



# St Anthony's Parish



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**5th SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**

**7th April 2019**

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr Fabian Smith

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

### 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

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

19a Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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

Sue Alexander	0400 171 843
Lillian Christian	0400 441 257
Stephen Fernandes	0439 743 533
Amy Honrade	03 9747 0078
Natalie Howard	0410 478 046
Rose Ma'ae	0431 386 473
Marthese Mercieca	0421 378 691

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
Shane Cook	0419 999 052
Peter Farren	0418 594 501
David Loxley	0459 974 960
Moira Ross	0400 675 056
Emillio Scalzo	5366 5800
James Waters	0403 822 795

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	
<b>MASS TIMES : 8th April– 14th April</b>		
Monday:	7.30pm	FFS
Tuesday morning:	9.15am	FPB
Tuesday evening:	6.30pm	FJP
Week 4 Novena to St. Anthony		
Wednesday:	<b>8.00am</b>	FFS
Thursday:	9.15am	FJP
Friday:	9.15am	FJP
Stations of the Cross	2.00pm	
Adoration and Confession	6.00pm	
Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	
Saturday Vigil:	5.30pm	FJP
Sunday:	8.30am 10.30am	FJP FFS
Sunday evening:	5.00pm	
Lenten Talks on prayer by Father Fabian. All welcome.		
<b>INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION</b>		
Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.		
Friday April 12th: 6 - 8.30pm. 3 priests available		
<b>ROSARY:</b>		
Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.		
<b>ADORATION:</b>		
30 min. before and 30 min. after every weekday Mass.		
<b>CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am</b>		
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday		

ST BERNARD'S	BACCHUS MARSH	
<b>MASS TIMES : 8th April– 14th April</b>		
All weekday Masses ( except Thursday) will be held in the Chapel		
Monday :	No Mass	
Tuesday	5.30pm	FPB
Wednesday :	<b>8.00am</b>	FPB
Thursday :	9.30am	FFS
Friday :	9.30am	FPB
Saturday Vigil :	5:00pm	FPB
Sunday :	8:30am	FPB
	10.00am	FPB
<b>INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION</b>		
Saturday: 4.30pm and before and after weekday Mass.		
Tuesday 9th April: 5 - 6.30pm. 3 priests available		
<b>ROSARY:</b>		
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 : <b>Friday 3rd May</b>		
<b>ADORATION:</b>		
30 minutes before every weekday Mass.		
<b>PROVIDENCE MASS</b>		
Is held on the second Friday of the month at 11.00am		
The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.		
Next Mass: <b>Friday 12th April</b>		
<b>SENIOR PARISHIONER'S MASS</b>		
The next seniors monthly Mass is due for 19th April which is Good Friday. <b>As there can be no mass on Good Friday the April Mass has been cancelled.</b> A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to come along and join with the seniors in celebration of the Eucharist on <b>Friday May 17th.</b>		



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	KOROBET	
<b>MASS TIMES :</b>		
Saturday:	6.30pm	FFS

## NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
7th April 2019



We first met Salma through Project Compassion 2013. She was a very young mother-to-be, who was part of the Safe Motherhood program in Bangladesh. Now in 2019, she is the mother of two young children. Prior to the introduction of the Safe Motherhood Program, young mothers like Salma struggled with a lack of support, and the overwhelming cost to visit doctors a long way from home. Many of the doctors encouraged these young mothers to have operations to give birth and this was in most cases unnecessary, frightening and prohibitively expensive. Six years on, with your contributions to Project Compassion, Salma is bringing up two healthy children. Her son is now one-year-old and her first-born, a daughter is now six and in Year 2, with ambitions to become a doctor. You can find out more about Salma's story on the Caritas website or how you can fundraise and get involved. Go to [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)



## PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

### BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL PARISH VISIT

Thank you Bishop Mark for visiting both Parishes over the last 8 days. Thank you for taking the time to meet us and getting to know our Parishes.

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

### ST ANTHONY'S

#### HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY

A stall with the Holy Land Wood Display will be set up this weekend. You will find many beautiful items for sale from the Holy Land, that make great gifts or keepsakes.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Eucharist Minister volunteers for Holy Week and Easter and Volunteers for Holy Thursday Altar of Repose Vigil from 10.30pm– 5.30am ( 1 hour blocks). Clipboards are available at the rear of the Church for volunteers. Thank you.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

We will be having a Special Collection for Easter Flowers next weekend.

We will also have a box on the Sanctuary for donations for Easter Flowers. Thank you.

