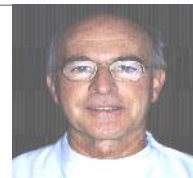




21/22 October 2017-Year A Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

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Dean of the Western Deanery

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House Manager: Cathy Sanders

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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: To you I call; for you will surely heed
me, O God,; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of
your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Son of Man has come to give His life as a
ransom for many.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Made in the Image of God

In the Gospel Reading, the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying
something that can be construed as sedition against the Romans. Jesus'
answer calls attention to the fact that the common currency of the time
was Roman and so had Caesar's image stamped on it.

The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is
Caesar's. but the point of Jesus' line is also that each one of us is God's
because each of us bears stamped in his or her soul the image of a
loving God.

It is an honour and a glory to us, each one of us without exception, that
we have been created in the image of God. But it is also an awesome
responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in
food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul created in the image
of the creator is twisted by envy or hatred or serious sin, the image of
God is warped in that person.

When people look at the face of that person, they will see a distorted
image of God.

And so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose
soul reveals a distorted image of God. go to Confession quickly and be
forgiven.

But the same line of Christ's that leads to this worry and sorrow also
gives the consolation for it. Just as Caesar's money belongs to Caesar,
so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his
image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ,
God will make His image lovely in each one of us through the Sacrament
of Reconciliation He has left to His Church and Priests.

That is why Scripture says that when Christ comes in his glory He will
make all things new in His image.

2. Columban Calendars 2018

Columban Calendars for 2018 are 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. Please put the money on the plate on the Piety Table.

\$10 per calendar.



3. Sacrament of Reconciliation

A reminder to families involved in the Sacrament of Reconciliation programme that the lessons in preparation for the candidates to celebrate the Sacrament will begin on Monday October 23 at 7pm in the parish hall.

4. November Mass Offerings

November is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray and have Mass offered for them. From this weekend, envelopes are available around the Church. Please fill in the names on the front with the donation inside and either put on the collection plate or hand the envelope to me.

5. October– Month of the Rosary

October is dedicated as the month of the Rosary, when we are encouraged to pick up our rosary beads and pray rosary. Our Lady to the children at Fatima (Portugal) asked that we pray the rosary. When Our Lady appeared to the children she asked to pray the rosary for the Conversion of Russia. Today, we need to pray the rosary for faith in our country and in our families who have strayed from Jesus in their lives. Other intentions should be for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East and the Korean Peninsula; for those who are sick and our own personal intentions. Pray the Rosary during November either individually or as a family (even if it is just one decade). We pray the rosary before morning Mass Tuesday-Friday at 8.40am.

6. Change of Address

The presbytery and parish office has moved. We are now at 320 Edmondson Avenue Austral (just around the corner). Same Phone Number, same email etc.

7. Pizza/Pasta Night

The weather is warming up so it is time to enjoy another parish community gathering. So, the Pizza/Pasta Night is on again.

When: Saturday 4th November

Time: 6.30pm onwards

Drinks: BYO (alcohol/wine)

Cost: \$20 Adults; \$10 Children under 16 years
Booking will begin next weekend with your money in order for catering purposes.

There is a sign-up sheet on the tables outside Mass today today. You are asked to pay when putting your name and numbers on the sign-up sheets.

8. Christmas Cards

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

9. Parish Finance Meeting

The Finance Meeting as mentioned last week has been cancelled until further notice.

Due to the Parish Financial Return has not been completed by the Chancery.

10. Catechists' Meeting

Catechists are asked to attend the Catechists meeting next Tuesday at 9.30am in the parish hall following the 9am Mass. Margaret Cvetko our Catechist Co-Ordinator asks all Catechists to attend.

11. Holidays

I would like to inform parishioners that my secretary Mrs Cheryl McKell is taking holidays from 12 to 31 October.

Our Presbytery Manager Mrs Catherine Sanders will continue to be here on a Tuesday and Thursday only. When ringing the Presbytery it will be a matter of either ring when Catherine is here or myself answering the phone when in the house or office. I wish Cheryl & husband Neil (my gym buddy) a relaxing and well deserved holiday.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

16-21 October

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko



23-28 October

L Pecotich, A Mamone, M Sarpa,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries

READERS ROSTER

14/15 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 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: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

21/22 October (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Catherine Emery

Catherine Emery: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

14/15 October

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



21/22 October

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

14/15 October

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

21/22 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

14 October

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa Galea

Emily Galea

15 October

Lucas & Jayden laferla

21 October

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

14 October

2 Volunteers



21 October

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

15 October

Sr Rosa & Sr Gina

29 October

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's General Audience 11 October: On Vigilant Waiting

'Have you thought how that encounter with Jesus will be when He comes? It will be an embrace, an enormous joy, a great joy! We must live in expectation of this encounter!'

