



St Anthony's Parish



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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, KOROBET
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Pentecost Sunday

Year C

9th June 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 Anthony's School Principal: Damien Schuster

Wilson Road, Melton South 3338

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Email: principal@sameltonsth.catholic.edu.au

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Website: www.crcmelton.com.au

ST BERNARD'S PARISH

Parish Secretary: Dolores Turcsan

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St Bernard's School Principal: Emilio Scalzo

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ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Sue Alexander | 0400 171 843 |
| Lillian Christian | 0400 441 257 |
| Stephen Fernandes | 0439 743 533 |
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EX-OFFICIO:

Fr Fabian Smith PP, Fr Patrick Bradford, Fr Joseph Panackal
and Damien Schuster Council Secretary: Judy Johnson

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| Cathy Belcher | 0431 082 886 |
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| Emillio Scalzo | 5366 5800 |
| John Thorne | 5310 6692 |
| 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

MASS TIMES : 10th—16th June

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| Monday: | No Mass | |
| Tuesday morning: | 9.15am | FPB |
| Tuesday evening: | 6.30pm | FJP |
| Week 13 Novena to St. Anthony | | |
| Wednesday: | 7.45am | FPB |
| | 9.15am | FJP |
| Thursday: | | |
| St Anthony of Padua Feast Day | 7.45am | FFS |
| School Mass | 10.15am | FFS |
| | 7.30pm | FJP |
| Friday: | 9.15am | FJP |
| Saturday Vigil: | 5.30pm | FJP |
| Sunday: | 8.30am | FPB |
| | 10.30am | FJP |

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.45pm and before and after weekday Mass.

ROSARY:

Prayed at 9.00am before every weekday Mass.

ADORATION:

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

CRC MELTON CHAPEL: 8.00am

Friday– During School Term



ST BERNARD'S BACCHUS MARSH

MASS TIMES : 10th—16th June

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

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| Monday : | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | 5.30pm | FPB |
| Wednesday : | 9.30am | FPB |
| Thursday : | 9.30am | FPB |
| Friday: | 9.30am | FPB |
| Saturday Vigil : | 5.00pm | FPB |
| Sunday : | 8:30am | FFS |
| | 10.00am | FFS |

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 5th July**

ADORATION:

30 minutes before every weekday Mass.

Adoration is held every first Friday

10.00am until 4.00pm

Next Date: **Friday 5th July**

PROVIDENCE MASS

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

The Village 5-7 Griffith St, Maddingley.

Next Mass: **Friday 12th July**

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:

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| Saturday Vigil: | 6.30pm | FFS |
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NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE, THIRD FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Friday 21 June, 7.30pm

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, 88 SOUTH CIRCULAR ROAD, GLADSTONE PARK

Join us for Benediction at 7.30pm, followed by Holy Rosary at 8pm. Our celebrant is Rev Deacon Pou'kesi Vaka'uta. Please also note that every Wednesday our parish has exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm to 6.30pm followed by a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

All are welcome! Your prayerful support of these weekly novenas is greatly appreciated.

PARISH EVENTS & NOTICES

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.

WINTER APPEAL- ST VINCENT'S De PAUL SOCIETY- NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will be having a special collection for the St Vincent's De Paul Society at St Anthony's and St Bernard's Parishes . Please give generously to their Winter Appeal. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICES

ST ANTHONY'S

INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY- THIS SUNDAY

Please join us for some delicious food at our International Food Day. Stalls will include Indian, Samoan, Maltese, Aussie and many more. Sunday 9th June 2019, (Pentecost Sunday) after 10.30am Mass.

All money raised will go towards the Church extension.

PRIME TIMERS

Our next outing will be for Movie Day at the Melton Library, Tuesday 25th June starting 11am. Movie will be The Greatest Showman starring Hugh Jackman. Light lunch following. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please reply for catering numbers.

Ineke 0400120401 or ineke49@yahoo.com

MELTON JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

Meeting on 18th June 2019 10.30am St Dominic's Parish Meeting Room. Please bring newsletter. Any men or women interested are very welcome.

Further information Sr Mary Fermio 5367 2078

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The Melbourne Catholic magazines are available for purchase and cost \$4.00 and are at the side entrance (carpark side) of the Church.

