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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr. Tom Stevens
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 Pius of Pietricina;
Thursday: St Cosman and St Damian; **Friday:** St Vincent de Paul;
Saturday: St Wenceslaus and St Laurence Ruiz.

**WHY DO I DO 'THE RIGHT THING'? IS IT
 CONDITIONAL?**

The readings today speak of the need to do the right thing in our society, to act justly. A simple yet sound definition of Justice is 'to give to each what is due to them.' The prophet Amos in the C8th BC in the first reading warns those in authority to act justly and to look after the poor and needy.

"Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country" (Amos 8:4)

Luke's Gospel has Jesus seeking honesty in one's dealings, being accountable for our actions and not being corrupted by money in this world.

"Draw me up an account of your stewardship" (Lk 16:2)

The effectiveness of our faith is to be seen in how each one of us lives justice and does what is right in our relationships and in our community. The people in Jesus' time are asking him the question – 'What **GROUP** will enter the Kingdom of God?' Yet, time and time again, Jesus refuses to name a set GROUP that is favoured, instead he explains that Heaven is for those who do JUSTICE in their society, those who give to each what is due to them.

What does this then look like? This will look like a vast array of people of all languages, nationalities, outlooks, religions, lifestyles and viewpoints on all political, social, economic and emotional levels. These people will not necessarily all be able to name JESUS CHRIST. Some will never have heard his name. Yet the one common aspect amongst this magnificent diversity of people who will enjoy the gift of Heaven is that each one of them will have acted justly in their lives. That said, as Christians who have encountered Jesus Christ, this message of acting with

Justice should be more easily comprehensible because we have been given this exposure to His love.

We are called to do what is right not because people have a title, be it: Christian; Humanitarian; Muslin; Atheist; Buddhist, etc. We are called to act justly because it is the right thing to do. Whether we know Jesus Christ by name or not, all of humanity has this capacity to do right, to give to each what is due to them. **Fr Tom**

THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF SYDNEY: The generosity of so many people to the Retired Priests Foundation last week-end is greatly appreciated. Your kindness goes a long way in enabling them to live with dignity. You have helped them to have adequate accommodation, health care, basic necessities, transport and where necessary, nursing and plaintive care. *The envelopes are still available this week-end in case anyone would still like to give a gift to this appeal.*

POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY: Each year, the 29th September holds a special significance for Police throughout Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and the Solomon Islands. It is a day for police to pause to honour officers whose lives have been cut short while performing their duty as a police officer. This important day is also a time to remember police officers who have lost their lives through illness or other circumstances. National Police Remembrance Day is observed on the feast day for Saint Michael the Archangel. Patron saint of police. St Michael is recognised as an archangel by the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths.

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU: Sincere thanks are extended to Bob Mayor and his Catechists team Denise Norman, Camilla Vozzo and Sinead Kent who prepared all the candidates for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation and our Social Committee who provided a wonderful supper after the ceremony.

DIARY DATES	
MON	10.00am – Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	11.00am - Christian Mediation in the Lady Chapel – All welcome PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WEDNESDAY WILL BE OUR LAST GATHERING FOR THIS TERM AND WE WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 16/10/19



PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK: Baby Orelia Piraino and Martin Palacios-Salgado.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmen Bonnici; Matteo Di Pasquantonio; John Wallace; Francesca Parison Margaret Dix; Margaret Love; Renaldo Gabrielle di Natteo; Antonio Merlino; Brian Bowman Anthony Needs.

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: John Profilio (19th Anniversary); Cristofaro Libro; Mark Maguire; Charles Bonnici; Francesco Cannone; Ricchiuti Cannone; Andrea Cannone; Jim Rodda (4th Anniversary); Nata Ferraro; John Profilio (19th Anniversary); John Corcoran; Alfred Kemp; William Clark; William Lopez; Mary Hall; Theresa Hensen; Christina Penrose; Desmond Crooks; Deborah Jones; Thomas Waite; Mary Gray; Peter Lenzi; Susan Gray; Nellie Favelle; Caroline Seto; Betty Miln.

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; Otto Petrin; Antonietta; Mother Valeria Greguoldo; Peter Allen; George; Michael; Anne Trivia; George Cepak; Audrey and Tony Clarke; Dave Roberts; Matteo Bekes; Colin Ng; Michelle Cellar; Fr Giuseppie Cremonese; Susanna Tessarolo; Sr Celina Cavaliere; Bill Young; Don Khoury; Cameron Sue; To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

NEXT WEEK 28 & 29 SEPTEMBER - WEEK FIVE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Monica Dutton Sonia Falgiatori	Helen O'Neill Michelle Sraih	Natius McAdam Annette Bernard
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson-Smith Julian McCarron	Eric Kent	Trevor Parmenter Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Lorette Quinlan	Ron Vozzo Philomena Turley	Diane Carolan Sinead Kent
Communion to the Sick		Margaret McCarthy and Helen O'Connor	
Children's Liturgy		Sinead Kent	
Altar Society Saturday 4th Saturday		Judy Gliddon, Michelle Cellar and Sandra Ryan	
Money Counters		Kent Family	

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE BY PURCHASING A CATHOLIC WEEKLY TODAY FOR ONLY \$2.00 - MANY THANKS