



## 29/30 July 2017-Year A Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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Dean of the Western Deanery*

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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:** 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:** Lord, I love Your commands.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

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

### **Dear Parishioners,**

We celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### **1. God's Gifts**

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God's gifts to him. The first gift was that God appeared to Solomon and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honored by God in this way!

Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for a gift all right, but not a worldly gift. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God's people well.

And so Solomon received God's first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of the next gift.

Because Solomon pleased God by what he asked of God, he gave Solomon the wisdom asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more gifts, the gifts Solomon had not asked for, worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised Solomon the very worldly things Solomon hadn't asked for—namely, riches and long life—in addition to the wisdom he wanted.

There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

So Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel.

And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too. The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

Furthermore, anyone who has these gifts has not just *long* life, like Solomon, but *everlasting* life, with the Lord. And even among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling Spirit are present too in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit that God gives in addition to the gifts.

And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven.

As Christ says in the Gospel reading, this is treasure indeed.

## **2. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

The PPC will meet on Monday August 7 at 7.30pm in the presbytery. PPC members are asked to note it in their calendar. See you there. Agenda to follow for the meeting.

## **3. Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**



At the 9am Mass, today (Sunday), Lawrence Law takes a further step into the faith as he proclaims our Creed, our beliefs as Catholic Christians in God, three persons, the Virgin Mary, the resurrection of the body and belief in the Catholic Church (the Rock). Let us continue to pray for him as he journey's into full communion with us.

## **4. Sacrament of Reconciliation**



The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins soon. Any family with a child in Year 2 or above is welcome to enter into the period of preparation. Please see Fr Bob for details. To date we have four candidates only.

## **5. Welcome Ceremony**

The Monthly Welcome Ceremony for couples preparing their child for the Sacrament of Baptism will take place at the 9am Mass next Sunday. We welcome them to St Anthony's.

## **6. Morning Tea**



After the 9am Mass next Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Council will hold the monthly Morning Tea. Parishioners are encouraged to stop and have a tea/coffee and chat with each other. This is but one way for the parish to build community together. It will be held in the open, in the sun, this month!!

## **7. Parish BBQ**



Last Saturday night we held the parish BBQ with 100 parishioners attending and about 24 children and young people.

My thanks to all who attended and I hope You enjoyed the evening together.

My thanks especially to:

Giuseppe Campisi (Campisi Meats) for his support to the evening.

Vince Bartuccio for his support to our evening.

Greg and Nancy Gigliotti for the "Cool Room"

But, members of the Parish Council did a sterling job in organising and making the evening most enjoyable.

George Ajkay, Tim Hext and Anthony Zanetic (PPC) did the BBQ. Thanks to Harry Habib for giving us two BBQ's and assisting.

Frances Musso, Faye Palamara and Pam Ajkay did the salads (cutting and dicing them on Friday in preparation). Then, serving on the evening, as well.

Thanks, also, to Josephine Pace for assisting on the night.

Apologies, if I have overlooked anyone.

I thank all who in big or small ways made the evening successful.

We raised \$800.00 from the function.

## **8. Fr Noel Short**

Fr Noel Short celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood on last Saturday 22 July. We wish him every blessing as he celebrates this important priestly milestone.

Ad Multos Annon.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 31 July-5 Aug

L Pecotich, A Mamone, M Sarpa,  
M Gimellaro, M De Vries



### 7-12 August

F Palamara, F Musso,  
K Vartuli, M Pisani

## READERS ROSTER

### 29/30 July

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

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: James Gill

James Gill: 1st Reading

Catherine Emery: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 5/6 August (Transfiguration of the Lord)

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

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Daniela Romeo

Readers:

Daniela Romeo: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 29/30 July

#### Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugejia & Robert Gimellaro

#### Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



### 5/6 August

#### Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

#### Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 29/30 July

#### Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

#### Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

#### Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

### 5/6 August

#### Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

#### Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

#### Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 29 July

#### Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

### 5 August

#### Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

### 29 July

F Hockings & V Bugeja

### 5 August

S & V Casha

### 9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



## **POPE FRANCIS COLUMN**



### **Pope Writes a “Frontier” Carmelite Nun Who Works to Recover Prostitutes, Addicts**

Sister Monica Astorga, in the Argentine city of Neuquen, Works without Leaving Her Convent  
July 25, 2017.

