

A Letter from Archibishop Fisher on the 50th anniversary of the Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, (On Human Life), July 1968. (part only – for the full text go to the Archdiocesan Web Page)

"...*Humanae vitae* is the only papal document many Catholics can name. That's because it was so personal and so controversial. Its publication caused a furor. After all, the sexual revolution of the 1960s said 'All you need is love' – which often meant sex. More sex, without the risk of children, was said to draw married couples more closely together. For unmarried people, now presumed to be sexually active, birth control was judged essential. More sex all round promised an end to isolation, infidelity, sexism, even war ('Make love not war').

But when Paul VI offered his difficult teaching against contraception and abortion, he suggested (like the prophets of old) that to break with God's plan and the natural order of things in this matter would do more harm than good, even from a secular point of view.

Paul predicted that the sexual / contraceptive revolution would lead to more marital infidelity than stability, to lower moral standards rather than greater virtue, to a hyper-sexualised culture with all its attendant challenges especially for the young, and to the exploitation of women rather than equality (*HV* 17). There would also be ill-effects on demography, culture and politics. Governments and international agencies would interfere with their population policies – as more recently with gender ideology and 'reproductive rights'.

'Woe' said Paul VI. Half a century later and things are, if anything, worse than he ever feared. We have a population explosion and a population implosion. Divorce rates have escalated. The sacred cow of 'Reproductive Health' is now beyond public critique – at least within 150 metres of the clinics. Many children grow up without knowing the love of a Mum and Dad committed to each other and to them over the long haul. When there are natural or human disasters, U.N. agencies often drop condoms before offering food or other relief. Coercive or more subtle population programmes have been common around the world and had terrible demographic effects.

This generation is more confused about relationships, sex and fertility, and less able to sustain marriages and families, than any in recorded history. Contraception is not the only reason for all this, but it proved a powerful driver in a revolution of behaviour – and misbehaviour. It has certainly not been the boon for women, families or the broader community that was promised, as many feminists and other social commentators have pointed out. The Prophet Paul VI was right... "

The Australian catholic Bishops published "Pastoral Letter on the Application of '*Humanae Vitae*'" in 1974 – a letter to priests. To guide priests in Confessional practice, they stated: "In any consideration of this question it is necessary to understand the role of conscience in moral guidance. 'Conscience is the practical judgment or dictate of reason by which one judges what here and now is to be done as being good, or to be avoided as evil.' Moreover, it is true that 'in the final analysis conscience is inviolable, and no person is to be forced to act in a manner contrary to their conscience, as the moral tradition of the Church attests.'" A person "must do my utmost to form a correct conscience...Above all, as a Christian I must be guided by Christian principles and values...[It] implies an openness to the teaching of the Church..."

"It is not impossible, however, that an individual may fully accept the teaching authority of the Pope in general, may be aware of his teaching in this matter, and yet reach a position after honest study and prayer that is at variance with the papal teaching. Such a person could be without blame; they would certainly not have cut themselves off from the Church; and in acting with their conscience they could be without subjective fault..." Full text available in the Foyer.



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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
28/29th July, 2018

Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles. Front
6 seats either side of centre
aisle.

1st Reading: Kings 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people .

Responsorial Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: . Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Parish Office

Monday- Friday 9am-5pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's

Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays.

Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: Peter Tosti, Sr. Margaret Atley, OLSH, Sr. Patricia Clare, OLSH, Fr. Dominic Pradiers, MSC, Doreen Crawley, Moira O' Connor.

Anniversaries and Deceased: Frank and Dolores Corry, Stany Alva, Sydney Symons, Elna Coyco, Garner Hitchen, William Crothers, Exequiel Coyco, Len Jarman, Maria Galego, Aurora Gil, Roberto Castillo-Toledo, Iris Hitchen, Emily Odlum.

Special Intentions: Christine Martin.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

William Mitchell, Emily Hanniffy, Jessica Hankinson

'TODDLER TALES' FOR

PARENTS WITH PRAMS

every Friday AT 9.30am Cloister Room

The Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office .

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on ph 02 9390 5812.

(See Foyer for Cards to contact Safeguarding Office.)

Young Adults

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00 Cloister Room: Fr Tru: trudunguyen@gmail.com. Bring a friend and enjoy the laughs, meals, companionship, prayer and reflections.

Coming Up:

- ⇒ **Mon 30 July: St. Peter Chrysologus**
- ⇒ **Tues 31 July: St Ignatius of Loyola**
- ⇒ **Wed 1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori**
- ⇒ **Thurs 2 Aug: St Eusebius**
- ⇒ **Fri 3 Aug: St Dominic**
- ⇒ **Sat 4 Aug: St. John Vianney**
- ⇒ **W/end 4-5 Aug: CWF Collection (tax deductible)**
- ⇒ **Tues 7 Aug: 1st Holy Communion enroll OLSH 7pm**
- ⇒ **Wed 15 Aug: Assumption of Mary: Masses - 6.30, 9.30, Midday and 7pm**

Spirituality of Jules Chevalier: "St Joseph was the friend and guardian of Jesus and Mary. Let us place all our houses now and in the future, under the outstanding care of St Joseph." *Constitutiones MSC, 1877*

Seniors: Do you know seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? **CATHOLIC CARE SERVICES** help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

Call Careline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Planned Giving - as advertised at the end of 2017 is no longer tax deductible due to a change in Government rules. For this reason receipts cannot be issued.

However tax receipts are issued if you contribute to CWF(Charitable Works Fund) or Project Compassion, MSC mission office, Cana....

New Parishioners - welcome morning tea on the 26th August following 10am Family Mass.

First Holy Communion Dates (OLSH)

Information night
Tuesday 7th August - 7pm

Sacrament of First Communion:
Weekend 15/16th September, 2018

First Holy Communion Dates (STMM)

Information Night
Tuesday 24th July at 6pm.

Sacrament of First Communion
Sunday 26th August - 9.30am

MSC Lay Associates. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 5th August, 2018 at 1.15pm. Please bring lunch. Visitors welcome.

Sacristy: There will be some disruption to our sacristies for two or three days beginning Monday August 6. The linoleum tiles have to be removed and replaced with vinyl. In the days they were laid, asbestos was a part of their manufacture. Hence, the area will not be usable while the process is in place. You may find an unusual assortment of cupboards and etc around the rear of the Shrine during this time. PHMSC

Readers not on email: the next Readers' Roster is 25/26 Aug. - 10/11 Nov. If you are unavailable during any of that time please let Maureen know by this Thursday 2 Aug.

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

Mass usually attended: _____

It would be appreciated if when seeking a reference for a high school that you include a stamped addressed envelope as we get many forms to fill throughout the year.

"Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink health card. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families.

To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child."

EMHCs NOT ON EMAIL: Copies of the new roster will be available in the Sacristy from Tuesday, 31st July

Youth Group:

Contact youtholsh@gmail.com The youth group meets third Saturday at 4.00pm for fun and games followed by choir practice and singing at the 6.00pm Mass.