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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 Jerome; Tuesday: St Therese of the Child Jesus; Wednesday: The holy Guardian Angels; Friday: St Francis of Assisi.**

**Summary: Social Justice Statement 2019–2020**  
**Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World**

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. The Statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity.

The Statement amplifies Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it. All of us – whether we

are users, communities, industrial or political leaders – have a role to play in rejecting hatred, divisions and falsehoods. We have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

For further details and a full copy of the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)).

**WELCOME MORNING TEA FOR FR TOM:** This will be held on Sunday 6th October after the 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome please come along!

**CATECHISTS NEEDED AT ST AMBROSE:** Our neighbouring parish, St Ambrose, provide Catholic faith education to 245 children in three public schools in their area Strathfield North, Concord West and Victoria Avenue Public Schools. They are in need of a few extra catechists to lighten the load. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. **If you think you can lend a hand for a half an hour** either as the catechist or a helper, please contact St Ambrose on 97431023 or [sacraments@stambrose.org.au](mailto:sacraments@stambrose.org.au) for further information.

**FAITH EDUCATION SURVEY:** A big thank you to all who recently at all our Masses completed our Parish Faith Education Survey. We had 101 submissions which have been analysed and tallied and our Faith Education Group are in the process of preparing a program for the coming year which implements many of the recommendations. We are looking to build our team and are looking for some parishioners to join the Faith Education Ministry and assist in this very worthwhile parish ministry. **For more information please contact Bob Mayor on 0418 228689 or email to [mayor@leasing.net.au](mailto:mayor@leasing.net.au).**



**PARISH BAPTISMS THIS WEEK:** Baby Martina Rengel and Maya Parker.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Catherine Gordon; 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:** Concetta Piccin (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); Jack Chan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary); Francesco D'Elia; Carmelo Puglisi; John McGarrigle; Peter Dvornik; Julie Walshe; John Hourigan; John Hutch; Willimina Wilson; Fredwick Norton; James Fairburn; Anna De Colli; James Fahey; Kathleen Barton; Charles Myhill; Brian Kelaher; Gwennyth Condon; Frederick Hutch.

**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; 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.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
MON	10am–Bingo in the Parish Hall. Come along, have some fun!
TUE - SAT	The Rosary after morning mass
WED	<b><i>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY 16/10/19.</i></b>

<b>NEXT WEEK 5 &amp; 6 OCTOBER - WEEK ONE</b>			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Michelle McCabe Jan Holahan	Wendy Ballesty Paul Ballesty	Marie Piccin Diana Gamra
Acolytes	Peter Scicluna Julian McCarron	Kevin Nelson-Smith	Trevor Parmenter Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Paula Patterson Lorette Quinlan	Vicki Garcea Carmel Moliterno	Britta Crozier Diana Gamra
Communion to the Sick	Michelle McCabe and Margaret McCarthy		
Children's Liturgy	Sinead Kent		
Altar Society Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	Philomena Turley and Bernadette Griffin		
Money Counters	Bill Cramsie, Tina & Paul Driver, Sinead Kent		

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