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THE YEAR OF MERCY
19th Sunday

BULLETIN NOTICES

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NEXT WEEKS MASS TIMES

2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY, 7.00P.M –
CHARLTON

SATURDAY 7.00PM –
WEDDERBURN*

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
ST. ARNAUD

SUNDAY, 8.30 A.M. –
DONALD

*Lay Led Liturgy

NEXT WEEKENDS MASS ROSTER

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: Margaret Fradd√*
Francie Lanyon√* Margaret McGrath* Nursing Home•

READERS: Sigrid Lee

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Jo Russell

GIFTS : Naomi and Paul Fitzpatrick family

ALTAR SERVERS: Fergus and Oscar Bourke

FLOWERS: Anne Calnin

HOME VISITING: Val Bourke

COUNTERS: This week: Brian and Dawn Mulquiny

Next week: Jeff and Mary McLoughlan

CHURCH CLEANING: S Patton, M Thompson, R Heenan

Weekday Mass Times

Mass at EWHS Thursday 10.30 a.m. Friday 1.00 pm

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

RECENT DEATHS:

- ANNE MARSH

ANNIVERSARIES:

- PAT NICHOLLS
- FR TOM KINIRY
- FR LEO MCCORMICK

Rest in Peace to one of our parish and school members - Anne Marsh - who tragically passed away on Friday 29th July after a motor vehicle accident. Our deepest sympathy to Anne's family and friends. Rest in Peace Anne, in God's hands. Anne's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 12th August at 1.00pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Bailey Delaney
- Vin Sait
- Father Brendan Davey
- Fr John Keane
- Leo Sait

Collections

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
03.07.2016	\$465.00	\$217.90
10.07.2016	\$302.00	\$208.85
17.07.2016	\$300.00	\$189.45
24.07.2016	\$135.00	\$219.60
31.07.2016	\$472.00	\$152.80

Pontiff in Assisi: Forgiveness is direct route to Heaven

"Forgiveness" is "our direct route" to heaven, Pope Francis said during a visit to Assisi in central Italy, to mark the 800th anniversary of the Franciscan feast of the Pardon of Assisi, reports *The Tablet*. Francis marked the feast with a pilgrimage to the Porziuncula chapel in Assisi's Basilica of Mary of the Angels, where the feast originated.

After praying silently in the chapel, Francis moved into the main basilica to offer a reflection on Matthew 18.21-35. In this Gospel passage, Christ tells Peter to forgive his brother "not seven times, but 70 times seven", before telling the parable of the servant who was forgiven his debt, but refused to forgive his own debtor.

The Pope began his reflection by echoing the words St Francis is believed to have said in the same basilica: "I want to send you all to Heaven!"

He said that "forgiveness" is "our direct route" to Heaven - being forgiven by God and in turn forgiving others. He compared the indebted servant in the story to a penitent coming to confession, asking that his Master have patience with him.

"When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy," he said, "but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice! This is a reaction unworthy of Christ's disciples... who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God."

He closed the reflection by urging all Christians "to offer today's world the witness of mercy."

"In this Holy Year of Mercy," he said, "it becomes ever clearer that the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world... The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred, because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace."

Assisi is of special significance to Pope Francis; it is the hometown of the saint whose name Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio took on his election to the papacy, the first pope to do so. (CATHNEWS.COM)

In May, Pope Francis said that he was going to launch an enquiry into the history of women in the church and the possibility of their future inclusion in what is currently an all-male clergy.

This August, Pope Francis has honoured his word and launched the *Study Commission on the Women's Diaconate*. The group is evenly split between male and female experts and will be led by Archbishop Luis Francisco Ladaria.

Also included in the commission is Phyllis Zagano, who has authored a range of titles on the role of women in the Church. She stated the commission is a "*wonderful opportunity for the church as a whole to look at the question of restoring women to the diaconate.*"

Here we have featured a number of titles exploring women in the Catholic church and throughout history that will give anyone all the information they need to understand and join in one of the most important discussions in the history of the Catholic Church.

Olympic champion says Hail Mary to calm her down before races

An Olympic swimming champion and world record-holder has revealed that praying the Hail Mary calms her down before she competes in a race, reports the Catholic News Service.

Four years ago in London, at age of 15, US swimmer Katie Ledecky won Olympic gold in the women's 800-metre freestyle.

Since then Ledecky, who attended Catholic schools in Bethesda, Maryland, has become the world record holder in the 400-metre, 800-metre and 1500-metre freestyles.

In the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, she will compete in the 200-metre, 400-metre, and 800-metre freestyle.

Before every race, she'll offer a prayer, she told the *Catholic Standard*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Washington.

"I do say a prayer – or two – before any race. The Hail Mary is a beautiful prayer and I find that it calms me," she said in an email interview.

Ledecky discussed how her faith is a source of strength and how the communities at home have supported her along the road to her second Olympics. (CATHNEWS.COM)