



28 May 2017-Year A The Ascension of the Lord



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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: Vigil: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to
God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; His majesty
and might are in the skies, alleluia.

Sunday: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus
whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go,
Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people My Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of
the world. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Vigil: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is
seated for ever at God's right hand, Alleluia.

Sunday: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord**

1. The Land of the Living

It is easy to believe that one will see the good things of the Lord in the
land of the living, if he is in the prime of life with everything going well.
But how many people are ever in such a condition and for how long? In
the midst of all the suffering of this world, how can the Psalmist say, in
the voice of every human being, "I believe that I will see the good things
of the Lord in the land of the living"?

Well, what are the good things of the Lord? If they are peace, prosperity,
health, and things of this sort, then they will be absent from the land of
the living for very many people.

What could be more precious than this intimacy of shared suffering with
the Lord? The Second Reading for the Seventh Sunday gives a different
sense of the good things, though. The things people rejoice in are the
good things, aren't they? The second reading recommends rejoicing
when one shares in the sufferings of the Lord.

It is not so hard to see that there might be a reward in heaven for such
shared suffering. But why would anyone suppose it is a good thing in the
land of the living?

When the Lord suffered on the cross, those suffering with him were his
closest companions. His mother was there, and so was his beloved
disciple John. There is an intimacy in the union of shared suffering that is
precious even as between human beings. What could be more precious
than this intimacy of shared suffering with the Lord? In the Second
Reading, Peter says that it is glorious.

This is a good thing that the wealthy of the world do not have a
monopoly of. The Psalmist is right, then. Anyone can hope for the good
things of the Lord in the land of the living.

2. First Holy Communion

The children preparing for their First Holy Communion have their last lesson tomorrow night, Monday, in the parish hall.

The following Monday night, June 5, will be a practise night in the Church for our candidates.

The celebration of the Sacrament for them and their families will be on Sunday June 18 at the special time of 10.30am.

Please keep them in your prayers.



3. Paschal Precept



A reminder of the Paschal Precept that obliges all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year, as well as receiving Holy Communion at least once a year (as a minimum).

The Paschal Precept is from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday (10 June). This is to acknowledge that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and sinfulness.

4. Getting Married?

As parents and grandparents it is difficult to sometimes interfere in your child or grandchild's place of the wedding ceremony.

However, we all need to remember that Marriage for baptised Catholics is a Sacrament (the Sacrament of Matrimony) and therefore, a Catholic should marry in the Catholic Church.

This is one of the six Laws of the Church!

Please Note

1. If a Catholic and partner marry in another Church either Protestant or Orthodox the Catholic needs to seek permission through their Parish Priest to do so. This permission is given more readily today than in previous years! Please see Fr Bob.
2. If a Catholic marries in a non-sacred space eg garden etc the marriage is invalid and is non-sacramental. In this instance, the Catholic partner or the Catholic couple cannot receive or take any Sacraments UNTIL they have re-married in the Church before the Priest and two witnesses.
3. If a Catholic married, but the marriage relationship broke down for whatever reason, the Catholic needs to apply for an annulment of their marriage before they can enter into a new relationship and marry in the Church.

Please Note: The annulment process can go ahead whether there were children born in the relationship or not.

We need to talk to the Parish Priest and get the information and apply for an annulment from the Sydney Tribunal.

Any concerns/questions come and speak with me!

5. Parish Feast Day: St Anthony of Padua



June 13 (Tuesday) is our parish feast day of St Anthony of Padua.

However, we will have the celebration at our weekend Masses of the 10/11 June.

After the Sunday 9am Mass, there will be a sausage sizzle for all and activities for the children to enjoy.

The parish Council will provide the sausage sizzle with tea/coffee etc being available.

Parishioners are invited to support this function by attending the Sunday 9am Mass and spending time together afterwards outside the Church.

We pray it will be a fine morning.

The school children will participate in this celebration with us.



Look forward to you being there!

6. New Rosters

New Rosters are available on the table at the back of the church for Eucharistic Ministers.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

29 May– 3 June

V Zoric, L Eljiz,
L Lopez



5-10 June

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric, J Camilleri

READERS ROSTER

27/28 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Mary Burton: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

3/4 June (Pentecost Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

27/28 May

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



3/4 June

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

27/28 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

3/4 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

27 May

Saturday Vigil

Mark Vassallo

Lauren Vassallo

3 June

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa & Emily Galea

4 June

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

27 May

S & V Casha

3 June

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope at Morning Mass: For Denouncing Worldliness, Good Consecrated Are Persecuted

At Casa Santa Marta, Francis Recalls Tragic Fate of Blessed Oscar Romero Consecrated people, Pope Francis says, have been persecuted for denouncing attitudes of worldliness, because the evil spirit prefers a riskless and lukewarm Church.

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis made this observation during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, as he recalled Chapter 16 of the Acts of the Apostles, and stories of Paul and Silas in Philip. Two years after beatification, the Pope remembered the Archbishop of San Salvador. Blessed Oscar Romero was killed by military squadrons linked to the military regime for denouncing violence against the poor.

In his homily, Francis decried how many are persecuted for telling the truth. “This is repeated in the history of salvation,” he stressed.

“In the Church,” he said, “when someone denounces so many ways of worldliness, he is looked at with crooked eyes.”

