



# St Anthony's Parish



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**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Year C**

**2nd June 2019**

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**ASSISTANT PRIESTS:** Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Joseph Panackal IV Dei

### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Lesley Morffew

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**Parish Office Hours:**

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

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### ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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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 and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

### **ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Cathy Belcher	0431 082 886
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EX-OFFICIO:

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### **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

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

## MASS AND DEVOTIONS

**ST ANTHONY'S** MELTON SOUTH

**MASS TIMES : 3rd June-9th June**

<b>Monday:</b>	7.45am	FFS
<b>Tuesday morning:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>Tuesday evening:</b>	6.30pm	FJP
Week 12 Novena to St. Anthony		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7.45am	FJP
	9.15am	FFS
<b>Thursday:</b>	7.45am	FPB
	9.15am	FJP
<b>Friday:</b>	9.15am	FJP
<b>1st Friday Devotion:</b>	7.30pm	FPB
	Midnight	FJP
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	5.30pm	FFS
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.30am	FJP
	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**

Friday- During School Term

**ST BERNARD'S** BACCHUS MARSH

**MASS TIMES : 3rd June- 9th June**

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

<b>Monday :</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	5.30pm	FPB
<b>Wednesday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Thursday :</b>	9.30am	FFS
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30am	FFS
<b>Saturday Vigil :</b>	5.00pm	FPB
<b>Sunday :</b>	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 7th June**



**ADORATION:**

30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday

10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 7th June**

**PROVIDENCE MASS**

Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am

The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **Friday 14th June**

**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 21st June**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** KOROBET

**MASS TIME:**

<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	6.30pm	FJP
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## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

**CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART**

Friday 28 June, 12.30pm Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Enquiries and bookings: 9926 9300

**WOMEN'S VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT DAY**

Saturday 15 June, 9.30am-5pm

St Joseph's Home, 112B St Georges Road, Northcote

A day to prayerfully reflect on the Lord's will for your life as you seek to discover your vocation in the Church.

Enquiries and registrations: Sr Mary Lourdes on 9489 8444 or [voc.mel@lsp.org.au](mailto:voc.mel@lsp.org.au). Registrations close Tuesday 11 June.

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

### THE MALTESE GHARB CLUB OF MELBOURNE

The Maltese Gharb Club of Melbourne invites you and your family to celebrate The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Elizabeth, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019, St Bernadette's Catholic Community Centre, Cooke Avenue, North Sunshine Mass at 2:30pm celebrated by Rev Fr John Taliana MSSP. Followed by a social function in the foyer.

### JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING

The meeting will be held at the Josephite Convent, at 2pm on Sunday 7th July. For details please contact Christine Nicholls Van Order 0421 845 635.

### rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a program for adults who are wishing to become Catholic or who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please see Father Fabian, Father Patrick or Father Joseph for more information regarding this program.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

### ST ANTHONY'S

#### INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY

Please join us for some delicious food at our International Food Day. Stalls will include Indian, Samoan, Aussie and many more. Sunday 9th June 2019, (Pentecost Sunday) after 10.30am Mass. If you would like to help with this fundraiser please contact Marthese 0421 378 691.

#### THANK YOU – SAMOAN COMMUNITY

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the Samoan Community for raising \$1030.10 with their food sale last weekend. Special thanks to all those who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the extension of the Church.

#### FROM LESLEY MORFFEY - PARISH SECRETARY

Please be advised that all members of our Thanksgiving Program will receive a statement this year in July. Please make sure your details are up to date. If you receive a statement you are a member. Cancellations must be done in writing. Anyone wishing to join our program can ring the Parish Office. 9747 9692

#### PARISH OFFICE

Parishioners please note the Parish Office will be closed this Monday 3rd June and Thursday 6th June. Thank you.

### ST BERNARD'S

#### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS – FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT

Save the date – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. It's on again – a fun night at Mark Farrell's Farm. 4099 Bacchus Marsh-Geelong Road, Parwan. 3 course dinner, guest speaker and bonfire. Tickets on sale soon.



#### KSC RACING GAME

Knights of the Southern Cross Racing Game starts soon. Contact either: John Tung – 5367 2025, 0420 923 377 or Hugh Miller – 5368 2796, 0438 687 275.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Parishioners please note the Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday 5th June. Thank you.

*Lord, show me how to be patient and kind; not jealous or boastful; not arrogant or rude; not irritable or resentful. Teach me not to insist on my own way; not to rejoice at wrong, but to rejoice in the right. Help me bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things.*



# WORSHIP NEWS

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

## ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

**NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER:** 8th & 9th June

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Gavin Pereira  
8.30am: Ineke Allen  
10.30am: Leonia Jessop

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Philip Anyayahan (P) & Lorraine Tellis  
8.30am: Ann Tennakoon (P), Lillian Christian  
& Geoff Sutton  
10.30am: George Bonello & Elaine Lacey

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

### MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Godwin Barton & Pat Fernandez  
8.30am: Lina Calleja & Godwin Barton  
10.30am: Godwin Barton & Josephine German

### ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Josh Djie-Spiteri & Jonathan Dacunha  
8.30am: Rhys Tuala & Andre Oqueli  
10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Ethan Porter

If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

## ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

### **We pray for the recent death of:**

Sheila Fernandez

### **We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:**

Seloti Alainuuese, Angela Aquilina,  
Emmanuel & Jan DeBrincat, Philip Giordamanja,  
Alfred Grech, Eugene Julien, Heather 'Rose' Marslen  
& Romeo Miranda

### **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:** 8th & 9th June

### 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

June: Sister Ellie Taffe

### 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: **6th June**

Contact: Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or

Email : [twoheartscentre@bigpond.com](mailto:twoheartscentre@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com](http://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:**

Merv Dillon, Stan Douglas, Sandra McCann, Keith Selvidge,  
and Eileen Tung.

