MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th—Sunday 21st September

Monday 15th: NO MASS **Tuesday 16th:** Mass 5pm Wednesday 17th: Mass 9am **Thursday 18th:** Mass 9am Friday 19th: Mass 9am Saturday 20th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 21st: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

13/14 SEPTEMBER

<u>Cleaning</u> 15-19 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie Commentator: P O'Kelly Reader: J Mackay **Eucharistic Ministers** L Mylott Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer First Eucharist Commentator First Eucharist Reader:First Eucharist **Eucharistic Ministers** First Eucharist Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA: Barroman/Berryman

COUNTERS D & L May

20/21 SEPTEMBER

22-26 R & K Ison

Cleaning

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J McCarthy Commentator M O'Neill Reader S Ebeier **Eucharistic Ministers** J Wain Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M Britt Commentator P Fleming Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** A Scicluna, K Corbin Computer Screen T Jones.

MORNING TEA:

Indian Community

COUNTERS

Γ Priest/J Whiteford

MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2025

Thank you for your generous donations for the Father's Day Appeal which help us continue to care for our retired priests, who have served us over the years. A special retiring collection will be held on September 13/14.

Envelopes are available and all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. You can also contribute by scanning the QR code.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST Sunday 14th

We extend our congratulations and blessings to the children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday. We are deeply grateful to the teachers and parents for guiding them to the sacred table of the Lord. May our young communicants be forever nourished by the Body of Christ and grow in His grace.

SAINTS ACUTIS AND FRASSATI

The Church rejoices in the canonization Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. Their lives, though lived in different times, offer us a powerful example of holiness in everyday life.

Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), affectionately called the "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist," was an Italian teenager whose deep love for Jesus, particularly in the Eucharist, transformed his short life Through his extraordinary computer skills, he created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world, sharing the beauty of Christ with countless people. Carlo's life reminds us that technology and modern means can be powerful tools to bring glory to God.

Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925), an Italian layman from a wealthy family, was known for his joyful spirit, devotion to the sacraments, and tireless service to the poor. A passionate mountain climber, he balanced his love for adventure with a generous heart, frequently visiting the sick and helping those in need. Pier Giorgio shows us that holiness can be lived through joy, service. and enthusiasm for life.

Both saints demonstrate that sainthood is not reserved for the extraordinary or the few-it is accessible to everyone, even in youth. They inspire us to embrace our faith actively, to love the Eucharist, and to serve others with joy and generosity.

As we celebrate their canonizations, let us ask Carlo and Pier Giorgio to intercede for us, guiding us to live lives of holiness, even amidst the ordinary routines of our daily lives.

"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." - Carlo Acutis "Verso l'alto!" ("To the heights!") - Pier Giorgio Frassati

Visitation and HC requested for a housebound lady in Surfbeach, whose husband died recently. Could someone help either on Sunday or during the week? Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057

St Vincent de Paul Thank You Morning Tea

for all Parishioners who generously contributed to our Winter and Twinning Appeal.

Come and join our Conference members after the 9 am Mass Sunday September 21 and enjoy a cuppa, good conversation and something to eat. Look forward to seeing you there.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Triumph of the Cross

What other religion would have as its central symbol two rough hewn planks of wood fashioned into an instrument of torture on which our Founder, Jesus of Nazareth, was cruelly done to death? And yet, today, we speak of 'The Triumph of the Cross'. Where is the triumph?

Let us rid ourselves of one terrible answer: that our heavenly Father willed that Jesus Christ should suffer that tortured death. What sort of cruel despot would I be called on to worship if that were the case?

What his Heavenly Father willed was that Jesus Christ should remain steadfast in the face of adversity, should remain true to his mission to teach and embody the mercy, the forgiveness, the all-inclusive love of God for every human being.

When Jesus persevered (no t my will but thine be done), the Cross was the

inevitable result. Death appeared to have won the battle to ensure a death dominated world.

But three days later, our Lord appeared to St Thomas bearing the marks of the wounds of the Cross but now indelibly imprinted on his resurrection body.

That is victory, that is triumph. A victory and a triumph in which we are all called to share.