#### GARDEN WORKING BEE - SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL

A working bee for the upkeep of our garden around the Church is being scheduled for Saturday, 13th April 2019 from 7.30am to 10.30am. Please bring along your garden tools and help us. Thank you.

### EASTER LITURGY TIMETABLE—ST ANTHONY'S

**Sunday 14th April Palm Sunday** - Gather in Hall before all Masses for the Blessing of the Palms

**Monday 15th April** 7.30pm Mass

**Tuesday 16th April** No morning Mass  
Chrism Mass at St Patricks Cathedral East Melbourne. All welcome  
6.30pm Mass

**Wednesday 17th April** 9.15am Mass

**Thursday 18th April Holy Thursday**  
No morning Mass  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's  
Last Supper followed by Night Prayer

**Friday 19th April Good Friday**  
10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord  
7.00pm Veneration of the Cross  
7.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 20th April 8.00pm Vigil Mass**  
Please gather at rear of Church For the Service of Light.

**Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday**  
8.30am Mass  
10.30am Mass

### ST BERNARD'S

#### ACTION EASTER EXPERIENCE 2019

St Bernard's and the Knights of the Southern Cross invite the young people in our Parish to Action Easter Experience 2019.

Time: 5.00pm Thursday 18th April to 8.30pm 20th April.

Cost: \$25.00 which includes food and accommodation

Venue: St Bernard's Primary School. Any inquires please call Mark Farrell 0416 251 025.

#### EASTER VIGIL MASS CHOIR: INVITATION FOR SINGERS

The Two Hearts Choir extends an invitation for men and women, and teenage boys and girls to join in and sing with us for the Easter Vigil Mass - it's a great opportunity! We will be arranging practices prior. For any enquiries please call or text Sister Clare on 0415 806 217.

#### EASTER MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL - 10:00AM MASS

St Malachy's Byres Road, Blackwood.

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**Friday 19th April Good Friday**  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Devotions  
Josefina Maria's Two Hearts Centre  
274 La Cote Road, Greendale, VIC 3341

10:30am: *Please meet in the Chapel*  
Stations of the Cross using our new Stations of the Cross walk (or in our Chapel if weather not suitable)  
Office of Readings for Good Friday in the Chapel (Prayers of the Church) Concluded by a solemn Good Friday hymn  
Contact Number: 0415 806 217

11.00am Ecumenical Way of the Cross.  
A re-enactment of Christ's Passion & Death by way of a street-side procession starting in the Foodworks carpark.  
3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord

**Saturday 20th April 7.30pm Vigil Mass**  
Please gather in Church carpark For the Service of Light.

**Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday**  
8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass

**KOROBET** 8.30am Mass -No Saturday Mass 20/4

# WORSHIP NEWS

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

## ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 13th & 14th April

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes

8.30am: Villy Julita

10.30am: Romeo Sacris

#### NARRATORS

5.30pm: John Little

8.30am: Michael Higgins

10.30am: Anthea Scerri

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm : Philip Anyayahan (P) & Mila Little

8.30am : Villy Julita (P), Lois Brewis

& **Volunteer Please**

10.30am: Elaine Lacey (P) & **Volunteer Please**

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

#### MASS COORDINATORS

5.30pm: Dolores Turcsan & Carmen Vella

8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard

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 BERNARD'S MINISTRIES

### NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 13th & 14th April

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD:

5.00pm: Trish Davine

8.30am: Peter Lafranchi & Magaret Love

10.00am: Diane Corro & James Waters

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm: Vikki Benson

8.30am: Colm Carragher

10.00am: Jenny Kearney

#### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ROSTER

April: John Thorne

#### ALTAR SERVERS

5.00pm: Byhan

8.30am: Shea Family

10.00am: Farrell Family

## ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

### SPIRIT OF THE TWO HEARTS YOUTH GROUP

Experience faith, friendship and fun.

Age group: 11years+ When: Every Thursday fortnight (starting 28th Feb) 7.00pm-9.00pm

Where: Two Hearts Centre, 274 La Cote Road, Greendale

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:**

Irene & Br Brendon Gaynor, Myrna Jones

Dan & Sheila Whelan

#### **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, Kevin O'Gorman, 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.

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

## ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

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

Marie Dromey, Dean Komanycki, John Mercieca, Jane Spiteri & Oli Oli Tomasi Tullau

**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.

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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:** 13th & 14th April

#### **PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS**

**5.30pm:** Loraine Tellis  
**8.30am:** Ineke Allen  
**10.30am:** Imalsha Silva



#### **CUPPA ROSTER**

Cuppa Weekend: **27th & 28th April**

**5.30pm:** Josephine Sultana & Carol Fonua  
**8.30am:** Geoff Sutton & Skye James  
**10.30am:** Anne Nappi & Doris Bonello

#### **CHURCH FLOWERS—APRIL**

Ana Taunuu & Roperta Mavaega



#### **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 :** 13th & 14th April

#### **PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS**

**Saturday:** Sean Gianì  
**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: **7th April 2019**

Host: Rosary & Prayer Group



#### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

Frances McDaid



#### **COUNTING TEAM # 4**

Gerard Harrington  
Chris Eggleston  
Dianne Shelly

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

Front Garden:	<b>Volunteer Please</b>
Back/Side Garden:	<b>Volunteer Please</b>
Parish Centre:	John Tung
Carpark/Pines:	John Tung
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.

**(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: **Ben & Joan Antony** 9743 8154

Group 2: **Elaine & Edward Rodrigues** 0405 956 724

Group 3: **Amy & Ronald Honrade** 9747 0078



### 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](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 ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 125

**Comm:** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

**All:** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**All:** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

## SECOND READING : Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me  
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**Entrance:** Lk 19:28-40

**First Reading:** Is 50:4-7;

**Second Reading:** Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Lk 22:14-23:56



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

## Discipline: What works and why I

Here are some basic ideas about the parents' role of moral leadership in the family, often referred to as "discipline".

1.) Let's start with an absolutely basic principle: your rights of authority in the family.

Effective parent leaders understand that parenthood is not an elective office; you do not have to curry favour with your children. Your rights as a parent come with the job, with your responsibility.

In the home as in business, authority and responsibility—rights and duties—must go hand in hand; you cannot have one without the other. The two have to be proportional, of equal heft. If you were handed a tough assignment at work but were denied the power and resources to carry it out, you'd be stymied with the burden of your duties, and you'd seethe with resentment at this injustice. Nobody, in any human situation, can bear responsibility without the power to carry it out.

As a parent, you take on enormous responsibility. You are responsible for your children's welfare, and for this you answer to the law, to society, to your conscience, to your Creator. In fact—and this is something parents seldom think about—you will even answer later to your grown children; someday they will look back and judge you, up or down, for the way you dealt with them in childhood.

So, when a man and a woman become parents, they take on rights as well. They confidently claim the authority—the power to choose and decide—that they must possess to lead their children responsibly, to keep them from harm.

Authority means, among other things, the right to be obeyed. Smart parents may harbour quiet doubts about many things in family life, but they never doubt their right to their children's obedience. They assert this right in a clear, no-nonsense way. But they do this with understanding and affection: they're "affectionately assertive"; and this is the essence of parental leadership.

2.) The word "discipline" has had a bad press. It is widely misunderstood to mean punishment. But it does not mean punishment. Nor does it mean control for its own sake. And it does not

mean enforcing rules just for the sake of minimising hassles at home.

Discipline certainly involves occasional punishment and some control as well as clear guidelines for behaviour. But its real meaning is far deeper and more important. Discipline really means confident, effective leadership.

Look at it this way. The word "discipline" is related to the word "disciple", and it springs from the Latin word meaning "to learn". Discipline is what happens when some leader teaches and his "disciples" learn. Broadly speaking, discipline means teaching and learning, leading and joining.

Discipline in family life means teaching the children to acquire—by personal example, directed practice, and verbal explanation (in that order)—the great virtues of sound judgement, a sense of responsibility, personal courage, self-control, and magnanimity. These take root in the give and take of family life and then flower to healthy maturity through the steady nourishment of confident, unified parental leadership. All this takes years.

So, discipline (teaching) requires planning and patience as much as occasional swift corrective action. It calls for example-giving as much as rules, and encouragement and praise as much as loving denial and just punishment.

It means living in the family such that children are made to do what is right and shun what is wrong, and to explain the differences so compellingly that the children will remember the lessons all their lives and then pass them on to their children.

3.) All the effective parents I've known practise what might be called *affectionate assertiveness*. That is, they *assert* correct conduct and attitudes by their example, action, and words. At the same time they're unfailingly affectionate with their children. They correct their children because they love them and care for their future welfare and happiness.

They set out to *correct the fault, not the person*. They "hate the sin, love the sinner". They're willing, on occasion, to risk being temporarily "unpopular" with a wayward son or daughter, knowing that their future happiness is at stake and that their children will someday thank them and revere them as great parents.