



## 26/27 August 2017-Year A Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for  
I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work  
of Your hands.

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

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will  
not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O  
Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

##### **Dear Parishioners,**

We celebrate the Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **1. The Rock on which the Church is Built**

In the Gospel Reading, Christ tells Peter that Peter is the rock on which  
Christ will found his church. And, Jesus promises, the gates of hell will  
not prevail against this rock or against the church built on it.

This is a comforting thought, isn't it? In the darkness of the world, there  
is something—the apostle Peter, the Church—that evil cannot wreck!  
The problem is that it so often looks as if the gates of hell *have* prevailed  
against Christ's church.

The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be.

Actually, the problem begins with Peter. The apostle, who was supposed  
to be the rock of the Church, betrayed the Lord he loved in his Lord's  
worst need. A betrayal like that seems to have something hellish about it,  
doesn't it?

As far as that goes, how does Peter differ from Judas? Judas betrayed  
Christ too, of course. In fact, the Gospel of John says that Satan entered  
into Judas before he went to the Pharisees to conspire with them to get  
Jesus (John 13:27). There is certainly something hellish about the  
treachery of Judas if Satan entered into him.

So why not think that the gates of hell prevailed against Peter too, in *his*  
betrayal of Christ? What is left of Jesus' promise that the gates of Hell  
will not prevail against Peter or against Christ's Church?

But notice that there *is* a difference between Judas and Peter.

You might think the difference is that Peter repented and Judas didn't.  
But there you would be mistaken. The Gospel of Matthew makes it clear  
that Judas repented, too (Matthew 27:3).

So, here is the real difference between them. When Judas saw the sin of  
his betrayal for what it was, he killed himself. He threw himself away as  
hopeless, as irredeemable. But Peter came back to Christ. He cleaved to  
the Lord he loved even in the face of his own betrayal of him.

And that is why Peter is the rock on which the Church is founded. The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be. The Church was founded on Peter, who loved, and sinned, and held on to the Lord anyway. The gates of Hell cannot prevail against this kind of love.

This *is* a deeply comforting thought.

## **2. Change of Address**

About 2 years ago we asked Charles Glanville (Architects) who designed the Church to design a new presbytery for St Anthony's.

When sent here, the Chancellor Monsignor John Usher, told me to build a presbytery to house two priests and a seminarian (student Trainee), who would have pastoral experience in the parish.

As you know from looking for houses they are not cheap!

Besides accommodation, office and separate living areas had to be incorporated into the design, as well as, the other essential household needs. The presbytery had to accommodate all these areas.

The cost was worked at \$1.2 million in today's money. The parish did not have it and after renovating the Church and fixing up the presbytery we were nowhere near that amount.

I invited the head of the Church Development Fund to lunch to discuss our finances but he indicated we would not be able to pay the interest due to what we receive on the 2nd Collection. So, we put it in the too hard basket.

Bishop Randazzo attended a School Master Plan Meeting 10 weeks ago and commented on the presbytery and the living environment. The Bishop approached Sydney Catholic Schools that as they have several properties could they loan one to the parish for use as a presbytery and parish office. I have accepted their offer and so, we are "moving house" to 320 Edmondson Avenue Austral, keeping the same phone and fax numbers and email address. My builder will do repairs to the interior of the presbytery as the architraves are breaking up, we had an attack of white ants in the bathroom and some repairs in the kitchen.

I seek your input as to what to do with the presbytery eg: offer it to a young married couple in a reduced rent or offer it to a refugee family that we could foster and assist in establishing themselves in our community. There are many Catholic families that are in need of assistance.

The presbytery and parish office will move on Tuesday 30 August.

If you have ideas please let either a member of the parish council know of your ideas or send an email to the Parish Office. Thank you.

## **3. Hall Tables for Sale**

George Ajkay, during Fr Short's time built the wooden tables that we use in the hall for our functions.

However, for those of us who have set the hall up for a function they are very heavy to get down from the stack etc.

George is in agreement that I can offer them to parishioners and we will use the collapsable white ones which are much lighter to handle.

