



25 June 2017-Year A Twelfth 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: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in Your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to Me, says the Lord, and you will also me My witnesses. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Death

The Gospel reading this week is focused on death. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus tells his apostles not to be afraid of those who can kill you. They are not to be feared, because death itself is not to be feared. No doubt, there is always something sorrowful about dying, because the death of the body separates the dying person from his family and his friends; and they still have to slog through their lives in this world without their companion. But Jesus is telling people not to *fear* facing death. If you were walking alone down a dark street late at night, and you saw a small knot of strangers gathered menacingly at a corner, wouldn't you be afraid? *Shouldn't* you be afraid? If the cancer doctor tells you that you have only months to live, wouldn't you—shouldn't you—be afraid? How can Jesus tell us—actually, command us—not to be afraid of death?

Well, think about it this way. If you are surprised when you discover that you are dying, you just haven't been paying attention. None of us is getting out of this alive. Everyone of us will die. It is just a question of when. Or maybe better: it is just a question of how. Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

Here is how it will be if you love the Lord. In dying, you will move through the veil that separates you, in this world of sorrow and suffering, from the Lord's own presence. There, on the other side, you will find all tears wiped away—the ones you wept before and the ones that are now stuck in your heart—by the tenderness of your creator. You will think you must be dreaming, because the beauty and the goodness of that world surpass your every want or need, and you yourself will be what you never imagined you could be. Surrounded by beauty and goodness, bathed in the love of the Lord, you will join the angels in singing for joy at what the Lord is done.

Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

What is worth fearing is losing all of this beauty and goodness on the other side of death because you will not surrender to the love of the Lord who calls you to himself. But that death comes from sin, as the Second Reading says, and no one can force sin on you. If you wall yourself off from the love of the Lord, you kill your soul yourself. That is definitely worth fearing, as the Lord says.

2. Anointing Mass



This Thursday, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the 9am Mass. Families are encouraged to bring any sick or elderly to the Mass to receive this Sacrament. This Sacrament strengthens the faith of the sick and elderly and unites them to Jesus and His love and compassion for them at this time in their lives.

Please be aware that this Sacrament is for sick or elderly or for those over 60 years of age.

This Sacrament is not for children who are healthy and well.



3. St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

The St Vincent de Paul Conference at Mount Pritchard/Carnes Hill are holding a "tin food drive" in the parishes to assist the needy and those who call on Vinnies at this time.

Parishioners are asked to bring "tin cans" of food that can be distributed in hampers to those who seek their help.

Baskets will be in the Church foyer next week to accept your donation.

Vinnies thanks you for your help.



4. Sunday Morning Tea

Next Sunday, the Parish Council will have a morning tea after the 9am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to stop and share a chat over a tea/coffee that is available.

Water will be available for the children.



5. Baptism Welcome Ceremony

At the 9am mass, next Sunday we have our baptismal Welcome Ceremony for those couples preparing their child for baptism during July. We welcome them to St Anthony's.

6. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet next Monday week July 3 in the presbytery. Members are asked to attend. **Time: 7pm**

7. First Holy Communion



Last Sunday we celebrated First Holy Communion with our 27 candidates. We had a special Mass at 10.30am due to the numbers and it was needed as it was standing room only in the Church. We had a very large congregation to support the children as we welcomed them to the table of the Lord.

I would like to thank all involved in the celebration to make the children's day special and I hope, a memory for them to recall as the years go by.

My thanks to:

Sister Rosa and Sister Gina for running the Eucharist Programme for the children and parents.

Frances Musso for all the work in the Powerpoint Slide Presentation of the candidates.

Frances Musso and Faye Palamara for setting up the church on Saturday night.

The Cleaning Group Ladies whose group vacuumed etc the church in preparation for the sacrament.

Our Acolyte George Ajkay and Server Jayden Laferla.

A "big" thank you to all the families for leading your child/children to the Lord's Eucharist banquet.

8. Acolyte Rosters

New Acolyte Rosters are available in the Sacristy.

9. End FY Tax Deduction

Parishioners wishing to claim a tax deduction can assist the parish community and themselves, by giving a lump sum amount to the parish's "St Anthony's School Building Account."

Any cheque or cash received this week will receive a 50% tax deductible donation.

In this way, you are helping yourself and giving to the parish.

Please drop it into the Presbytery by Thursday in order to be banked before June 30.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

26 June-1 July

F Palamara, F Musso,
K Vartuli, M Pisano



3-8 July

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb, M Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

24/25 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Daniela Romeo: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

1/2 July (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

24/25 June

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary



1/2 July

Saturday Vigil

Volunteer & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

24/25 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

1/2 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

24 June

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser

Zac Stepic

Tailyah Stepic

25 June

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

1 July

Saturday Vigil

Mariette Taoum

Sebastian Taoum

Luke Taoum

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

24 June

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

1 July

School Holidays

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS: ON SAINTS AND WITNESSES



Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

On the day of our Baptism, the invocation of the Saints resounded for us. At that moment many of us were children, carried in our parents' arms. Shortly before carrying out the anointing with the oil of the catechumens, symbol of God's strength in the fight against evil, the priest invited the whole assembly to pray for those who were about to receive Baptism, invoking the intercession of the Saints. That was the first time, in the course of our life, in which we were gifted with this company of "older" brothers and sisters — the Saints — who passed by our same way, who knew our toils and live for ever in God's embrace. The Letter to the Hebrews describes this company that surrounds us with the expression "multitude of witnesses" (12,[1]). The Saints are thus: a multitude of witnesses.

