

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Funeral for Norma Kemp

A long time parishioner Mrs Norma Kemp passed away last week. Her funeral will be held on Thursday 6th September at 9.30am at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery. Deacon Ronnie Maree will be conducting the Funeral Service. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

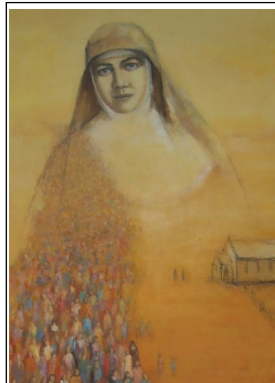
Open Day St Aloysius College - Sunday, 9 September 2018

St Aloysius' College invites you to attend our biennial Open Day. We will demonstrate how St Aloysius' educates young men of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment.

Bookings are not required. For further information, please visit the College website

www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au or contact: The Registrar phone: 9936 5535

Email: registrar@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au Please note that parking in the area is limited. The College encourages all guests to use public transport.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to

“the poorest and most neglected parts of God’s vineyard.”

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: By appointment.

Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass .



Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers and Male Carers

Responsorial Psalm

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

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

This weeks readings - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

Next Weekend: 23rd Sun Ord Time - Year B.

Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 2 September 2018

Confirmation

The Candidates for Confirmation will be attending a Spiritual Day on Thursday 6th September. This will complete their preparation for the Sacrament. They will be anointed with the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Tony Randazzo on Friday 7th September at 6.30pm. Please keep these children in your prayers as they finalise their preparations.

Daffodil Day Morning Tea

This weekend after the 8am and 10am Masses a Special Morning Tea will be held to raise money for Cancer Research. All donations are welcome.

Wedding Congratulations

Quang Hua & Tieu Ngoc Dang

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

**“Hope – even when surrounded by unhappiness.
The source of your joy is the eternal happiness of God.”**

St Paul of the Cross

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Norma Barbara Kemp; Fr Joseph Thien An; Milagros Zarate

Anniversary: Peter Henry Whitehead; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Giuse Pham Van Mam; Clifford Kreltshheim.

Deceased: Lucien Descombes; Giuse & Anna; Nick Frisina; Giovanni Frisina; Edward Attard; Domenico Ferraro; Francesco Daniele; Joseph Condello

Sick: Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Paul Truc Le.

(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 9/9/18 Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Hien & Vu Bui (*Florist*)

St Vincent de Paul: 9/9/18 John Ashe **16/9/18** D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 7/9/18: Polish Group **Children's Liturgy:** 9th Sept – Belinda

Weekend Choirs: 9/9 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.

Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - Youth Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	2 SEPTEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Gloria Booby	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Anthony Rowe	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen
9 SEPTEMBER				
C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Kenneth Gan
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
M	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf

Reflection

Rules

Children have learned the importance of following rules. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, they often bring to our attention the infractions of others. Even parents sometimes get caught off guard by their children's observations: "Why don't you have to go to bed at 8:00?" or "But I saw you eat a cupcake before breakfast once." Our rules for our children are not arbitrary. We establish and enforce family rules with the intention of helping our children grow to be healthy and mature adults. We foster this maturity when we also initiate conversations with our children about the purposes behind family rules and teach them the essential values that rules help us observe. As you gather as a family, list some of your most important family rules. Together, try to write a single, positive statement that captures the essential value behind your family rules. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus criticize the Pharisees for making their rules about ritual purity equal to the commandments of God's Law. Read today's Gospel, Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23. When we remember the essential element behind our rules, we see that our rules help us be the good people that Jesus wants us to be. Conclude in prayer together that we may always honor God's Law in our words and deeds. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 15.

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Feasts of the Week

3 September – St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor. Memorial.

Born about 540. Died in Rome in 604. While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries there and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict I, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform, and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and for his self-designation as "servant of the servants of God."

8 September - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feast.

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

In 2007 the Priests' Retirement Foundation of the Sydney Archdiocese was established to ensure that all priests receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. With more priests retiring every year, the Foundation relies on donations to continue its work into the future and provide: • Convalescence 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. The Archdiocese will give two dollars for every dollar contributed to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. You can contribute to the care of our sick and retired clergy through: Annual parish collection; Pledges and Bequests. Help the Priests' Retirement foundation by making a donation in the envelopes provided in the Church. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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/>