The table and the metal legs are very sturdy and of good quality that will last a lifetime.

Each table \$120.00

First in at the presbytery with a vehicle there are 30 tables.

## **4. Christmas Cards**

A reminder that Christmas Cards are available on the back table \$10 a packet.

## **5. Columban Calendars 2018**



Columban Calendars for 2018 will be available on the back table. Buying a religious calendar keeps you up to date with all church feast days, as well as, each month the picture is of a religious nature. **\$10 per calendar.**

## **6. Green Thumb**

Any parishioner or parishioners willing to look after the gardens around the Church. The garden in front of the Church needs weeding. If you can spare a few minutes, just turn up and do it.

No permission needed!! Thank you.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 28 August-2 September

D Gauci, J Bartolo,  
M Zarb, M Camilleri



### 4-9 September

V Casha, S Arcuri,  
M Masini, M Cvetko

## READERS ROSTER

### 26/27 August

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

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Mary Burton: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 2/3 September (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 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: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 26/27 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugejia & Robert Gimellaro

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



### 19/20 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Volunteer

#### **Sunday 9am**

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 26/27 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 2/3 September

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Matt Young

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 26 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Lauren Vassallo

Mark Vassallo

### 2 September

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa Galea

Emily Galea

#### **3 September**

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

### 26 August

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

### 2 September

Sr Elsa, Sr Genieth & R Micallef

### 9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



## **POPE FRANCIS COLUMN**



Pope Francis gives “very practical” pointers for the reception and integration of migrants, says Father Fabio Baggio, Under-Secretary and ‘Number 3’ of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, referring to the Pontiff’s Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be observed on January 14, 2018, on the theme “Receive, Protect, Promote and Integrate.”

In an interview published on August 21, 2017 by the Italian Catholic Agency SIR, Father Baggio says that the Message gives “very practical pointers,” especially in regard to “legal and safe ways” for all migrants. He addresses “a very clear appeal” for the Church’s engagement, strong in her “good practices.”

The Holy Father stresses the importance of protecting migrants from the start, “offering them all the information necessary to decide if they will depart or not , where to and how to get there”; then in the country of destination, where they can be helped to “remain in a regular situation or to regularize their position.”

The Message also calls for “the recognition of the capacities and competencies of migrants with the validation of study and professional diplomas, so that these persons can offer the best,” “further their education” and be “a contribution and an occasion of development for the countries that receive them,” added the Under-Secretary.

For migrants and refugees it’s not only a question of having a legal “passport” but also of “engaging with a place” or “with a territory.” It’s not about saying to them “You can and you can’t,” but about saying “if you wish, remember that there is a certain responsibility to assume,” specified Father Baggio.

He also mentioned “the fear of invasion” caused by “ignorance of those that knock at the doors.” The priest believes that it’s necessary to “work enormously on education, on the culture of encounter, by providing real data.”

“To go to the other is not necessarily natural: with a child it’s much more present but with an adult there is often a brake because one fears losing something in the encounter with the other,” said the priest. The experience of history “teaches that civilizations are born in fact of the encounter between different peoples when they are open, not when they are closed,” he conclude.



## **FATHERS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Please join us for a special remembrance service in honour of our departed and loved fathers.

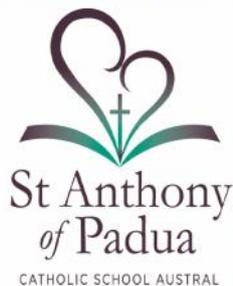
Date Saturday 2nd September Time 10am  
Venue Forest Lawn Memorial Park, North Chapel,  
Camden Valley Way, Leppington.

Complimentary refreshments will be provided.  
Everyone welcome.

Service held in conjunction with Guardian Funerals, Simplicity Funerals, Kenneally's Funerals, Lifes Celebrations and St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish.



