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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Oct 23	<u>NO MASS</u>
Tuesday	Oct 24	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm ST ANTHONY CLARET Mass: 5:30pm
Wednesday	Oct 25	Mass: 7:00am
Thursday	Oct 26	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:30pm (Reconciliation available) Mass: 5:30pm
Friday	Oct 27	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday	Oct 28	Mass: 7:30am STS SIMON AND JUDE Reconciliation 5:00-5:30pm Vigil Mass: 6:00pm
Sunday	Oct 29	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am (No Polish Mass)

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

22nd October 2017

READINGS: Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

The return of God's people from exile in Babylon was seen as a sign of God's love and His lordship over all peoples (FIRST READING).

St Paul shows his concern for the Christian community at Thessalonika (SECOND READING). Jesus' enemies try to trap Him into saying something incriminating (GOSPEL).



Render, therefore
to Caesar the things
that are Caesar's,
and to God the things
that are God's

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Tyron Espanol TEJADA

Anniversaries: Joyce CLEARY, Kevin KEARNEY, Maisie DREDGE, Helen MILWAY, Shirley STEELE,
Tommy Mc NALLY, Judith SALWAY

Pray for the sick and those unable to get to Mass



Rosters of next weekend

Sat 28 th	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, H Hobbs	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, Mark Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Vigil 6pm	R Klaus	M Mohr-Peters	L Klaus
Sun 29 th 7am	N Dwyer	S Walsh	B Neich, K Rossit
9am	L Haywood	C Nughes	E Walker, P Cundy
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, A McQueen, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	P Chrostowski, K Hertsch		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10.30am

St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara 42711584 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7.30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30pm

St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.

Gospel Reflection

Who can separate his faith from his actions,
or his belief from his occupations?

Who can spread his hours before him, saying:

'This is for God and this is for myself;

this is for my soul and this other for my body?'

He who wears his morality but as his best
garment were better naked.

Your daily life is your temple and your religion.

Whenever you enter into it
take with you your all.

Take the plough and the forge
and the mallet and the lute,

the things you have fashioned in necessity or
for delight.

And take with you all men.

And if you would know God ... look about you and
you will see Him playing with your children.

Kahlil Gibran THE PROPHET

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON "SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

There are effectively two weeks to go in the Marriage Law Survey. The outcome of the vote will have a significant impact on our society. It is important for those who believe in traditional marriage to have their say without feeling intimidated. If you have not done so already please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October to be sure it is delivered before November 7. For more information: marriagesurvey.abs.gov.au .

MEN ALIVE PRAYER BREAKFAST WEST WOLLONGONG

Saturday 21 October 7.30am

Join with men from 16 to 70+ to hear James Parker tell the story of how the Holy Spirit worked has transformed his life, from brokenness, to knowing God as one who invites us into a personal relationship with him. Hear James' journey from Gay activist, to a man committed to Church teaching on marriage and family. Cost: \$10 RSVP: Email: vincefitz7@yahoo.com.au / Phone or Text message to Vince Fitzwilliam Mob: 0413 126 095 Venue: St Therese Catholic School Hall. 2 Powell Street West Wollongong. Come join other men for this life-giving message of hope.

MEMORIAL MASS SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH RUSE 10AM

Invite the whole community to attend the Memorial Mass led by Fr Michael Healy, Parish Priest of St Thomas More. This Memorial Mass will honour and remember those who have lost their lives through suicide. Enquiries please call Nancy Murdocca 02 9646 6908 or email nancym@catholiccemeteries.com.au

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on Tuesday, 31st October at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. The guest speaker is **Rev. Fr. Ibrahim Sultan**, a married priest from the Melkite Catholic Church who will speak on ***The advantages and disadvantages of being a married priest.*** All welcome. Enquiries : Ann 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

24 -26 November, Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com



“God is good and has brought light and help when all was dark.”

St. Mary of the Cross 1889



Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and the Family

Today and throughout this week we pray for our leaders' understanding of the importance of marriage.

Heavenly Father,

grant that all Australia's leaders develop a true understanding of the meaning and importance of marriage in our society. We pray that they will work cooperatively to ensure our nation upholds your plan for marriage and families.

AGEING AND AWAKENING: GOD'S SURPRISING GIFTS! WEEKEND RETREAT

Time and age are the gifts of the second half of life. As the worn oak wine barrel produces mellow wine so the second half of life allows us time to notice and reflect on the richness of our experience of life – awakening us to God's surprising gifts on our journey.