In the fight against evil, we Christians do not despair. Christianity cultivates an incurable confidence; it does not believe that the negative and disintegrating forces can prevail. The last word on the history of man is not hatred, it is not death, it is not war. In every moment of life we are helped by God's hand and also by the discreet presence of all believers that "have preceded us with the sign of faith" (Roman Canon). Their existence tells us first of all that the Christian life is not an unattainable ideal. And, at the same time, it comforts us: we are not alone, the Church is made up of innumerable brethren, often anonymous, that have preceded us and that, by the action of the Holy Spirit, are involved in the affairs of those that are still down here.

The invocation of the Saints at Baptism is not the only one that marks the way of the Christian life. When an engaged couple consecrate their love in the Sacrament of Marriage, invoked again for them — this time as a couple — is the intercession of the Saints. And this invocation is source of confidence for the two young people who begin the "journey" of conjugal life. One who truly loves has the desire and the courage to say "for ever," — "for ever" — but knows that he/she has need of Christ's grace and the help of the Saints, to be able to live marital life forever. Not as some say: "while love lasts." No: for ever! Otherwise, it is better if they do not get married. — either for ever or not at all. Therefore, in the nuptial liturgy the presence of the Saints is invoked. And in difficult moments it is necessary to have the courage to raise one's eyes to Heaven, thinking of the many Christians who went through tribulation and kept their Baptismal garments white, washing them in the Blood of the Lamb (Cf. Revelation 7:14): thus says the Book of Revelation. God never abandons us: every time we are in need one of His Angels will come to help us rise again and to infuse consolation in us — "Angels" sometimes with a human face and heart, because God's Saints are always here, hidden in our midst. This is difficult to understand and also to imagine, but the Saints are present in our life. And when someone invokes a Saint it is precisely because he/she is close to us.

And what are we? We are dust that aspires to Heaven. Our strength is weak, but powerful is the mystery of the grace that is present in the life of Christians. We are faithful to this earth, which Jesus loved in every instant of His life, but we know and want to hope in the transfiguration of the world, in its definitive fulfilment where, finally, there will be no more tears, evil or suffering.

May the Lord give to all of us the hope of being Saints. However, one of you might ask me: "Father, can one be a Saint in everyday life?" Yes, one can. "But does this mean that we have to pray the whole day?" No, it means that one must do one's duty the whole day: pray, go to work, look after the children.

However, everything must be done with the heart open to God, so that work — also in sickness and in suffering, also in difficulties — is open to God, and thus we can become Saints. May the Lord give us the hope of being Saints. We must not think it is something difficult, that it is easier to be delinquent than Saints! No. We can be Saints because the Lord helps us; It is He who helps us.

It is the great gift that each one of us can give the world. May the Lord give us the grace to believe so profoundly in Him that we become images of Christ for this world. Our history is in need of "mystics": of persons that reject all domination, that aspire to charity and fraternity; men and women who live accepting also a portion of suffering, because they take charge of others' toil. However, without these men and women the world would not have hope. Therefore, I wish you — and I wish also for myself — that the Lord give us the hope of being Saints.

Thank you!



School Construction Update

Unfortunately, it will be no surprise to you that the recent rain has played havoc with the progress of our building site. While the interior works on the classroom are progressing well, the driveway, carpark and roadworks have been severely delayed by site flooding. The builders are now forced to spend precious time 'dewatering' the site so the civil works can continue. As a result, the target handover date has been set back and is now scheduled for a few weeks into Term 3. We all share in the frustrations of weather delays but as this is something over which we have no control, I thank you and my staff for your continued support, enthusiasm and good humour. We are so blessed to be members of this very special foundation community.



Pictures of the children from St Anthony's School last week during St Anthony of Padua Feast Day Celebrations.



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 last week 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fr Claude Borg MSSP, Helmut Kohl (former Chancellor of Germany and Catholic man), Emma Gleeson, John Cascum, Doreen May Beath

Anniversaries: Wanda Ward, Frank & Connie Gatt, John Henry Barrett, Johanna & Silvester Oros

Also for: Mary Vella, Hanna Touma

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, Tony Macri, Paul Farnsworth, Connie Vella, Levi Rolands, Olga Del Vescono, Peter Calarco, Tina De Angelis (Lea Our School Principal's mother)



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All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

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PARKING

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On Friday, 30 June at 7.30pm, the Choir will be joined by The Orchestra of the Antipodes – one of Australia's most celebrated and best-known ensembles, as they perform

J S Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, all of which will showcase the ethereal beauty of the boys' voices that make the Cathedral Choir's characteristic sound.

This programme would be difficult to perform in the Cathedral, so it is exciting that once again audiences will have the opportunity to hear the Choir and guest orchestra perform in the crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall, Angel Place.

I am delighted to be able to offer staff of the Archdiocese a 10% discount on all tickets (except for premium) with the code: CASStaff300617

I do hope that you will join me at this very special concert. The success of the Cathedral Choir relies on support from people such as yourselves.

You can hear Director of Music, Thomas Wilson, talk about the concert here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6mjtRgPPJ0&feature=youtu.be>

And if you wish to buy tickets you can do so from <https://www.cityrecitalhall.com/events/bach-bernstein-britten>

I hope to see you on Friday, 30 June at City Recital Hall,



ACCOMODATION NEEDED

A catholic Malaysian couple and two girls (ages 7 and 11) seek accomodation in the area. At present staying with a Catholic couple in Ingleburn, but as family are coming to stay shortly this family needs new accomodation.

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