

MINISTRY ROSTER—SEPTEMBER

For all who have previously registered to be Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Proclaimers of the Word & Altar Servers, thank you for your patience. Please see the roster for the month of September. We understand it will take some time for everyone to settle into their rostered day, so if you have any concerns or cannot attend your rostered day, please see Fr Bernie or call 9369 9328.

2 - 3 September (Week 1)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Sally Crane	Genevieve Roberts	Elizabeth Rosa
Eucharist Minister	Cameron Ward	Fran Laura Neeson	Laura Neeson Susana Hansen	Katy Smith
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
9 - 10 September (Week 2)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Bernadette O'Connor	Bianca Abruzzese	Katy Smith
Eucharist Minister	Margaret Blake	Gaye Zammit Michelle Byrne	Dominic Abruzzese Eddie Seeto	Mandy Petherbridge
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Michelle Byrne	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
16 - 17 September (Week 3)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto Christian Abruzzese	-
Proclaimer of Word	Margaret Blake	Trisha Brookes	Annabella Abruzzese	Sally Crane
Eucharist Minister	Barry Anderson	Kevin Brookes Margaret Kelly	Tony Abruzzese Alison Abruzzese	Joy Pertile
Hospitality	Clare Cinhvu	Margaret Duncan Grainne Tierney-Reed	Jackie Durkin Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly
23 - 24 September (Week 4)				
Ministry	6pm Vigil	8.30am	10.00am	5.00pm
Altar Serving	Barry Blake	Anthony Spratt	Celina Seeto	-
Proclaimer of Word	Adrian Brown	Rory Reed	Des Durkin	Mary McCafferty
Eucharist Minister	Vincent Conroy	Fran Laura Neeson	Genevieve Roberts Gisella Musumeci	Elizabeth Rosa
Hospitality	Warren	Phyllis Spratt Margaret Duncan	Laura Neeson Eddie Seeto	Kathy Reilly



MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, WAVERLEY

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2017

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

REFLECTION

This gospel contains the first of three predictions of his passion and death that Jesus makes along his journey to Jerusalem. Matthew tells the story of that journey across the next four chapters of his gospel. Peter is highly disturbed by the predictions of Jesus' suffering but is soundly rebuked. The contrast between this text and the gospel of the previous week is stark! In the immediately prior episode, Peter is praised and rewarded for his sublime affirmation of faith, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. In this text, Peter's lack of understanding of what that means and the mission Jesus has causes him to be ridiculed as an obstacle to the divine mission. While we may have some sympathy for Peter in wanting to spare Jesus the pain and suffering he predicts, what is at issue is Peter's failure to see that the cross is part of the plan and that discipleship will also involve the cross. Taking up the cross, however, will result in great reward and ultimate vindication when the time of judgment comes.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-9

Jeremiah complains to God at having to preach such a hard message to his people
O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 63:2-6.8-9

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



Continued...

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

FOR VIGIL MASS & 8:30AM SUNDAY

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-2

Do not conform to the conventions of this world, but try to discern what is the will of God

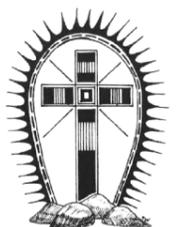
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.



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FURTHER REFLECTION...

Peter found it hard to understand why Jesus would take a path that might lead him into danger. It was a perfectly natural reaction on Peter's part - why would Jesus choose to put himself in danger? Jesus made clear to him that there was a difference between a natural human choice to preserve his life and his participation in God's plan.

We face the same choice often. A natural human reaction to a situation pulls us in one direction; what God is asking of us calls us in another direction. An example is when another person hurts or harms us in some way. Our human reaction can be to strike back in some way; God calls us to forgive and to address the matter in a way that leads to peace in the relationship, not to an escalation of aggression.

The difficulty of doing what we know in our head and our heart Christ is calling us to do was expressed by St Paul in the Letter to the Romans 7:15: "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate". Our emotions can be powerful forces overriding our reason and knowledge of what Christ calls us to do and to be

When our emotions come into play in a situation it is like being pushed towards the edge of a cliff. Giving expression to destructive emotions is like taking the one additional step which takes us over the edge of the cliff. Our action in taking that step can't be reversed. One simple way of dealing with an emotional reaction within us is to see it as standing on the edge of a cliff and visualize ourselves taking one step back. The one step back may be pausing before reacting. It may be deciding not to do anything for ten minutes. It may be simply walking away from the situation, or saying to the person "I don't like what you have done, and I need to think about it".

Any simple action that forestalls or delays the emotional reaction can help us to re-orientate ourselves with the question "Lord, what do you want me to do here?"



Next Sunday's Readings

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: 95: 1-2,6-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ This text marks the beginning of the fourth major section of Matthew's Gospel which follows Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death.
- ◆ The word 'Satan' originally meant adversary or accuser. Later it came to mean personified evil. Here Jesus uses it figuratively of Peter who does not yet understand the meaning of Jesus' mission.
- ◆ The name Peter comes from the Latin word for rock. In last week's gospel, Jesus named Peter the rock on which the Church would be built. Today that rock has become a stumbling block in Jesus' path!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty,
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am,
9:45 - 10:15am Reconciliation
6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

*Note: Children's Liturgy on 2nd
Sunday of month 8:30am Mass & on
4th weekend at 10am is Family Mass*

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick: Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Gary Shipton, Kim Roper, Br Stan Cusack, Joan Roberts, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Fr Fabian Thom OFM, Kathleen Taylor, Stephen Ford, Anna Sidoti, Concetta & Angelo De Luca, Allan Smith, Margaret McGlowe, Daisy Sadler, Kate Hassett

Those who have recently deceased: Sr Elsie Martin, Reginald James Bartley, Mr Scarfone, Marcus Connelly; Ivan Curotta



NEWS AND NOTICES

CANDLE SAFETY

When lightly candles at the altar of Mary and St Anthony, please do not move the glass candle holders. They have been placed strategically for safety reasons. Someone recently has been climbing onto the altar of Mary and placing candles above the small tabernacle on Mary's altar. This present a very dangerous situation for whomever is placing the candles up there and for the person who must remove them.

DEVOTIONAL SHOP

Visit the after Mass today to see the new stock that has arrived! We are currently selling products from the Franciscan Friars such as the eco pens at \$2.50, Franciscan mouse mats at \$6.50, Credit Card USB 4GB at \$6 & Portable Chargers at \$12 each. We also have a lovely range of young children's nativity storybooks. We are open straight after the morning mass.

COALITION FOR MARRIAGE (C4M)

The postal plebiscite on marriage begins on 12 Sept. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach LGBTIQ issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say no. Info: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

PETITION-ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL NSW

This weekend and next you will have an opportunity to sign the petition against the Voluntary Assisted Dying bill tabled in NSW parliament 14 Sept. This bill allows persons to kill themselves or be killed by a physician assisted injection. It is impossible to safeguard such legislation against coercion and abuse. Many in the medical professions oppose this bill. www.no euthanasia.org.au, click on Take Action and NSW.



ST FRANCIS HOUSE OF WELCOME

If anyone would be able to assist with food gifts vouchers of \$20 from Coles or Woolies to help support those who come to the House of Welcome. Please note that the new Centre for House of Welcome has recently moved to Granville. For any vouchers donated, please give to Fr Bernie or Carla Korkor at the Parish Centre.