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today I would like to reflect on that dimension of hope that is vigilant waiting. The theme of vigilance is a leitmotiv of the New Testament. Jesus preached to His disciples: "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks" (Luke 12:35-36). In this time that follows Jesus' Resurrection, in which serene moments alternate in continuation with other anguishing ones, Christians never lay down. The Gospel recommends that we be like servants that never go to sleep, while their master hasn't returned. This world calls for our responsibility, and we assume it wholly and with love. Jesus wants our existence to be laborious, that we never let down the guard, to receive with gratitude and wonder every new day given to us by God. Every morning is a blank page on which the Christian begins to write good deeds. Jesus' Redemption has already saved us; however, now we are waiting for the full manifestation of His lordship: when God will finally be everything to every one (Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:28). Nothing is more certain in Christians' faith than this "appointment," this appointment with the Lord, when He comes. And when this day arrives, we Christians want to be like those servants who spent the night with their loins girded and their lamps burning: it's necessary to be ready for the salvation that is coming, ready for the meeting. Have you thought how that encounter with Jesus will be when He comes? It will be an embrace, an enormous joy, a great joy! We must live in expectation of this encounter!

A Christian is not made for boredom, if anything for patience. He knows that a mystery of grace is hidden, even in the monotony of certain days that are always the same. There are persons that, with the perseverance of their love, become like wells that irrigate the desert. Nothing happens in vain, and no situation in which a Christian is immersed is completely refractory to love. No night is so long as to forget the joy of the dawn. And the darker the night is, the closer is the dawn. If we remain united to Jesus, the cold of difficult moments doesn't paralyze us; and even if the whole world preached against hope, if it said that the future will only bring dark clouds, a Christian knows that in that same future is Christ's return. No one knows when this will happen, but the thought that at the end of our history is Merciful Jesus, is enough to have trust and not to curse life. Everything will be saved. Everything. We will suffer, there will be moments that arouse anger and indignation, but the sweet and powerful memory of Christ will dispel the temptation to think that this life is wrong.

After knowing Jesus, we can do no other than scrutinize history with trust and hope. Jesus is like a house, and we are inside, and we look at the world from the windows of this house. Therefore, we don't withdraw into ourselves, we don't regret melancholically a past that is presumed golden, but we always look ahead, to a future that's not only the work of our hands, but that is first of all a constant concern of God's Providence. One day all that is opaque will become light.

And we <know> that God doesn't deny Himself. Never. God never disappoints. His will in our affairs isn't nebulous, but is a well-delineated plan of salvation. "God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). Therefore, we don't abandon ourselves to the flow of events with pessimism, as if history were a train of which one has lost control. Resignation isn't a Christian virtue. As it isn't for Christians to shrug their shoulders or bow their head in face of a destiny that seems ineluctable.

One who brings hope to the world is never a submissive person. Jesus recommends that we wait for it without staying twiddling our thumbs. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes" (Luke 12:37). There is no peacemaker that, ultimately, has not compromised his personal peace, by assuming others' problems. A submissive person isn't a peacemaker but is lazy, one who wants to be comfortable. While a Christian is a peacemaker when he risks, when he has the courage to risk to bring the good, the good that Jesus has given us, given us as a treasure.

Let us repeat each day of our life that invocation that the first disciples expressed in their Aramaic language with the words Marana tha, and that we find again in the last verse of the Bible: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20) It's the refrain of every Christian existence: in our world we aren't in need of anything other than a caress of Christ. What a grace if, in prayer, in difficult days of this life, we hear His voice responding and reassuring us: "Behold, I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:7)!



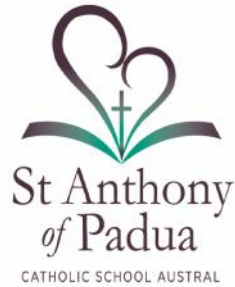
BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

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(Child of Ivan & Olivia)



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2017 Date: November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

For more information please go to our events page at www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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 November 6 at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in Sydney for 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://bishopsblendsecondedition.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Jean Smith, Giovanni Coscia

Anniversaries: William Christophers, Maria Grazia Gimellaro

Also for: Ian Stedman, Mary Vella, Dec'd Members of the Vartuli and Iorfino Families, Special Intentions

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, Dr David Catterall ((PP Oran Park), Jim Brassil



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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What's a Koala's favourite drink?
A. Coka Koala.

**Ageing and Awakening:
God's Surprising Gifts!
Weekend Retreat**

DATE: October 27-29

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

TIME: 9.00 a.m. commencing with Eucharist and concluding with Vespers at 5.00 p.m. on the 29th.

PRESENTER: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs

COST: \$100.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees.

BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533

cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

All Souls Day Mass

At Catholic Mausoleum, Rookwood Cemetery 19th November 2017. 3.30 pm

In memory of Fr Claude borg and Alfred Fenech.

Celebrant: Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA

Please attend and pay your respect,
all community is welcome



Supported by Maltese Community Council of NSW

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to "Holy Land & Holy Places in Italy(17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. Contact for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au, 0400759391, (03) 97899672.

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

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Heart Women's Conference is a time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Deam again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends!

Men-What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2017?

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com

Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

Phone: 1300734880

Date: 19-21 October 2017

Venue: Fairfield RSL, 14 Anzac Avenue, Fairfield NSW 2165

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If you, or someone you know, is interested please contact MacKillop Family Services.

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Mackillip.org.au/fostercare

** name changed to protect privacy*

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Do you have a local parish news story which would be of interest to the many readers of the Catholic Weekly? The Catholic Weekly is always looking for human interest, inspirational and faith-based stories for our weekly publication. If you have a story please send it to: cweditor@catholicweekly.com.au or call (02) 9390 5407. We'd love to hear your story.

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtogracesaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtogracesaus.org