“I remember in my land many so many men and women who were good consecrated [people], not ideologues, but who said, ‘No, the Church of Jesus is so ...’ – ‘This is communist, out!’ And they threw them away, They persecuted them,” he said.

“Think of the Blessed Romero, right? What happened to tell the truth. And many, many in the history of the Church, even here in Europe. Because? Because the evil spirit prefers a tranquil, risk-free Church, a business church, a comfortable church, in the comfort of warmth, lukewarm.”

Francis also noted that the bad spirit always comes from the pockets, and lamented when money takes control.

Besides denouncing this corruption, Francis turned to the importance of joyfully announcing Jesus. He stressed the need for joy.

“And this is the path of our daily conversion: to move from a worldly, tranquil, safe, Catholic, yes, yes, but cozy, state of life, to the true proclamation of Jesus Christ, to the joy of Christ’s announcement.”

“To move from a religion that looks too much on earnings, [to] faith, and proclaiming: “Jesus is the Lord.” This, he said, is the miracle that the Holy Spirit does.

Before concluding, Pope Francis highlighted: “A Church without martyrs gives mistrust; A Church that does not risk gives mistrust; A Church that is afraid to announce Jesus Christ and to drive away demons, idols, other ‘lords’, such as money, is not the Church of Jesus.”



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'Come Holy Spirit'

June 2 - 4

Presenters: Anne Marie Nichol & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

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Saturday day retreat

The Ecstatic God

June 3, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm (registrations from 930am. Please bring your own lunch. Pick ups from Minto train station at 945am and 1000am)

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$25.00

Come, Holy Spirit breathe new life in us!

"A balanced life"

Jun 9 – Jun 11

Presenter: Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD

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We often feel overwhelmed by the demands and circumstances of life, not knowing what to do or where to turn.

The Light of Hope and Peace

June 16 – 18

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)

Presenters: John Charadia & Fr. Greg Burke, OCD

Mindfulness and 'Praying Always'

June 23 – 25

Cost: \$230 (concessions apply to pensioners/students and unemployed)

Presenter: Fr. Paul Chandler, O. Carm

Can I practice "mindfulness" in a Christian way?

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Giuseppina Musso, Francesca Monaco

Anniversaries: Ernestina Gigliotti, Domenico Carra, Caterina Mileto, Mimma Spano, Giuseppina Carra, Maurie Low

Also for: Annunziata Vella

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



- Cardinal Pell: How far will they go to get this man?
- 13 Reasons why not: mental health of teens imperilled
- Binding up ancient wounds: historic Galilee meeting
- Teaching children as if Jesus mattered: The Catechism of the Good Shepherd
- New study centre up and running
- Lessons from the Long Paddock: an outback spirituality
- Fun with Faith-Kids page –pg 26

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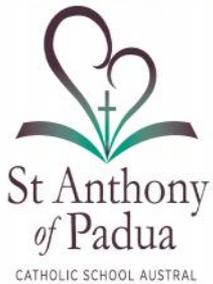


KID'S CORNER.



Q. Why didn't the two 4's want any dinner?
A. Because they already 8.

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Divine Retreat Centre. 15 & 16 July 2017 from 9.00am – 4.30pm. The Lord guides and gives us strength for our journey. Each one of us have been called for a specific purpose in life. The purpose in life that will bring us closer to Him. This retreat will give everyone opportunities to hear from God in amazing worship experiences and help us to realise God's greater destiny in our lives. Come and experience what the Lord has in store for us. Age group: 18 to 30 years. Divine Retreat Centre, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. Fr Michael Payyapilly – Director of Vincentian Missionaries. For any queries please contact Clary on 0434 099 088, Divine Retreat Centre Tel. 02 4372 1598 or email: clary.anato@gmail.com or ronymvc@gmail.com.

PARKING

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Pope Sends Telegram for Terrorist Attack at Concert in Manchester

'His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life caused by the barbaric attack in Manchester, and he expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence'

Pope Francis has sent his condolences to the victims of the terrorist attack last evening, May 22, 2017 in Manchester, toward the conclusion of the concert of the concert of young American singer, Ariana Grande. The explosion, thought to be terrorism, claimed the lives of at least 22 people and injured some 59 others.

Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, sent the telegram on the Pope's behalf.

Below is the Vatican-provided text of the Pope's message:

His Holiness Pope Francis was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life caused by the barbaric attack in Manchester, and he expresses his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence. He commends the generous efforts of the emergency and security personnel, and offers the assurance of his prayers for the injured, and for all who have died. Mindful in a particular way of those children and young people who have lost their lives, and of their grieving families, Pope Francis invokes God's blessings of peace, healing and strength upon the nation.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State



THE CHAIN OF MARY

Mother Rosa and Sister Gina invite you to support them in promoting the rosary and praying the rosary both as a family and individually.

To assist them in their ministry, they will be running a "Fundraising Raffle" over the next few months. If you would like to support them in their work, tickets will be available shortly. More information in the weeks ahead.

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PENTECOST VIGIL MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE 2017

From earliest times Christians have gathered on the eve of of the Feast of Pentecost to solemnly implore and invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit. *"Come now, my heart, sing the glory of the Spirit!"* says the early Christian community. You are invited to gather at Mt St Benedict Chapel for this Vigil Prayer of the Church with its readings, hymns, psalms and symbols. **WHEN:** Saturday, 03 June 4.00-5.00pm.
BOOKINGS BY: Wednesday 31 May Email: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au; Phone: 9484 6208