DATE: October 27-29

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

ARRIVAL: Friday, 27 October, 3 pm

DEPARTURE: Sunday, 29 October, afternoon

PRESENTER: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs

COST: \$50 for the talks, plus accommodation fees (Hermitage \$200 or Shared Cottage \$120)

BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533

cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM—AIRS 15 Oct 2017

This week on the Journey, our very own Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with 'The Cry of the World, Trish McCarthy reminds us 'Jesus, The Way To The Father', and Sam Clear evokes Forgiveness in his Walking the Walk segment. The music this week is very powerful and fitting to our inspirational God spots. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

GROWING GOOD MEN WEEKEND

Friday 3 – Sunday 5 November is a unique opportunity for dads and their teenage sons (12-15yrs) to embark on a quest of discovery with **Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE**. A son's relationship with his father is a powerful guiding force. Take time out together to get reconnected in an environment which fosters honesty, mutual respect and a hunger for more out of life. When: November 3-5. Where: Springwood. The Diocese of Wollongong is looking to sponsor up to 4 fathers and sons to attend and assist with running a similar experience in our Diocese in 2018. Please contact Mr Jude Hennessy on 4222 2417 to register and take up this opportunity.

FAITH CIRCLES WEEKLY RESOURCE FOR SMALL GROUPS

Small faith-sharing groups are a fun way to build relationships. They provide a place where each person can grow in their faith journey. They focus on the ways in which the Spirit is calling us to live a more active, loving and joyful relationship with God, our Church and our World. Weekly free small group resource called Faith Circles is available based on the Sunday Gospels with two reflections (including one by Pope Francis) as well as accompanying questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription. Click the website link to subscribe to the Faith Circles email list.

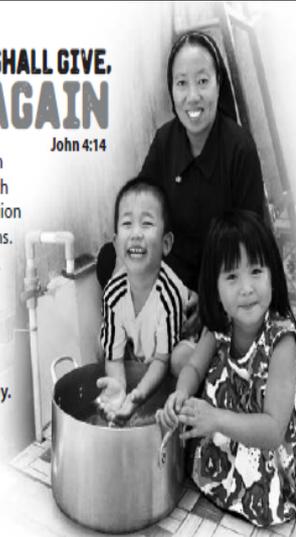
WHOEVER DRINKS OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE, WILL NEVER THIRST AGAIN

John 4:14

Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, to support isolated families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today.

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Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam



Year 5 Students are invited to Try Year 7 for a Day St Mary's for the girls or Edmund Rice College for the boys

WHEN? Thursday 9 November or Friday 10 November

HOW? Visit our websites and download a registration form or collect one from your Catholic primary school.
www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au or www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

There is no cost for this activity.
Places are limited. Registrations close on Friday 27th October 2016

My dear people,

Today throughout the Church is **MISSION SUNDAY**. As is his custom, the Holy Father has written a message for the occasion, centering on Jesus Himself, “the very first and greatest evangelizer” (Paul VI), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father. The Church is missionary by nature, says Pope Francis, otherwise she would no longer be the church and would become just another group that eventually passes away.

The Church’s mission, directed to all people of good will, is based on the Gospel’s power to transform people’s lives. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy for it offers us new life—Jesus who is our Life and who is Truth itself. Life in Christ sets us free from every kind of selfishness. The Church’s mission, then, is not just to present an ideology to the world—the Church presents and **makes present** Jesus Himself. Jesus and His resurrection is not just an event of the past, and being a Christian is not just the result of an ethical choice—**being a Christian is an encounter with a Person**.

Through the Church, Christ continues His mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity. He is the Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. There are countless testimonies as to how the Gospel has helped people to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism and instead to promote reconciliation, fraternity, and sharing.

The Church’s mission is a constant exodus, challenging us “to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel”. The Church’s mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. We are all exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the “already” and “not yet” of the Kingdom of Heaven.

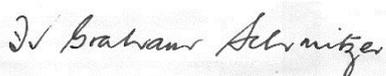
Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself. A Church content with earthly success is not the Church of Christ, His crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer “a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security”.

Young people are the hope of mission. Next Year’s Synod of Bishops in Rome will centre on the theme **Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**. The Church needs their rich imagination and creativity.

I thank the Pontifical Mission Societies for awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. This we can do through our prayer today and through sharing our goods with others, our financial generosity.

(I mentioned last week that, with the Holy Father’s approval, the Australian Church will use today’s collection to help the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart in Nha Trang, Vietnam to combat malnutrition, as well as providing health and education services.)

In carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, the Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May she help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time.



Fr Graham Schmitzer
Parish Priest

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SUMMONED THE
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