ANGLICARE VICTORIA- FOSTER CARE

Anglicare Victoria invite you to an information session on Thursday 11th July 2019 in Melton South at 6.30pm. Respite, Emergency, Short-Term & Long-Term Care available. Full training & 24 hour support provided. Please RSVP by calling 9396 7400 or email carer.info@anglicarevic.org.au

ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY THURSDAY 13TH JUNE

To celebrate St Anthony's Feast Day we will have a light supper after the 7.30pm Mass. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY DANCE ALL NIGHT - SAT 6TH JULY

The Filipino Community will be organising 'Christmas in July Dance All Night', to raise funds for the extension of the Church. Tickets are now available and can be purchased at the rear of the Church after all Masses. Thank you for your support.

PARISH OFFICE-

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 10th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Thank you.

ST BERNARD'S

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - FAMILY BONFIRE NIGHT

Save the date - Saturday 29th 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. For any queries, please contact either Mark Farrell 0416 251 025, or Paul Miesen 0419 834 991.



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.

TWO HEARTS PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday evenings 7.15pm - 9.15pm.
Prayers in Chapel followed by fellowship in the Parish Centre. Next date: 20th June.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

St Bernard's Finance Committee and St Bernard's Parish Council have determined that there is a need for a Parish Stewardship programme. This programme will be conducted later this year.

Gerard Harrington and James Waters

KSC MEETING

Monday 10th June 2019, 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Father, strengthen me by your Spirit, so that I may advance in the way of love and salvation.



WORSHIP NEWS

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

ST ANTHONY'S MINISTRIES

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTER: 15th & 16th June
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.30pm : Liza Fernandes
8.30am: John Brewis
10.30am: Rosabella Tuala

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5.30pm: Gavin Pereira (P) & **Volunteer Please**
8.30am: Sue Alexander (P), Lois Brewis & Michael Higgins
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: Leonia Jessop & Pat Fernandez
8.30am: Natalie Howard & Ron Howard
10.30am: Leonia Jessop & Carmen Vella

ALTAR SERVERS

5.30pm: Kieran Grech & Jedi Anyayahan
8.30am: Nixon, Thytus & Aaron Ben
10.30am: Anakin Anderson & Nick Taunuu

If you are unavailable please contact Ben Kratochvil 0423 076 305

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for the recently deceased:

Semine Maiava

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Emmanuel Bonnice, Emmanuel & Jane DeBrincat, Felicity Galea, Johny Kolaj, Losa McAlpine Tuala & Joan Unferdorben

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: 15th & 16th June
MINISTERS OF THE WORD

5.00pm: Trish Davine
8.30am: Peter Lafranchi & Margaret 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

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: **20th June**

Contact: Sister Clare 0415 806 217 or

Email : twoheartscentre@bigpond.com

Website: www.missionariesofloveandpeace.com

'Coordinated by the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity of the Pilgrimage of the Two Hearts'

We pray for the recent death of:

Paul Stokie

We pray for the death anniversary at this time of:

Denis Barry, Kathleen Corrigan, Christine Hansen, Kevin Monagle, Norma Nichol, Frank O'Malley, Leo Ryan, Georgina Simic & James Younger

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: 15th & 16th June

PIETY STALL VOLUNTEERS

5.30pm: Liza Fernandes
8.30am: Edwina La Rose
10.30am: Indika 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:

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| 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

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| Hours: Mon– Thurs: | 10.00am—3.00pm |
| Friday : | 10.00am—12.15pm |
| School Holidays : | 10.00am—12.30pm |

ST BERNARD'S

VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND : 15th & 16th June

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: **7th July**

Host: Knights of the Southern Cross



CHURCH FLOWERS

First Eucharist Celebration (Saturday)
Frances McDaid



COUNTING TEAM # 3

Cheryl Rogers
Lyn Shea
Graham Hooper
Michael Love
Margaret Love
Sean Gianì

PRESBYTERY & CHURCH GROUNDS- (June)

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| 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: **James & Lorraine Tellis** 0437 658 423

Group 2: **Gavin & Alison Pereira** 0423 960 538

Group 3: **Doreen & Aubrey 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. 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

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 103

Comm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

All: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Prov 8:22-31;

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-5;

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15



SECOND READING Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia

GOSPEL John 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

The Catholic family: Raising children in a secular world XXVII

What it takes to be a man

In our day we face shortages of all types: water shortages, skill shortages, food shortages, housing shortages and now the approaching threat of power shortages.

None of these shortages is as dire as the shortage of manhood. Feminist author Betty McLellan published a book called, *Help I'm Living with a Man Boy*. Translated into 15 different languages it became an instant best seller. We can complain all we like about our feminist friends, but the reality is that many men have never grown up.

Betty McLellan says in her book addressed to women:

"Remember how much you looked forward to meeting the man of your dreams? According to the stereotype you grew up with, he would be older than you, taller than you, stronger than you. He would earn more money than you. He would love and cherish you. He would be prepared to lay down his life to protect you and the children you had jointly brought into the world.

"Most women enter into marriage, or long-term commitment, consciously or unconsciously believing they are taking the first step towards the fulfilment of such a dream. Their commitment is to sharing their lives with another adult, which, they anticipate, will include discussing things together, laughing, playing, enjoying each other's company, loving each other, negotiating, working together to ensure fairness and justice for both of them as well as their offspring.

"For some women, it does proceed in that way, but for others there is an early and devastating jolt. The reality is that the man of their dreams has turned out to be a 'child'.

"What does that mean? What is a man-child actually like? To understand the man-child phenomenon, it is necessary to look first at the attitudes and behaviour of children generally, and then to place one of those children in a man's body, with all the power and privileges that come with being an adult male. The result can be frightening.

"Young children are usually very egocentric. In other words, their whole world revolves around themselves and their needs. When babies are hungry, they demand attention by crying until their need is satisfied.

"When young children want attention, they make a fuss until they get the attention they are looking for. When angry, they may lash out at others. When frustrated, they may throw tantrums. When unable to get their own way, they may withdraw and sulk. (Does any of this sound familiar?)

"All such immature responses are perfectly natural and understandable in young children because immature responses are normal in those who have not had time to mature. In adults, however, such behaviour is unacceptable.

"It is expected that a child who develops in a normal, healthy way will gradually become aware that there are

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other people in the world who also have needs and whose needs are as legitimate as their own. In most children, this maturing does not occur automatically but comes about with the help and guidance and example of significant adults."

I don't know about you, but I have met many boys in men's bodies and their exasperated wives. Many times their marriage is in cardiac arrest and it is too late to save it.

How can we men help solve such a manhood shortage, and what is a man anyway?

Some time ago I came across Steve Biddulph's book, *The New Manhood*.

"For me it comes down to just two words. He should have backbone and heart," writes Biddulph. "Backbone is the ability to stand firm, endure, be true to his word and sometimes put himself last, especially under circumstances of great need or stress."

Backbone and heart – someone you can count on, and someone with compassion.

Biddulph then contrasts the failings of the stoic fathers of the first half of last century, with the sensitive new-age guys of recent decades and finds them both lacking – because they went too far towards either pole: too much backbone, or too much heart.

He quotes the Franciscan monk, Richard Rohr, who, Biddulph says, "has distilled his thinking and writing over 30 years into what he believes are the core messages of becoming an adult male".

"These are the individual truths that young men need to confront, grieve over, and eventually celebrate as ultimate liberation."

He suggests also that coming to terms with these truths was a large part of the initiatory rites that almost all men used to undergo in almost every culture in the world until recently.

"Initiation centres on the most pressing spiritual task of any culture – making the young wise enough, soon enough, that they may join the tribe as superb and contributory human beings," writes Biddulph.

"It's important for us to understand that the sacred dimension for our ancestors was practical, not just some imaginative enrichment for long nights around the fire.

"The sacred was coded wisdom, it was the thing that kept people alive."

Ed Cole, the founder of the Christian Men's Network in the United States, summed up the problem well: "When a man acts like a child, it forces his wife to act like his mother."

This simply reinforces the problem.

There is a deep truth to the ideas of initiation and rites of passage. They are the pathway to accepting responsibility and manhood. They are the only way to solve the manhood shortage.

Backbone and heart are the core values of true manhood. The truth always lives in the tension.