

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH

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Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm

Sunday..... 8.00am, 9.30am &
..... 6.00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

(See bulletin for changes)

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(Please print your message clearly).*

Baptisms: By Appointment

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month -11am

Marriages: By Appointment

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For your reference:

SFX Parish Calendar:

<https://goo.gl/lJ9Wyy>

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B - 25th & 26th August 2018

Reflection on the Gospel

by Dianne Bergant

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9:00am - Mass

Wednesday - 9:00am - Mass

Thursday - 9:00am - Mass

Friday - 9:00am - Mass

Drought Relief

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported SCOS School staff and students who were raising money for the Drought stricken Farmers. They raised \$940.00 for this great cause.

Raffle tickets for Panama WYD

sfxYouth will be selling \$2 raffle tickets at each Mass till the end of school term for Jade and Cassandra to attend WYD19 Panama in January.
Cost: \$9500 per student
Each book sold is \$50.00 to their WYD costs.
Please support the youth of our parish.

Care Group News

Our next meeting is Tuesday 4th September after 9am Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.
New members welcome and wanted.

Our next Friday morning get-together will be a Games Morning on Friday 7th September from 10am - Noon in the Church Meeting Room. Come along and meet other parishioners for a fun, friendly morning with the chance of winning prizes, so bring your luck with you and \$5."

Priests' Retirement Foundation 1st & 2nd September 2018

Please support our retired priests.
In 2007, the Priests' Retirement Foundation of the Archdiocese of Sydney was established to ensure all priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement.

We will have more priests retiring over the next few years. This appeal covers needs such as:

- Convalescent care
- Nursing home and hostel care for frail priests
- assistance in transitioning to retirement
- Health insurance, medical and dental expenses
- assistance with board and lodging expenses
- minor repairs and maintenance of accommodation.

Your gift no matter how large or small, will make a difference.
Online donations: www.prf.org.au

Family Spirit

(by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180)

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care.

To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday 4th September 2018, 5.30-8pm, Marist180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place



Sacrament of Confirmation

We ask you to keep the candidates preparing for their last Sacrament of Initiation in your prayers.

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

World Rosary

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th August (Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th October. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day.

To sign up for the email feed to <http://holyleagueofnations.com>

Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. We have been doing regular novena prayers to St Joseph, Eileen O Conner etc via Facebook a new one is posted every couple of weeks. The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/OZROSARY53/>

The website to register your involvement for the world rosary is holyleagueofnations.com.

Jane, OzRosary, 0476 535 59

To Register in Australia:

<https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

Catholic Creative's

Calling all artists, designers, writers, musicians, innovators, film-makers - anyone in the creative space. A meet up of Catholic creatives supporting each other and joining the conversation about creativity and its role in the Church's mission today. Making a contribution to Christian culture through the arts. Places limited.

Thursday 30 August, 6.30pm - 9pm

Location: Soultrap, 70-72 Campbell St, Surry Hills

Tickets \$20. Order online at creative-now.eventbrite.com.

New Altar Servers, Readers & Counters Rosters are available for Collection from the Sacristy.



Recently Deceased

William Guterres
 Philomena Bugeja
 Mihela Boros Irwin
 Pauline Veronica Murphy

Anniversaries

Teresa & Patrick Fraser

*May the souls of the faithful departed
 rest in peace.*

We pray for those who are sick, especially

Lauren Channon	Pat Trevillian
Saulius David Balsys	Phyllis D'Souza
John Bell	Andrew J. Gauci
Kelvin Huitt	Madden (3yrs)
Elizabeth Mullan	Mansour Jessa
Fe Querubin	George Harmer
Pat Sharp	Fred Pjanic
Bill Stewart	Christian Valeri
Catherine Howlett Khalaf	Aidan Taylor
Margaret Bell	Ruth Gillamac
Kata Ozanjak	Dorothy Page
Lucia Longo	Barry Upsall
Kerrie Rookes	Peggy Warlow

*Names will be removed after 2 months,
 unless office is notified*

Catholic Weekly 26 August 2018

- Pray, fast against abuse: Pope's letter to the whole Church
- One step closer: Eileen O'Connor's cause progresses
- Faith freedom warning: Archbishop delivers Warrane lecture
- Safe for now: Euthanasia defeated
- Movie review: The Meg
- Little known WWII NZ martyr priest

Memory Lane Update

If you are interested in being a part of our Memory Lane, please add your name and contact number to the list at the back of the Church.
 There will be 2 sizes of plaques.
 1 full brick - \$600.00
 Half a brick - \$300.00

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 25th & 26th August 2018

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Maureen Wright	Melinda Melham Kayley Melham	Albert Young Janice Tran
Extraordinary Ministers	Agnelo Andrade Rose Andrade	Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister	Bev Strauss Lia Newhouse	Kristina Williams Deborah Absalom
Altar Servers	Dylan Francisco Rohan Francisco Lucas Tran	Rachel Bown Anthony Bui	Lara Caridi Lilia Caridi Ava Ciantar	Liam Flanagan Melissa Pacini
Acolytes	Martin Ryan	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Alvaro Family & Nancy Krkach			

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 1st & 2nd September 2018

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm	Catherine Coleman Tony Crescini	Paul Johnson	Angie Clarkson Manulele Minute	Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers	Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem	Melinda Melham Rosa Zappia	Joe Andary Laura Andary
Altar Servers	Kiara Liu Jordan Varghese Joel Varghese	Rachel Bown Anthony Bui	Fridurik Nickel Ina Nickel Karl Nickel	Aidan Flanagan Mirella El-Haddad
Acolytes	Martin Manche	Graeme Freeburn	Tony Keir	Martin Ryan
Altar Society	Souad Dagher & Marlein Abou Fram			
Counters	Brian & June Baker			

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua (Jos 24:1-2. 15-18)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

REPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Eph 5:21-32)

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her

to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (Jn 6:60-69)

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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