St Francis of Assisi Church

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8 & 10.30am. (Confessions are available after each Sunday Mass)
WEEKDAYS: Monday no Mass, Tuesday to Friday 7am, Saturday 8am
Thursday 6-7pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



NEWSLETTER

27th August 2017

To prepare for Sunday Mass it is a good idea to read and give thought to the readings in your missal or Bible. Here are some questions to ponder.

First Reading [Isaiah 22:19-23] Eliakim chosen by God, is given the key to open and close. What does that symbolise for the Church?

Second Reading [Romans 11:33-36] "Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?" Do I accept and trust God without understanding?

Gospel [Matthew16:13-20] Try to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?"

THE CHURCH UNDER THREAT

If you believe the newspapers in most parts of the world, Christianity is doomed and the Church has no future. There's nothing new in that. It has been like it since the beginning of the Church. When you think how the Church started and the people Jesus chose to establish it, you would be forgiven for thinking that it didn't stand a chance. It was doomed. The man Jesus put in charge from the beginning, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church", was full of self-confidence: "Even if all the others lose faith, I will not." But when the crunch came, he was the first to chicken out - and the rest of these specially chosen people were no better. What saved the Church at the time of the Apostles was failure, as they came to realise how much they depended on God and not on themselves. They started by failing and failing badly.

A careers adviser tries to help youngsters to choose their career by acknowledging the qualities they have and the dreams of what they might achieve. A boy or girl with some scientific ability and a real sympathy for people might make a good doctor or nurse, a person who loves children and has some gift of bringing out the best in them would make a good teacher. What would make a good Catholic?

The most effective development of a Catholic is to have failed. A person who has failed badly and can understand what it is like to be at the bottom of the heap is one who can sympathise with others. The man or woman who has sinned badly through weakness and knows how easy it is to go wrong will understand those who are written off as being immoral. A person who is reduced to calling out to God in despair because they've made such a mess of things is one who can be chosen by Christ.

ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACON - next Saturday

Please pray for Stephen Foster and George Waithe who are to be ordained Deacons at 10 am on Saturday September 2nd in the Cathedral. Come to their ordination and pray for them.

COLLECTIONS Last week's collection came to \$2,545.85

BUSINESS LEADERS/MANAGERS Saturday 9th September 9:15 am. to 12:30

Bishop Jason is to give a retreat for Business Leaders/Managers:

"The Vocation of the Business Leader" at the Living Water Community Centre.

This retreat will focus on practical ways to help Business Leaders/Managers from every sector integrate their Catholic faith and values into how they lead in the workplace, with emphasis on promoting *human dignity* and the *common good* as they lead with respect and integrity.

To register for this Retreat,

visit our website at http://bit.ly/2i6BeRb or contact Lynda Johnson at 436-9525

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT facilitated by Bishop Jason

Friday September 15th To Sunday 17th at the Marian Retreat House, Verdun, St. John.

All men, 18 years and over are invited to this special Retreat - to Pray and to Reflect, to Relax and to enjoy a delicious Barbecue and other tasty meals. **BD\$100 includes accommodation and meals.**

Come and invite a friend to attend.

To register call 231-9529 or email catholicmensretreat.bb@gmail.com

Please would you pray for these people who are ill: Basil Cozier, Catherine King, Kenneth Miller, Annie Bend, Veronica Tavernier, Carlos Phillips, Phillip Alleyne, Lucille Alleyne, Joan Mahon, Mervin Mahon, Carolina Restrepo, Marie Edmund, Carlyle Glean, Taylor Pluna, Peter-Xavier Iweze, Lourdes Rouco, John Griffith, Teresa Hodge, Shimisha Butcher, David Gittens, Annie Bromham, Michael Faul, Alison Howard, Noel Shirley, Natari Edwards, Carol Rowe, Marie Conibert, Jane Fontelle, Aurelija Vasilevskiene, Anna Teelan and Joyce Blennman.

All services held in St Francis Church may be viewed on the Internet: http://iwcpinc.com/portfolio-view/church-st-francis/
A shortened form of Fr Michael's homily can be found in the Advocate on Sunday and after the Sunday on: MICHAEL A J BarrowYoutube

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SOME NOTICES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER WORDED:

Our SVP ladies have cast off clothing – come and see on Saturday mornings

For Parishioners who have children and who do not know it, we have a special children's liturgy at 10.30 Mass on Sundays.

Don't let worry get you down – let St Francis parish help.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers meet at 7 pm on Wednesdays. Please use large double door at the side entrance.