



St. Therese Catholic Church Padstow

7th - 8th July 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: Mary Gatt, Janet Smite, Jenny Francis, Tracey Jackson, Marie Mc Loughlin, Patricia Lopez, Joshua Durrant, Mary Sortwell, Matthew Morrissey, Romanos Nehme, Debe Beaini, and all our sick; may the Grace of the Lord be with them. Lord hear us.

We Pray For Our Dead: Brian Musgrave, Karen Orr, Laurie Vrana, Dominic & Vincent Nguyen, Raffaele Distefano, Nunziatina Marinelli, Mallama Van Yzendoorn, Victor & Bertha Jonathan, Colin & Violet Ragel, Joseph Coffey, Margaret Bennington, Ray Bennington, Salima, Elias, & Norm Nehme, Giovanni Pruscino, Jennifer & Ryley Delmage, Gina & Giuseppe Fortunato, Nora G. Castro, Shirley Leamey, 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.



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

From Fr. Stephen.

The Gospel of today tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient

Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth his followers to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave his disciples for their first mission. They should be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They should preach repentance -- a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centered life to a God-centered life.

Let us remember that we, too, are commissioned to witness: We are called to follow Jesus, imitate him, reflect him and radiate him. We need to evangelize the world by sharing with others our experience of God and His Son, Jesus, by our transparent Christian lives and radiating the love, mercy, forgiveness, spirit of humble service and concern of Jesus to the people around us. We also have a liberating mission, to help free people from the demons: Of alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, hatred, jealousy, racial prejudice and consumerism. We need the help of Jesus to liberate us and others from these sins.

† **Finance Matters:** Please remember to pick up your new set of envelopes, and your receipts for taxation. If you like a set of envelopes please see me after Mass. If you like a receipt for your donations to the Planned Giving please put your name on the list on the pin board at the back of the church. Sadly these amounts are not tax deductible. I thank you for your generosity.

If you are roistered to count and you are unable to attend, please, please get a substitute or do a swap. In any case please advise that you can't make it.

- + **Finance Committee Meeting:** We will hold our First Meeting for the new financial year next Friday 20th July at 5PM. If you have any matters you wish to raise, please email me and we will place them on the agenda. Your input is important!
- + **First Reconciliation:** The preparations for the reception of First Reconciliation will begin early in the next school term. If you did not receive a letter of invitation please pick one up from the pin board at the back of the church.
- + **School Holidays:** The school will begin of Saturday 7th July. The children will go back to school on Monday 23rd July, please remember that during the holidays the Morning Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays will be at 9AM and not 8.30AM.
- + **Priests Gathering At Leura:** I will be attending the live in seminar for the priests of the Archdiocese next week from 16th July to 19th July. There will be Holy Communion Services instead of Mass in my absence at the usual times. The Archbishop is insistent that all priests as far as possible attend.

- **Statement of Catholic School Fees:** The executive director of Catholic Schools Dr. Dan White, wrote to confirm that Catholic Schools are committed to maintaining low fees. Only an increase of 3-4% is anticipated over the next 3 years. Furthermore the Archdiocesan offers fee assistance for Catholic families in need, bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Refugee families.
- **Plenary Council 2020 – Listen to what the Spirit is saying.** To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Each parish is asked to provide an ambassador. We are looking for a volunteer to fill in this role of ambassador. I don't think that the task will be very difficult. If you can help, please see me as soon as possible.
- **Catholic Care Sydney:** Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.



ROSTERS for 21st – 22nd July 2018

READERS	6.30PM MASS	8.00AM MASS	9.30AM MASS
1 st Reader	B Prior	M Lombardo	A Tate
2 nd Reader	L Sercombe	G Limbaro	M Vasiljevski
ACOLYTES	Robert	Madonna	John
ALTAR SERVERS	S Bourke L Bourke	T Forrester P Forrester	B Miuller J Trinder
MUSIC	Amanda		Maria
NURSING HOMES	J Ryan	CLEANERS	N Kullmphe
SUNDAY SCHOOL	No Sunday school during school holidays		
COUNTERS	J & K Ryan, V Webb, El- Zeini		
BANKERS	Brian	ROSARY	S Mc Kenna
ALTAR SOCIETY	Group A: J :Linden, Mc Lachlan, K Ryan, O Sutiiono		