October
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Marian Muller
8.30am: Villy Julita
10.30am: Karina Dunne

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Philip Anyayahan (P) & Dolores Turcsan
8.30am: Sue Alexander (P), Ron Howard
& Lillian Christian
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: Pat Fernandez & Carmen Vella
8.30am: Godwin Barton & Lina Calleja
10.30am: Anthea Scerri & Leonia Jessop

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:

Maria Aurora Abel, Joseph Aqulina, Archiebald Arandez, Michael Azzopardi, Fay Blake, Phillip Debrincat, Darren Grech, Colleen Mary O'Meara, Joseph Saliba, Dominic Ariel Santa Maria & Charlie Zammit.

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: 5th & 6th October
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Miesen Family
8.30am: Kratochvil Family
10.00am: Lindorff Family

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Vikki Benson
8.30am: Colm Carragher
10.00am: Jenny Kearney

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

October: Sr Ellie Taffe

ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recent death of:

Elaine Ethel Brook

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Mary & Zvonko Benac, John Davine, Les Scott, Bryan Stewart and Jack Walta.

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: 5th & 6th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos

8.30am: Pat Chiles

10.30am: John Scerri

CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: **This Weekend**

5.30pm: Judy Van Hoos & Gladys Clarke

8.30am: Sam & Pat Chiles

10.30am: Rose Ma'ae & Family



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 : 5th & 6th October

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Jan & Colm

Sunday: Mandy Harrington

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—October

Katie Lindorff



COUNTING TEAM

To Be Advised.

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (October)

Front Garden: Colm Carragher

Back/Side Garden: John Tung

Parish Centre: **Volunteer Please**

Carpark/Pines: **Volunteer Please**

Back Paddock: Ron Geurts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

The Vinnies Store is located at 8 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh. The store is open 7 days a week. If you are able to volunteer and would like some more information, please contact the Store Manager on 8199 4205.

THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

Open: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am-3.00pm

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

SOUL FOOD

Soul Food provides a free community meal each Wednesday (excluding school holidays), in the Uniting Church Hall, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh. Meals are served up at 12noon. All are welcome and this is a free event. No need to book, just come along.

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

Tel: 5367 3427 Mon—Fri 9.00am to 6.00pm

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

FAITH FORMATION

ST ANTHONY'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Held on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Church 6.30pm-7.45pm.

Next preparation : **Thursday 24th Oct**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th Nov**

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: **Barry & Rossana Melder** 9743 5063

Group 2: **Gregory McCutcheon** 0455 457 645

Group 3: **Michael & Monica Kratochvil** 0438 765 776



ST BERNARD'S

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 27th October**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **3rd & 17th November**

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 : 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 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

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145

Comm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

All: Praise the Lord, my soul!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4;

Second Reading: 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14;

Gospel: Lk 17:5-9



SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.
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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.
"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."
"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XLIII

Top 10 parenting tips derived from the 10 Commandments

Continued from last Sunday

5. "You shall not kill."

Question for parents: Do I keep this commandment and also not allow one's self and children to watch murder-related television shows or play violent video games that promote players to "kill" images on the screen? Lesson kids learn: The influence of watching violent behaviour is negative and, though a popular pastime, should be avoided.

Or: Questions for parents: Have I killed or contemplated taking the life of another? Do I spend free time watching violent television shows about murder, or allow my children to watch violent television or play video games encouraging players to "kill" the screen images? In a much milder connotation, have I purposely killed another person's dream, enthusiasm, curiosity or idea? Lesson kids learn: Watching violence on the television is acceptable and playing acting out "killing" people figures on a video game is acceptable.

6. "You shall not commit adultery."

Question for parents: Do I stay faithful to my spouse in body and mind? Do I tell jokes or laugh at jokes that demean the institute of marriage? Lesson kids learn: If a marriage is filled with respect and commitment, they will see what that looks like and how it is done. More importantly, if parents keep this commandment, their children and spouses will never experience the conflict and pain that being unfaithful can create.

Or: Question for parents: Have I been unfaithful in body, or chosen to use pornography or otherwise participated in virtual or real online relationships outside of marriage? Lessons kids learn: In marriage, it is acceptable to be unfaithful to one's spouse and choose to spend time in affairs of the body or mind.

7. "You shall not steal."

Question for parents: Do I refrain from choosing to steal or from cheating in financial transactions? Lesson kids learn: Honesty is the best policy and stealing is wrong.

Or: Question for parents: Do I steal clothes from stores or office supplies from work, cheat on taxes and/or steal ideas from co-workers and take credit for their work? Lesson kids learn: Stealing is only wrong if I get caught.

8. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour."

Question for parents: Am I honest in dealings and communications with my family, community members, parish and co-workers? Lesson kids learn: If parents speak the truth with others and about other, children will see how honesty and respect are practised. This can be reinforced as they develop relationships with family and friends.

Or: Question for parents: Do I speak untruths or spread gossip about people? Lesson kids learn: It is acceptable to lie and gossip.

9. "You shall not covet your neighbour's wife/husband."

Question for parents: Do I think of my spouse as my one and only lover and accept all aspects of my spouse? Lesson kids learn: Married couples show total commitment to each other and accept each other.

Or: Question for parents: Do I desire a neighbour/co-worker/other person instead of my spouse or wish my spouse was more like other people? Lesson kids learn: It is acceptable to place one's desire for love above marriage and want your beloved to be at the centre of your life until someone better comes along.

10. "You shall not covet your neighbour's goods."

Question for parents: Am I grateful for the life I have, the family I have, the home I have, and the faith I have? Lesson kids learn: Always be grateful for what you have.

Or: Question for parents: Do I want a bigger house, faster car, greener lawn or more prestigious job? Lesson kids learn: Appearances are very important, so always try to keep up with the Joneses, being jealous of them until you do.

To finish, underlying all our actions as parents is one other bonus guideline, from the mouth of the Lord himself: "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you."