Pope Francis sent a mail to cloistered Carmelite nun Monica Astorga — who for the past 11 years has worked with transsexuals in Argentina, getting them to abandon prostitution and addictions —encouraging her in her work.

“I have you and the convent very close to my heart, as well as the persons with whom you work,” wrote the Pontiff, saying that she could tell them.

This is part of the message that the Holy Father sent, which was published yesterday in the daily LmNeuquen.com of the city of Neuquen in the south of Argentina.

The Pope wrote her “when he learnt of the project to build 15 dwellings for trans women, in the Confluencia district of this city” and “of the opening of a Home for the Elderly, which will be brought to completion by this group,” reported the daily.

In addition, it pointed out that Francis wrote to the nun previously, saying: “In Jesus’ time lepers were rejected. They are the lepers of the present. Don’t leave off the frontier work that has come your way.” Sister Monica Astorga, 50, born in Buenos Aires, lives in a convent in Neuquen. At seven, she felt her religious vocation despite her family’s opposition.

“I don’t leave the convent; this is my place; from here I can support and push those who need it. My social work rises from here, she clarified in an earlier note to the same daily.

Sister Monica added that a girl had come to the convent who wanted to give a tithe. Asked about her work, she said she was a prostitute because, given her transvestite condition, she could not get work.

“They asked her if she needed help and it was then that Father Italo (Varvello) and Sister Mariucha (Dambroggio) contacted me and asked me if I could help her,” explained Sister Monica to the daily.

The girl asked for help to get away from prostitution and Sister Monica asked her if she knew others who wanted to leave the street. “She answered me ‘all.’” Then I asked her to find them. She began to laugh and answered: “they are about 70.”

When this girl arrived with a group of transvestites, the first thing the nun did was to invite them to the Chapel to pray, “to put all their life in Jesus’ hands and to be able to strengthen their lives.” One of them asked her how they could pray to God when they had been rejected by their parents and relatives. “I asked them to have faith, otherwise, they were dead. Then I asked them what they wanted to do with their lives; what dreams they wanted to realize,” continued the nun.

With the help of the diocesan Caritas and other people, they helped them to open a hairdressing salon, a sewing center, etc. Sister Monica said she could not understand how there are men that pay to be with them. “It is indignant because those men pick them up on the street, mistreat them, use them as if they were the rubbish of humanity,” she lamented to the daily.



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## THE BISHOP'S BLEND

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace?

Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 7 August at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for the launch of The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals.

Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

## MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is?

You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday August 20 at 10.30am.

Morning Tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall.

RSVP and enquiries can be directed to [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8404.



## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Bruce Phillips, Peter and Georgina Camilleri.

**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, Tina De Angelis (Lea Our School Principal's mother), Connie Bianchi, Erminia Demasi.





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### KID’S CORNER.



**Q.** What did the ground say to the earthquake?

**A.** You crack me up.

## **CAMELOT**

CAMELOT MUSICAL: Artes Christi is delighted to present one of the world's most loved (but rarely performed) musicals, Lerner & Loewe's *CAMELOT* starring acclaimed film, TV & stage actor Donald Macdonald (Merlyn) alongside Paul McLeod (Arthur), Emily Potts (Guenevere) and a cast & live orchestra of 75. From the writers of *My Fair Lady*, this Tony Award Winning musical brings to life all the romance, pageantry and intrigue of King Arthur and his legendary Medieval Kingdom with this production of *CAMELOT* proudly supporting Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people. Shows: 18-20 August; Seymour Centre TIX from \$35, Ph 9351 7940 or [www.camelot2017.com](http://www.camelot2017.com)

## **Australian Catholic Youth Festival Update**

There are little over 130 days until Sydney welcomes the young people of Australia to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Next week our Parish will launch our call to invite young people of the area to join our [insert Deanery name] Deanery Group. If you or your children or grandchildren are aged between Year 9 and 30 years please consider becoming part of our group. Earlybird registration closes on 18 August, and we are hoping to have our group registered by then. We want to make sure all our young people have the opportunity to attend and participate in this Festival. See The Catholic Weekly for your Deanery.

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Call the counsellors on 1300 1300 52 or visit the website to learn more [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org)

## BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Isla Maree Saville  
(Child of Benjamin & Keira)



## Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations.

Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience starting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on 02 9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au).

## 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

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