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**PARISH PRIEST: Mons. John Usher**  
**MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**  
**Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass**  
**Rosary after Morning Mass on Fridays**  
**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm**  
**PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda**

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:** **Monday:** St Bridget of Sweden (1373 – Patron of Sweden); **Tuesday:** St Denis (400 – Patron against headaches); **Wednesday:** St Francis Borgia (1572 – Patron of Portugal); **Thursday:** St Pope John XXIII (1963); **Friday:** St Wilfrid (709); **Saturday:** St Edward the Confessor (1066 – Patron of England).

**MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN:** Today's reading from the Gospel according to St Mark talks about marriage and children. It seems that the author of the Gospel is relaying a simple message about "trust". We are all involved, depending on our vocation in life, in the business of trusting other people. We trust those whom we love and they trust us. Children, because they always need care and protection, are the epitome of trusting people. Children trust their parents to care for them and protect them.

St Mark makes a very powerful point about "trust". He quotes Jesus who says, "Whoever does not receive (ie "trust") the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it".

These are strong words but the message is clear. Children are completely dependent on parents, older family members, teachers and other adults in the community who surround them. They learn to love because they are loved. They learn to trust because adults do not abandon them. They learn to walk because we adults give them a hand to hold onto tightly during their first faltering steps. We need each other if we are to be loving and trusting human beings who can walk tall along life's path.

Today is a day to think about being a better lover by allowing ourselves to be more open to being loved ourselves. It is a day to think about being more trustworthy by placing greater trust in those who are close to us. If we can do those simple things we will walk taller as human beings imbued with confidence about the existence of God's love and the reality that His kingdom of peace and justice does exist.

**ABOUT THE BIBLE:** The second session of three on 'Understanding the Bible' presented by David Patterson will occur this Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October in the parish hall at 7:30pm. The first session received glowing reports and if you missed session one you should consider attending the next sessions as they will explain aspects and contexts which are critical in understanding the Bible messages. All welcome and refreshments provided.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** The next Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in the Parish hall.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES – BLESSING OF THE SICK:** Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the **14 October 2018** (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Ingham, Emeritus Bishop of Wollongong. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Sometimes adult people discover that they did not receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they were younger. Hence, every year there is an opportunity for adult people to be Confirmed. The next adult Confirmations will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 10.30am. If any adult is wishing to be Confirmed, please speak to Fr John and he will make the necessary arrangements.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY JANUARY 2019:** Next Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> October after 9.00am Mass, Alexa Woods a Student from Domremy College will be selling fundraising raffle tickets for your chance to win a Toyota Yaris or many other great prizes. Tickets will be \$2.00 each, just remember you have to be in it to win it and this would be a great way that we can all show support her Alexa for WYD 2019.

**PARISH NOTICE:** The care and well-being and protection of children and younger person policy is in the Narthex for reference.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
Mon	10.00am Bingo in the Parish Hall – All Welcome just come along on the day
Wed	Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel will resume on Wednesday 17/10/18.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Donohoe; Sina Fondacaro; Alex Apap; John Ryan; Margaret Maher; Garry Giles; Lina Del Riccio.

**ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Angelo Falgiatori; John Roach; Concetta Piccin; Espedito Calleja; Francesco D'Elia; Francesco Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Coreta Ricchiuti; Rocco Fondacaro; Maria, Michela Repole; Josephine Sutcliffe; Florence Hourigan; Thomas Quinn; Margaret Pyne; Ruby Bramley; Jane Barrett; James Bray; Carmen Grech; Lia Morgan; Mary McInerney; Patricia Coffey; Elia Steer; Keith Joseph.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:** Join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rapi; Sr Carol; Nives Tassarolo; Ade Barton; Tony; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Anthony; Tony Brezlin; Deborah Bushell; Michael McGurk; Norman Klein, Bernadette; Neil & Joyce Masters; Michael; Nina McNamara; Rod; Gladys Northey; Kaitlyn Toohey; Kane Petersen; Raylene; John Coulson; Margaret Love; Domenica; Dannie; Diane. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

<b>NEXT WEEK 13 &amp; 14 OCTOBER 2018 – WEEK TWO</b>			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Kevin Casey Maureen Casey	Annette Cooper Rod Cooper	M i c h e l e Howland Peter Scicluna
Acolytes	K e v i n Nelson-Smith J u l i a n McCarron Margaret Dix	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	C a r m e n Holley Vicki Garcea	James Redrup Gil Vella Margaret Vella	Sinead Kent
Communion to the Sick	Anne Manenti and Clare Petrin		
Children's Liturgy	Jenni		
Altar Society 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Luisa Campagna and Ann Gaul		
Money Counters	Allan and Christina Marshall, Carol Gordon, James Redrup		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

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