



# St Anthony's Parish



# St Bernard's Parish

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET  
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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**3rd November 2019**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith

**ASSISTANT PRIESTS:** Fr Patrick Bradford & Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint

### ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Lesley Morffew

**Admin Assistant:** Judy Johnson

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

Wed—Thurs 9.00am-5.00pm Friday 9.00am-4.00pm

**Email:** meltonsouth@cam.org.au

**Website:** stanthonysmeltonsouth.wordpress.com

**St Anthony's School Principal:** Damien Schuster

Wilson Road, Melton South 3338

**Phone:** 8099 7800

**Email:** principal@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

**Website:** www.sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

**Catholic Regional College - Melton (Years 7-12)**

**Principal:** Mr Mark Sheehan **Phone:** 8099 6000

**Website:** www.crcmelton.com.au

### ST BERNARD'S PARISH

**Parish Secretary:** Dolores Turcsan

**Admin Assistant:** Judy Johnson

**Sacramental Coordinator/ Bookkeeper:**

Naim Chdid Fri 10.00am—3.00pm

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

**Email:** bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au

**Website:** http://pol.org.au/bacchusmarsh/Home.aspx

**St Bernard's School Principal:** Emilio Scalzo

19a Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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**Website:** www.sbbacchusmarsh.catholic.edu.au

### **ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
Lillian Christian - Vice Chair	0400 441 257
Stephen Fernandes	0439 743 533
Amy Honrade	03 9747 0078
Natalie Howard - Chair	0410 478 046
Villy Julita	0403 751 343
Rose Ma'ae	0431 386 473
Marthese Mercieca	0421 378 691
Kim Nguyen	0431 035 980

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint  
and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

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

Cathy Belcher - Vice Chair	0431 082 886
Shane Cook -School Advisory Board	0419 999 052
Peter Farren	0418 594 501
Moira Ross	0400 675 056
Aaron Russell	0401 927 502
Emilio Scalzo	5366 5800
John Thorne - Secretary	5310 6692
James Waters - Chair	0403 822 795

EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Lucas Kyaw Myint  
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

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 : 4th-10th November**

<b>Monday:</b> St Charles Borromeo Memorial	7.45am	FFS
<b>Tuesday morning:</b>	9.15am	FLM
<b>Tuesday evening:</b>	6.30pm	FFS
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7.45am	FLM
	9.15am	FFS
<b>Thursday:</b>	7.45am	FFS/FAA
	9.15am	FLM
<b>Friday:</b>	9.15am	FLM
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b> School Mass All Welcome	5.30pm	FFS/FAA
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.30am	FFS/FAA
	10.30am	FFS/FAA

**INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday:** 4.45pm and before and weekday Mass.

**ROSARY:**

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

**ADORATION:**

No Adoration during the Church Renovations.

**CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am**

Mass held on Fridays during school term.



**ST BERNARD'S** BACCHUS MARSH

**MASS TIMES : 4th-10th November**

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

<b>Monday :</b>	St Charles Borromeo Memorial	No Mass
<b>Tuesday:</b>	5.30pm	FPB
<b>Wednesday :</b>	9.30am	FPB
<b>Thursday :</b>	9.30am	FFS/FAA
<b>Friday:</b>	9.30am	FFS/FAA
<b>Saturday Vigil :</b>	5.00pm	FLM
<b>Sunday :</b>	8:30am	FLM
	10.00am	FLM

**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 6th December**

**ADORATION:** 30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday 10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 6th December**

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

Next Mass: **Friday 8th November**

**SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS**

Is held on the third Friday of the month in the Parish Centre at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome not just the seniors.

Next Senior's Mass: **Friday 15th November**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** KOROBET

**MASS TIME**

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

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN RECITAL BY CHRISTOPHER TRIKILIS**

**Friday 15 November, 6pm St Patrick's Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

To coincide with the exhibition, *The Invention of Melbourne: A Baroque Archbishop and a Gothic Architect* at Old Treasury Building, Spring Street, Melbourne (1 August 2019 – 2 March 2020), an Organ Recital will be given by Christopher Trikilis, Director of Music at Our Lady of Victories Basilica, Camberwell, commencing with short introduction by Rev Dr Max Vodola PP, Chairman of Diocesan Historical Commission, and Dr Paul Taylor, Director of Music, St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=567168&>

**MASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS, MELBOURNE WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI**

**Wednesday 13 November, 7pm St Peters and St Paul's, South Melbourne**

Join young people from all over Melbourne to celebrate the source and summit of the Christian life.

[facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl](https://facebook.com/events/367469000874687/?ti=icl)

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

**THANK YOU** to all parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments and Groups and Ministry form – either at Mass last weekend or to our Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, additional pledge cards will be distributed at all Masses this weekend.

Your completed pledge card and Groups & Ministry form can be put into the white plastic basket marked **PLEDGE CARDS** on the table in the Church foyer/entrance. If you cannot hand in your pledge card at Mass today, please return it to the Parish Office no later than **Monday 4 November**. As the new pledge commitment will take effect on **Sunday 24 November**, letters of confirmation of your new commitment and, where appropriate, new sets of numbered giving envelopes will be available at all Masses on **Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November**.

I thank you once again for your generous response. Fr Fabian.

**RETREATS** Brochures for the Retreats are available this weekend. Please complete forms and return. Women's Retreat to be booked online.

**WORLD MISSION COLLECTION** On the 19th & 20th October our parishes held a special collection for World Mission Sunday. St Anthony's collected \$803.00 and St Bernard's collected \$ 475.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL– NEXT WEEKEND MISSION STATEMENT:** Inspired by Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Catholic Church, the John Pierce Centre seeks to empower all Deaf people and their families within Victoria to live their lives to the full. Please give generously. Thank you.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

### ST ANTHONY'S

#### **DONATIONS FOR HEATING AND COOLING FOR CHURCH**

If you would like to make a direct online donation to the heating and cooling fund you can do so with the following details

Account Name: St Anthony's Parish Annual Appeals

Account No: 083347/025471925 Reference: 110116461.

Thank You.

#### **PARISH PICNIC-SUNDAY 10th November**

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

#### **REMEMBRANCE BOOK**

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

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

#### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (for students who attend non-Catholic schools)**

To enrol your child in the program, please attend one of the 5.30pm Saturday evening Masses, during the first 3 Saturdays of November and speak to the Sacramental Coordinator after Mass. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment. EFTPOS is available.

#### **THANK YOU**

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank Sue Alexander, the Social Committee and the volunteers for raising \$588.00 by selling Aussie food. Special thanks to all who supported this. The proceeds will go towards the extension of the Church.

#### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

The minutes dated 8th August are available for collection at the Parish Office.

**EFTPOS MACHINE** Parishioners please note we now have an EFTPOS machine in the Parish Office and we are able to accept payments and donations, during office hours.

### ST BERNARD'S

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

#### **FR PATRICK FAREWELL**

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

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**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020 (for students who attend non-Catholic schools)** To enrol your child in the program, please arrange a meeting time with Naim Chdid, our Sacramental Coordinator, through the Parish Office (5367 2069). The enrolment meetings will be held on Fridays in November. He will be available each Friday 10.00am –5.00pm and 12noon—6.30pm alternately. All information and dates will be given to you at the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting.

#### **St BERNARD'S NATIVITY PLAY**

When: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December Time: 11am BBQ Lunch  
12.30pm Nativity Play & Christmas Carols Where: St Bernard's Primary School recreation centre Entry: Free Food: Gold coin cost RSVP: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec (for catering purposes) Contact: 0491 706 678 (Jessica Klenkowski) or saintbernardsyouthgroup@gmail.com. All Welcome.

#### **INVITE FOR ACTORS, NARRATORS, SINGERS AND MUSICIANS**

Aged 9yrs - young adult to join in the great and fun opportunity to participate in the Nativity Play. Weekly Thursday night practices at the Parish Centre will start Thursday 7th November. Please RSVP by Wednesday 6th October. Contact details are as above.

#### **KSC – BRANCH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Congratulations to the KSC Bacchus Marsh Branch who recently won the Branch of the Year Award at the Knight's State Annual Conference. Well done Knights. Any men wishing to join can contact the Parish Office on 5367 2069, or speak to either Mark Farrell, Paul Miesen or Ron Geurts for more information.

#### **KSC MEMORIAL MASS**

KSC Deceased Members Memorial Mass will be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at 6:00pm

# WORSHIP NEWS

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

## ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th November MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**5.30pm :** Gavin Pereira  
**8.30am:** Anthea Scerri  
**10.30am:** Faustina Ma'ae

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**5.30pm:** Dolores Turcsan (P) & Philip Anyayahan  
**8.30am:** Michael Higgins (P), Villy Julita  
& Edwina La Rose  
**10.30am:** Doris Bonello (P) & George Bonello

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

### MASS COORDINATORS

**5.30pm:** Godwin Barton & Josephine German  
**8.30am:** Godwin Barton & Lina Calleja  
**10.30am:** 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 death anniversary at this time of:**

Donald Abela, Francisco Alatrasta, Matthew Galea, Tomislav Horvat, Muriel Kratochvil, Karen Micallef Joy Nicholls, Leo Noonan, Keith Rowe, Joe Stellini, Lily Wakefield & Patrick Wakefield

### **Please pray for the Sick:**

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Brendan Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Father we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love.

Amen



## ST BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 9th & 10th November MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**5.00pm:** Geraldine Vereker  
**8.30am:** Ben Kratochvil  
**10.00am:** John Wilson

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

**November:** John Thorne

## ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

### ST BERNARD'S YOUTH GROUP

Growing in the Spirit of Faith, Friendship and Fun  
Age group: 11-30yrs Where: St Bernard's Church chapel and Parish Centre  
61 Lerderberg Street, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340  
When: Fortnightly, Thursday's 7:15pm - 9:15pm  
Next Youth Group meet up: **7th November**  
Email contact: [saintbernardsyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:saintbernardsyouthgroup@gmail.com)

### FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday 7.15pm - 9.15pm. Prayers in the Church followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre.  
Next meeting **7th November**

### **We pray for the recently deceased:**

Peter Fernando, Ray Marshall, and Jane Sammut.

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

Janet Henderson, Mark Henry, Mario Kovacevic, Patricia May, Millie Thompson. William Vallence, and Paul Wheelahan.

### **Please pray for the Sick:**

Noah Barlow, Dudley Baddeley, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Ted Cooling, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Brian Harrison, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Matthew Jansen, David Johnson David Kasprzak, Loretta Kervin, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Maryo, Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Hayden Tung, Mitchell Tung, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Nils Wyren, Patricia Yazbek, Betty Young & Hannah Young.

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## SERVICE / COMMUNITY

### ST ANTHONY'S

**VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND:** 9th & 10th November

#### PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Lorraine Tellis  
8.30am: Ineke Allen  
10.30am: Imalsha Silva

#### CUPPA ROSTER

Cuppa Weekend: 23rd & 24th November

5.30pm: Visna & Oshadie  
8.30am: Jeff Sutton & Sky James  
10.30am: Charlie & Lina Vasallo



#### 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 :** 9th & 10th November

#### PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday: Carmel Shea  
Sunday: Jan Farnelo

#### MORNING TEA ROSTER

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

Next Morning Tea: 3rd November

Host: Parents & Friends



#### CHURCH FLOWERS—November

Natalia & Jessica Klenkowski



#### COUNTING TEAM # 4

Gerard Harrington

Chris Eggleston

Dianne Shelley

#### PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (November)

Front Garden: Stuart Robertson

Back/Side Garden: Hugh Miller

Parish Centre: **Volunteer Please**

Carpark/Pines: **Volunteer Please**

Back Paddock: **Volunteer Please**

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welfare Number is 1800 305 330.

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

#### THE NEIGHBOURS PLACE

Emergency Foodbank and Hospitality centre

Address: 77 Main Street Bacchus Marsh

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

Email: neighbourspl@iinet.net.au

#### SOUL FOOD

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

Contact: Jenny Kearney 0408 104 155

#### PARISH CENTRE BOOKING

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

Hall Managers: Marie & Terry Casey

# FAITH FORMATION

## ST ANTHONY'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next preparation : **Thursday 28th Nov**

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

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

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

**BAPTISM TEAM: Karina Dunne & Judy Johnson**

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

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

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

### FATIMA STATUE

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

Group 1: **Gerard Anderson** 0433 690 902

Group 2: **Anna Taunnu** 0406 503 363

Group 3: **John & Joyce Sultana** 9747 9925



## ST BERNARD'S

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

Next program: **Sunday 24th November**

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

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website [www.pol.cam.org.au/bacchusmarsh](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 Lucas or the Parish Office for queries.

**COORDINATORS : Steve and Geraldine**

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

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



### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### NICENO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

## WEEKLY PRAYERS & READINGS

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

### FIRST READING Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144

**Comm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**All:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

**All:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS –

#### 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14;

**Second Reading:** 2 Thess 2:16 –3:5;

**Gospel:** Lk 20:27-38



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

## The four phases of parenthood

You might be a young mum or dad now but your role changes as your child grows. You need to know about these stages early on. What is your role right now?

It came as a shock. In the course of telling a story to my friend Jon, I mentioned that I had gone into my son's room to wake him up. Jon interrupted me.

"How old is Aaron?"

We both knew very well how old he was, but I told him. "Sixteen," I said.

"Why are you still getting him up in the morning?"

I had no answer. I felt like a bald man who has just been asked why he carries a comb in his pocket. Somehow, in the busyness of parenting two teenagers, I had held on to a habit that made sense when my children were pre-schoolers but now made no sense.

That is when I decided to give more careful attention to the different phases of parenthood and to acknowledge areas where I had lagged behind in parenting my daughter Aubrey and my son Aaron. In doing so, I not only introduced a little more sanity to my life, but also prepared them — and me — for their fast-approaching independence.

### Phase One: Commander

In the first years of a child's life, a parent does everything for him. The parent functions as a benevolent dictator, telling the child who to listen to, what to eat, when to go to bed, how to perform a task.

In this phase of parenthood, the task of the loving parent is to encourage a child's growth from discipline to self-discipline. To paraphrase Proverbs 13:24, "A refusal to correct is a refusal to love; love your children by disciplining them."

During my children's early years, I repeatedly used the parenting phrases, "Yes, because ..." or "No, because ..." I not only dictated my children's actions, but also took pains to explain the reasons a certain thing was prescribed or prohibited.

### Phase Two: Coach

I used Aubrey and Aaron's summer break to teach them about work and wages — interviewing, hiring and even occasionally firing them from jobs around the house and garden. The idea was not only to teach but also to encourage their growth from direction to self-direction, giving them more responsibility with each new job.

I often tried to help clarify — rather than dictate — my children's choices for them. I found myself repeatedly using the phrase, "Would you rather do this ... or that?" Obviously, I never tempted them to choose something wrong or foolish; the phrase was simply a tool to help them gain experience in making their own decisions.

For example, I might ask, "Would you rather leave now for church and have time to talk to your friends, or leave a little later and go straight to prayer?"

### Phase Three: Counsellor

If you have not yet experienced it, you will soon. The day dawns for every parent when he or she is no longer the driving influence in a child's life.

The task of the loving parent is to encourage a child's growth from dependence to independence; it is especially important in this phase. This is the phase — usually in the teen years — when a child can reasonably be expected to understand what is right, just and fair.

Too many of us continue to parent our teenagers in much the same way we parented them as toddlers or primary schoolers. When our kids begin to strain against the reins, like a horse that is eager to run, we pull back hard — as though it were wrong for them to seek independence. But that is exactly the purpose of the teen years. In fact, we should encourage that drive for independence and channel it in the right direction.

The operative phrase during these years is, "That is a decision you can make." When my children came to me for permission, I would often quiz them about what decision they would make if I gave them that freedom. I encouraged them to take responsibility in decision making, and they responded. I offered suggestions and warned them about the possible consequences of poor decisions, but I tried to leave the decision up to them as often as possible.

Of course, the risk I took was that my children would make poor choices, and sometimes they did. But little by little, they became capable of finding the right course.

### Phase Four: Consultant

No words adequately describe the jumble of emotions a parent experiences driving away from a child's freshman college dorm. It is frightening on so many levels. But it is less frightening if the parent has successfully navigated the first three phases.

The task of parenting is not done at this stage; it is no longer one of proactive involvement but of patient availability. Like Solomon, who told his son, "Be wise, my son, and bring joy to my heart" (Proverbs 27:11), the parent in this phase must hope, pray and wait.

Phase four can be the most difficult because it requires letting go. For nearly two decades, the parent has been the child's commander, coach or counsellor, but trying to prolong any of those roles will invite resistance and perhaps even resentment.

As I did in the other phases, I found a phrase that has helped my interactions with my children: "Let me know if I can help." It allowed me to affirm my availability while respecting my children's independence.

The phases of parenthood are not entirely measurable or scientific. The phases overlap; one phase begins long before the previous phase passes completely. And different children will demand differing degrees of flexibility in moving from one phase to the next.

But overall, I found that just a little attention to my current (and coming) phases produced a healthy perspective on my task as parent.