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope LEO Monthly Prayer Intentions

SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell,

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Cross Year C

First Reading *Numbers 21:4-9* A reading from the book of Num- enant. bers

upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilder- up his rage. They spoke against God and the Lord! against Moses, 'Why did you sick of this unsatisfying food.' Paul to the Philippians among the people; their bite God had exalted him. brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Mo- The state of Jesus was divine, yet ses, 'We have sinned by speaking he did not cling to his equality against the Lord and against you. with God but emptied himself to Intercede for us with the Lord to assume the condition of a slave, save us from these serpents.' Mo- and became as men are; and bestandard. If anyone is bitten and him high and gave him the name mission of the publishers. looks at it, he shall live.' So Mo- which is above all other names so The English translation of the Psalm ses fashioned a bronze serpent that all beings in the heavens, on which he put on a standard, and court and in the underworld. Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclawhich he put on a standard, and earth and in the underworld, mations, and the Titles, Summaries, if anyone was bitten by a serpent, should bend the knee at the name and Conclusion of the Readings, from he looked at the bronze serpent of Jesus and that every tongue the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, and lived.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

- 1. Give heed, my people, to my Gospel Acclamation teaching; turn your ear to the Alleluia, alleluia! hidden lessons of the past.
- 2. When he slew them then they Alleluia! would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock,

THE God the Most High their redeem- **Gospel** John 3:13-17

- The Exaltation of the Holy 3. But the words they spoke according to John were mere flattery; they lied to The Son of Man must be lifted up. him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No they were not faithful to his cov- one has gone up to heaven except
- 4. Yet he who is full of compas-When those that were afflicted looked sion forgave their sin and spared heaven; and the Son of Man must them. So often he held back his be lifted up as Moses lifted up anger hen he might have stirred the serpent in the desert, so that

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The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

words of my mouth. I will open We adore you, O Christ, and we my mouth in a parable and reveal praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

A reading from the holy Gospel

the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in everyone who believes may have ness, the Israelites lost patience. (R.) Do not forget the works of eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everybring us out of Egypt to die in Second Reading Philippians 2:6 one who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. ther bread nor water here; we are A reading from the letter of St For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, At this God sent fiery serpents He humbled himself, therefore but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus

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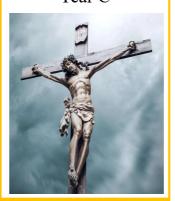
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Tuesday-Friday



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass

"Good News" Wednesdays after Mass to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR

> RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm Church Meeting Room

Parish Sacramental Program 2025 First Eucharist **Celebration Mass** Sunday 14th September 9am

Wrap with Love Wednesday 24th September 1-

Craft Group 10am Thursdays

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Welcome!

It's the First Holy Communion for about 15 kids today (Sunday), congratulations to you and to your families for undertaking this challenge. And don't get me wrong, this is indeed a challenge. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. It is both the highest point and the journey. The Eucharist, Holy Communion; eating from the single source of the body of Jesus Christ, in community truly is one of the most uniting, together actions that Christians can make. As Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them (Matthew 18:20) and do this in memory of me- we quite literally relive Jesus' final early hours and actions every Sunday.

The readings today shout evangelisation, a return to God. There really is no better time to do this than now, receiving the Blessed Sacrament. The first reading represents the first part of this journey- our fickle nature as humans- and our willingness to create our own gods- our social media, sports, other commitments, distractions and addictions that take us away and consume our minds and our time. The Israelites turned away from God at the first sign of struggle. The Psalm says sin is always before me- in our moments of weakness, the evil one takes us in split second. We only must resist for a second, it's time to put down the phone. It's time to come back to our families and to our God. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

The Parable of the Lost Son, from the extended reading for this Sunday, speaks of the father's (not God the Father, but the symbolism is obvious) willingness and joy at welcoming back his son at the first sight of repenting. I often think of my family and friends who are not believers... Paul too; reminds us that Christ comes for sinners- not just the virtuous, to bring peace, not to condemn. Our lost family members and friends may not yet be lost- Christ's mercy knows no bounds.

Paul was among the worst of sinners- actively persecuting followers of Jesus, yet through conversion was not only able to turn his life around, but change the course of history through his evangelising words and catechesis.

Our ultimate job as Christians is to love God, love one another and evangelise. It doesn't always have to be the grandiose mass-conversions or preaching in the streets that we see from other Christian sects, nor from various American TV cults. Evangelisation starts in our own home, with our own brothers, sisters, children, partners and parents. Continue to (in the words of Paul) fight the good fight, finish the race, give our unbelieving brothers and sisters the look in. There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Give them a shot at eternity. Pray, pray, pray.

Finally, whether this is your first Mass in a long time, you're a Sunday or Saturday night regular or somewhere in between. We're so happy to see you here brother or sister. We hope to see you next week too.

Josh Whiteford