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## **"OF LIFE AND LOVE" MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

2017 Dates: September 9 and 10 (weekend course) and November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

For more information please go to our events page at [www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au](http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au) or please contact us at [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

## **CATHOLICCAR**

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Our ageing services provide help in the home to ensure you can remain living independently. Call our Careline Team on 13 18 19 to discuss your needs or visit [CatholicCare.org](http://CatholicCare.org)

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

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Camilleri

**Anniversaries:** Ian Stedman, Mary Vella

**Also for:** Holy Souls

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

Lorraine Stedman, Tony Pustahija, Paul Farnsworth, Levi Rolands, Olga Del Vescono, Peter Calarco, Erminia Demasi, Anton Beuk.





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### KID'S CORNER.



**Q.** What did zero say to the number 8?  
**A.** Nice Belt.

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Early bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival need to be paid by 25 August 2017. Final group registrations close on 22 September, so we still have time to register additional young people from our parish. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years are invited to contact our Deanery contact for further information [Please insert the name and contact details of you Deanery Coordinator or a Parish contact if you have one]. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia, please support this initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State school students which may be accessed through our Deanery Coordinator.

## SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE

### **IF WE VOTE "NO" IN THE PLEBISCITE**

1. We send a strong message on family, faith and freedom.
2. Parents can continue to teach their children about their own beliefs about gender, sexuality and marriage.
3. We win the right to civil debate where political correctness has previously intimidated many into silence.
4. Pray

## SILENT RETREAT

Discover the "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Friday 22nd September (6pm) - Sunday, 24th Sept (2pm finish) in Bowral. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com)

## Using the Parish Toilets

Anyone using the Church toilets are asked to **PLEASE DO NOT** place nappies, hand towels, wet ones or anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We have had some problems with nappies in the toilets previously, but a few weeks ago it was so blocked we couldn't fix it ourselves (which is never pleasant) and we had to get an Emergency Plumber to unblock the toilet as we had not only our weekend masses but also First Holy Communion and it didn't come cheap it cost the parish \$350.00.

Parents please dispose of your nappies appropriately. As you would in your own homes.

## PARKING

Parishioners are asked to please **NOT PARK** on the grassed areas around the Church near the top of the driveway. The elderly are welcome to do so, but able bodied persons are asked to park in the Church parking grounds. Thank. Fr Bob

## **Outstanding gains in NAPLAN sustained in Sydney Catholic Schools**

Sydney Catholic schools have experienced their best year ever in the 2017 NAPLAN test gains, maintaining a trend of continual improvement in academic achievement. This year's results in Catholic schools showed a substantial improvement in all year levels, particularly in the areas of Reading and Numeracy. Once again, Sydney Catholic schools performed significantly above the national and state means in every dimension of the national testing data.

The Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White, was delighted with the 2017 results.

"The rate of student growth achieved by our students was particularly impressive," he said. "On virtually every indicator, the level of improvement exceeded the comparable improvements in overall NSW data."

Of special note was the outstanding performance of Year 3 students in Reading with more than 64% of all children achieving results in the top two bands, compared to a state average of 51%.

Similarly in Numeracy, 41.5% of Year 5 Catholic school students were placed in the top two bands, nine percentage points higher than their state counterparts (32.5%). Dr White especially commended Year 9 students in Catholic schools for a 'across the board' lift in standards.

"For many years, the national Year 9 performance in Writing has shown a gradual decline. This year our students improved their mean scores by 21 points, and the percentage of students in the top two achievement bands jumped from 13% in 2016 to 22% this year."

Dr White also paid tribute to the outstanding professional work of Sydney Catholic Schools' teachers, principals and support staff.

"Our system of 152 Catholic schools has strongly embraced a whole of school improvement culture. Driven by the detailed analysis of student data and informed by the latest educational research, each school has formulated explicit improvement goals that focus on meeting the needs of every child.

"It is all about maximising the learning growth of every child", Dr White added.

"Teachers and learning support officers have dedicated themselves to a multi-faceted program of professional learning and devote enormous time and energy in personalising the learning program for each student.

"The success achieved in Catholic schools has not happened overnight or by accident, but rather by our community of schools being focussed and committed to ensuring each child achieves their God-given potential."

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) offers a non-selective, low-fee education for over 70,000 children, across 152 schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney.