



# St. Therese Catholic Church Padstow

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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Sunday Masses: Vigil 6.30PM, Sun 8.00AM, 9.30AM  
Weekday Masses: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8.30M, Fridays, & Saturdays at 9.00AM, Wednesdays at 7.30PM.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 5PM. Baptisms & Marriages By appointment.

**We Pray For Our Sick:** Matthew Morrissey, Romanos Nehme, Debe Beaini, and all our sick; may the Grace of the Lord be with them.

**We Pray For Our Dead:** Augustino Bartollo, Elias & Salima & Norm Nehme, Dominick & Thelma Mc Dermott, Pat O'Rourke, Alma Carroll, Chris Mulholland, Clarence Clemons, Danny Federici, and especially for those for whom Masses are being offered. We Pray, Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.  
John 1: 29

## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

From Fr. Stephen.

'The Lamb of God' is the most meaningful title given to Jesus in the Bible. It sums up the love and the sacrifice of Christ. Christ as Lamb of God is a title familiar to us. In the

Eucharist at "the breaking of the bread, we proclaim what the Baptist said, in word or song the *Agnus Dei* – "Lamb of God . ." In this prayer, we give expression to our deepest understanding of the identity and purpose of Jesus Christ as our Lamb. Because of his life of love and sacrifice, we believe and affirm that he is the one who came and continues to come into a broken world to take our sins upon himself.

There are two very significant references in the Old Testament which are particularly important in the understanding of this title given to Jesus. Firstly; 'The Lamb of Atonement' (Lv 16:20-22). Here a lamb was brought to the Temple on the Day of Atonement ("Yom Kippur"). Placing his hands over its head, the high priest transferred all the sins of his people to the lamb. The Lamb was then sent into the wilderness to be killed by the wild beasts. This is a veiled reference to Jesus as the lamb who takes away the sins of all.

Secondly; 'The blood of the Paschal Lamb' (Ex 12:11ss.) which was sacrificed marked the homes of the families who were saved from the Angle of Destruction. The event was memorialized yearly in the sacrifice of the Paschal Lamb at Passover. It is also the central motif of the Easter Liturgy.

The Gospel invites us to be disciples and become of the Lord in our daily lives. We are called to live and die like the Lamb of God. We live like a lamb, by leading humble, selfless lives, in obeying Christ's commandment of love. We die like a sacrificial lamb, by sharing our blessings of health, wealth and talents, by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering and by offering our suffering with the cross of Christ for our salvation and for reparation for our sins and those of others.

**I will be away for a short holiday next week. There will be Communion Services instead of Masses in the morning. I will be back next weekend for the Masses.**

## Miscellaneous.

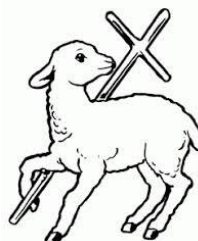
**VINNIES APPEAL.** Envelopes are now available at the Poor Box for donations to the annual appeal, which will enable the Padstow conference to continue the support of the needy in our parish. Donations by cash, cheque or credit card can be placed in the Poor Box and are tax deductible. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES:** Is looking for suitable applicants in the Greater Sydney area to train as Fertility Educators. Thorough, in-depth training over a 12-month period is provided to successful applicants and sessional work is available to those who complete the training and become accredited educators. For more information and application forms please contact The Manager NFS (02) 9509 1222.

**CATHOLIC CARE, NDIS Therapy Team.** We help children 0-18 years living with a disability to access the therapy they need to reach their potential. We offer speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy at locations across Sydney. For more information, contact our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19.** [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

**GRIEF TO GRACE – Healing the Wounds of Abuse** – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtogra](mailto:info@griegtogra)

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ROSTERS for 20 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2018			
READERS	6.30PM MASS	8.00AM MASS	9.30AM MASS
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	B Scott	K Setchell	R Trinder
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	S Bonanno	D Graff	L Trinder
ACOLYTES	Anthony	George	Frank
ALTAR SERVERS	A Long C Long	T Forrester C Nandan	T Camara R Camara
MUSIC	Amanda		Maria
NURSING HOMES	J Mc Grath	CLEANERS	M Allegro
SUNDAY SCHOOL	No Sunday School during Holidays		
COUNTERS	M Baker, D Russell, C Russell		
BANKERS	John	ROSARY	M Gander
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group E: J McLachlan, J Rogers, M Yates		