### **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, Michael Larkin,  
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, 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:** 8th & 9th June

#### **PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS**

**5.30pm:** Lorraine Tellis

**8.30am:** Ineke Allen

**10.30am:** Imalsha Silva



#### **CUPPA ROSTER**

Cuppa Weekend: **22nd & 23rd June**

**5.30pm:** Mary Drew & Laura Espinosa

**8.30am:** Lily Offer & Joe Spiteri

**10.30am:** Rose Ma'ae & Family

#### **CHURCH FLOWERS—June**

Doris Bonello & Josephine German



#### **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 :** 8th & 9th June

#### **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: **2nd June 2019**

Host: Museum Committee and Josephite Associates



#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Tap Shea



#### **COUNTING TEAM # 2**

John Tung

Lucille Wheelahan

Jennifer Taylor

#### **PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (June)**

Front Garden: **Volunteer Please**

Back/Side Garden: **Volunteer Please**

Parish Centre: Ron Geurts

Carpark/Pines: Ron Geurts

Back Paddock: Colm Carragher

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

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

#### **THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE**

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

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

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

#### **SOUL FOOD**

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

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

#### **PARISH CENTRE BOOKING**

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

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey



# FAITH FORMATION

## ST ANTHONY'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next preparation : **Thursday 27th June**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **7th & 21st July**

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: **Darian & Hoan Pertzelt**                      **0413 961 958**

Group 2: **Agata Kubala**                                      **0405 470 372**

Group 3: **Aubrey & Doreen Smith**                      **0433 003 322**



## ST BERNARD'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 23rd June**

Baptisms are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month: **7th & 21st July**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website [www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh](http://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 PROCESSION

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 46

**Comm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**All:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

**All:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

## SECOND READING Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – PENTECOST SUNDAY

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11;

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:8-17;

**Gospel:** Jn 14:15-  
16, 23-26



# The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XXVI

## How a father protects his family

So, how does a father protect his children long term? What sort of lifelong strengths does a smart, effective father teach?

- ◆ He strengthens his children's *competence*. He forms lifelong healthy attitudes to work, along with serious habits of work. Without a father's leadership in this area, his kids can have trouble grasping the connection between effort and results, between standards and achievement. If he fails here, his children may never outgrow the dominant attitude of childhood – that life is play – and remain stuck in a permanent adolescence. This can later destroy them, their careers, and their families.
- ◆ He teaches respect for rightful authority. He insists that his children respect and obey him and their mother. His wife sets most of the moral tone for the household – what's right and wrong in family life – and he enforces it. Being smart and far-seeing, he knows that when children fail to respect their parents, they can later clash with all other forms of rightful authority – teachers, employers, the law, God's law, and their own conscience.
- ◆ A father teaches his children ethics and gives final form to their lifelong conscience. That is, he shows his sons and daughters how to comport themselves justly and honourably in the world outside the home. In his children's eyes, he is an expert on fair dealings and personal integrity in the workplace and community. He shows his kids how their mother's moral teachings carry over later to life outside the home: telling the truth, keeping one's word, putting duty first, deferring to others' rights and feelings. By his example and correction at home, he shows how responsible adults respect each others' rights and assert their own.
- ◆ A father builds healthy self-confidence in children. His presence around the home as a physically strong man leads his children (daughters especially) to feel safe, securely protected, and therefore self-confident. As a father, he corrects and encourages, and he helps his children to learn from their

mistakes. In this way, he leads his children to form a realistic sense of their strengths and limitations. Youngsters who receive this protective fatherly love, along with self-knowledge and experience with problem-solving at home, eventually form a lifelong self-confidence.

- ◆ A father leads his children to adult-level sound judgment and shrewdness. He helps them to use their brains like responsible adults: to frame questions and answers logically; to think ahead and foresee consequences; to assess people's character; and to know malarkey when they see it.

A father provides an attractive example of responsible masculinity. He acts as a model for his sons' growth into manhood. And he conveys to his daughters (most often unconsciously) the traits they should look for in the character of men their age, especially suitors for marriage. In countless subtle ways, Dad forms a pattern for manly character in each of his sons and, indirectly, for the kind of man each daughter will someday marry. (This may explain why great fathers so often get along well with their sons-in-law.)

## Transfiguration in Children

- If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.
- If a child lives with hostility,  
he learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule,  
he learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame,  
he learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance,  
he learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness,  
he learns justice.
- If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love in the world.