



## 22 January 2017—Year A Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 105 Eleventh Avenue AUSTRAL 2179

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### **Sacramental Life**

#### **Celebration of the Eucharist:**

##### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)  
Sunday - 7.30am  
Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's Liturgy during School Term)  
Monday - No Mass  
Tuesday - 9am  
Wednesday - 9am  
Thursday - 9am  
Friday - 9.00am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday  
4.30 - 5.15pm

**Baptisms & Marriages:**  
By appointment at Presbytery

**Anointing:** Every 2 months -  
check bulletin for dates

**Sick Calls:** Any time - day/night.

**Funeral Masses:** In co-operation  
with Funeral Directors.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom, and healed all who were sick.  
**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your face not be abashed.

### **Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A.**

#### **1. The Day of Midian**

The First Reading says that when the light shines in the darkness, it will be as in the day of Midian.

But what is the day of Midian? Who are the Midianites?

Well, their progenitor, Midian, was an outcast. After Abraham's his wife Sarah died, he took a concubine, Keturah, and had six sons with her. Midian was one of them. But God's chosen people were meant to descend from Abraham through Sarah's son Isaac. For Abraham, then, Midian and the other sons of the concubine didn't matter. So Abraham cast out Midian and his five brothers when they were grown.

By the time the Israelites, the descendants of Isaac, came out of Egypt in the Exodus, the Midianites were an idolatrous tribe, powerful enough to make real trouble for the Israelites. God told the Israelites to go to war with them.

But by the time of the Judges, years later, the Midianites were again strong enough to oppress the Israelites. When the Israelite champion Gideon finally defeated them, the victorious Israelites rejoiced.

It could be that this victory over the tribe of Midian is what the First Reading means by "the day of Midian."

But there is another side to the story of the descendants of Abraham's son Midian. But there is another side to the story of the descendants of Abraham's son Midian.

In the Exodus, the leader of the Israelites, Moses, was married to a woman who actually was one of the Midianites. (By then, they were also called "the Kenites"). All the children of Moses were therefore half-Midianite. And so, in the children of Moses, the descendants of the concubine's son Midian, whom Abraham had cast out, were woven back into the chosen people who were descended from Abraham's son Isaac.

And when the Canaanite army, led by its great general Sisera, came to attack the Israelites, in the time of the Judges, Sisera was defeated, and the power of the Canaanite military was broken for a time, by a courageous and great-hearted Kenite woman Jael. Sisera thought she was just an outcast Midianite. But she killed that wicked man, for love of God and God's people, while he was sleeping in her tent.

This victory, when those that were cast out become joyful, victorious, chosen people of God, is part of the story of the day of Midian too. When the light shines in our darkness, it will be for us as in the day of Midian.

**2. Cleaning the Church**

**3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**4. St Vincent de Paul**

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 23-28 January

Mrs F Palamara, Mrs F Musso,  
Mrs K Vartuli, Mrs M Pisani



### 30 January-4 February

Mrs M Mercieca, Mrs M Farrugia,  
Mrs T Gimellaro, Mrs K Puric, Josette Camilleri

## READERS ROSTER

### 21/22 January

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Catherine Emery

Readers:

Catherine Emery: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Sarpa Family

Readers:

Sarpa Family: 1st Reading

Sarpa Family: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 28/29 January 2017 (4th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Allan Phillips

Readers:

Allan Phillips: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Mary Burton: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 21/22 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Frances Musso & Ken O'Leary



### 28/29 January 2017

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Mary Power & Faye Palamara

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 21/22 Jan 2017

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Matt Young

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 28/29 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Eric Hockings

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 21 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Kimberley Camilleri

Zac Stepic

Taliyah Stepic

### 28 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzaniti

Mariette Taoum

Sebastian Taoum



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

We are looking for more volunteers for childrens liturgy, If you can help can you give your name to Father after mass, ring the presbytery on 9606 0206 or put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. Thankyou.



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## **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS RE YEAR 7 ENROLEMENTS IN SYDNEY CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Secondary Systemic Schools will be enrolling students for Year 7 two years before their intended start date.

This means that, for students in Year 5 in 2017, enrolment applications, interviews and offers of places will be conducted at Sydney Catholic Secondary Schools over the course of 2017.

The earlier enrolment timing will give parents greater assurance of securing a place for their child so that they can follow a continuous Catholic education pathway from Kindergarten to year 12.

For more information, please contact the Principal of your child's Sydney Catholic School.

### **Perfumed Roses consecrated in the Garden of Mary Children's Prayer Group**

Children and parents are invited to participate in the Children's Prayer Group.

Every first Saturday of the month

Next Meeting is January 7th 2017 in the Hall.

Where: St Anthony's Church Hall, Austral

Time: 4:15pm until 5:15pm.



### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

*In your love and concern, please pray for:-*

#### **Recently Deceased:**

#### **Anniversaries:**

**Also for:** Sam & Maria Gauci, Bradley Gauci, Michael & Joseph Jackson, Ashleigh Connor, Chris Bestwick, Denise Segatto, Carron Smith

**We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:**

Lorraine Stedman, Sarina Macri, Lina Cataldo, Tony Pustahija, Tony Macri, Paul Farnsworth.





- Archbishop’s homily: A Knights of Malta conspiracy?
- Monica Doumit: three cheers for Cardinal George Pell, man of courage
- Lidcombe milestone: twelve months of Adoration
- Eileen O’Connor special school opens
- Get your free 2017 Rome Pilgrimages Calendar
- Just before the end: extinction of Christianity in the Middle East looms
- Plus: Vista whats on in your Parish?

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### KID’S CORNER.



**Q.** What did the nut say when it got a cold?  
**A.** Cashew.


