

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*I have come not to give peace, but discord..*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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volunteers to build local capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Find out how teacher Colleen Malone assisted both educators and students in Papua New Guinea, and how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Qualified medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins are always required. Palms Meet and Greet: Sunday 1 September 2019, 10:30am. Arts Centre Café Art Gallery Rd, CAMPBELLTOWN. [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**Catechist & Friendship Group:** Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Line Collet 0410 568 103;  
**Youth:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993 ;  
**St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 0439643859; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;  
**Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;  
**Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;  
**Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;  
**St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;  
**LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;  
**Archdiocesan Website:** [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au)



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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),  
**Sunday:** 8am,  
10am (Children's Liturgy),  
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday** - 9.00am  
**Wednesday** - 8.00am  
**Thursday** - 8am  
**Friday** - 8.00am  
**Saturday** - 8.00am

## Nursing Home Masses

**Tuesday** - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

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



*"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!"*

*Luke 12:49-50*

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come to my aid!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me..

Alleluia!

**Comm Antiphon:** With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

**This weeks readings** - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10;  
Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

**Next Weekend:** 21st Sun in Ord Time - Year C.  
**Readings:** Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13;  
Luke 13:22-30

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C - 18th August 2019

## Parish Pastoral Council

The next PPC meeting will be held in the Presbytery on Tuesday 20th commencing at 7pm.

## St Brendan's Friendship Club - trip to the Hunter Valley

**Sunday, 29th September, 2019** (School Holidays)

The trip will include morning tea at Mooney Mooney on the Hawkesbury River and an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch at the Maitland Bowling Club. After lunch - winery visits and shop at the Pokolbin Village. Cost is \$60 adults and \$50 children. The coach will depart from St Brendan's at 8.30am. For bookings and further information, please contact Venero or Catina on 9707 1403 or 0403 852 811

**Australian Catholics Magazine - Spring 2019 edition available in the Church foyer.**

## Vocations Enquiry Day with Capuchin Friars - Saturday 24 August (2-7pm)

Young men (18-35) are invited to come and hear about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. The Capuchins will host this opportunity to hear about our way of life, to pray, and have your questions answered. St Fiacre's Parish Hall (top of the driveway at 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt). Concludes with dinner. For those who would like, there will be the optional opportunity to then go out on the Friars' Van – which is a Capuchin ministry to the homeless in Sydney. To register, contact Fr Thomas: 0432 362 052 or [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au)

## Mass Intentions:

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Portia Mariano; Cecilia Tran Thi Tuyet; Peter Snedden (Enid's grandson)

**Anniversary:** Hend & Cheble El-Daher; Joseph Hieu; Anna Can

**Deceased:** Joe Eltarraf; Nguyen Van Noi;

**Sick:** Christopher Amodeo, Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda; Nivea Wani; Ambrogio De Bellis; Diana Emilie Perez (daughter of Rosa House); Peter Boughton

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 25/8/19 Group 4:** Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (Florist)

**St Vincent de Paul: 25/8/19** Andrew Nguyen **1/9/19** Thom Pham

**Church Cleaners: 23/8/19:** Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 25th August - Nicola

**Weekend Choirs 25/8/19: Vigil** - Samoan Divine Mercy Group **Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **Sunday 10am** - St Felix's Choir. **6pm** - St Mary Mackillop Choir

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	18 AUGUST	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Joseph Dang	Thu Ha Kim		
R	Kalisiana Mar	Imelda Dela Cruz	Mary O'Hea		
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Ala Pesamino	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	

## 25 AUGUST

C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Mary Buckley	Henrietta Owusu	Charbel Eltarraf
R	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Emanuela Viner	Anthony Eltarraf
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Thao Nguyen	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Helen Vujevic	Jacinta Eltarraf

Reflection

## Have courage

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

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## The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Monday, 19 Aug 2019 at 6:00pm at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend Cocktail Evening for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://bishopsblendcocktailinthe.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

## Stand for Life Rally and petition against proposed Abortion Laws

Earlier this week, the *Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019* (Bill) passed the NSW Lower House. It will now proceed to the NSW Upper House for a vote and, if passed, it will make abortion legal up until birth in NSW, for any reason, as long as two doctors agree if the baby is more than 22 weeks' old. The Bill has been rushed through Parliament, but there is still time for your voice to be heard in this debate. **We must act immediately to try and stop this Bill.**

**Please sign the petition at the back of the Church and ask Members of the Upper House to vote against this Bill, and to be provided with other opportunities to protect life from conception until natural death in NSW.**

Also, Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

**DATE:** Tuesday 20 August.

**WHERE:** Martin Place (Macquarie Street side)

**TIME:** 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)

Under this Bill:

- Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy;
- Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated;
- There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability;
- Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life.

This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash. This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill.