



7/8 October 2017-Year A
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST ANTHONY'S
 PARISH CHURCH**
320 Edmondson Ave
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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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The vinyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because the vineyard doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

These fearful penalties are not so hard to understand. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock, so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So also our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. We cannot work our way into heaven! And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? This fruit is not our awards and achievements. It is the fruit that God's Spirit works in us.

And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

2. Congratulations

Recently, Josephine and Nick Pace celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, and those at the Vigil Mass witnessed them renewing their marriage vows. It is important for the community to be inspired by couples fidelity to each other at this time in our society when marriage is under attack.

Whether it's 50 years or 25 years or 60 years, let Fr Bob know, so that we may join with you in seeking God's continual blessings upon your relationship. It is good if you would like a Nuptial Blessing from Pope Francis too. I (Fr Bob) am happy to organise this for couples but need about 6-8 weeks notice.

3. 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.

4. School Returns for Term 4

As mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago, the Kindergarten children have returned to their St Anthony of Padua School in Eleventh Avenue. They love their new school building and outdoor play equipment, so much so, they didn't want to go on the two week break. We welcome the children, their families, our Principal, Lea De Angelis, our assistant Principal Mrs Naomi Crowley and the kindy teachers, Jen and Jenna. Not forgetting the school secretary Mrs Evelyn Fernandez too. Welcome Back !!

5. Extraordinary Ministers to John Edmondson VC Gardens

I thank the Ministers for taking Holy Communion to the Catholic Residents at the Village in my absence. Mass was celebrated on last Friday and the roster is available in the sacristy, as well as, appearing in the bulletin. Ministers are asked to organise the Pyrx and Hosts before the 9am Mass, so that they can receive the consecrated hosts after Holy Communion and leave to go to the village and distribute to the Catholic residents.

It is a reminder to us that although the residents cannot attend Mass, they are part of the community receiving the Eucharistic Hosts consecrated at the 9am mass.

Ministers are asked to keep an eye on the roster and if unable to attend on your rostered Sunday, please organise a swap. Thank you for this special ministry that you are performing for our elderly catholic people at John Edmondson.

6. Parish Finance Meeting

A reminder that the next Finance Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 18 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office 320 Edmondson Avenue.

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.

8. We have moved

During my absence, my staff Catherine and Cheryl, organised moving the presbytery and parish office down the road.

I would like to publicly acknowledge what a great job they did in booking removalists, photo copier company to move the photocopier, the IT technician to set up the computers in the office and, of course, my books etc.

Nothing was a trouble to them and when I arrived home the house was all set-up. I am very lucky to have their support and friendship and I thank them for all they do for me and for parishioners who pop -in for coffee/chat etc.

So, the new digs are at:

320 Edmondson Avenue (opposite Macri's)

Contact phone and email have not changed.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

9-14 October

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



16-21 October

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

READERS ROSTER

7/8 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

14/15 October (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

7/8 October

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



14/15 October

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

7/8 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

14/15 October

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

7 October

Saturday Vigil

Mark Vassallo

Lauren Vassallo

14 October

Saturday Vigil

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa Galea

Emily Galea

15 October

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

7 October

School Holidays

14 October

2 Volunteers



9am Sunday

School Holidays

NURSING HOME ROSTER

15 October

Sr Rosa & Sr Gina

29 October

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis' Mass at Santa Marta: In Daily Life, Ask Courage to Follow Jesus

Ask God for the courage and strength to follow Jesus in your daily lives.

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis made this invitation during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, on Oct. 3, 2017, as he reflected on Jesus's journey to Jerusalem before His Crucifixion. Francis reminded those present in his chapel to turn to Jesus as He did to His Father, for strength and courage.

"Take some time today – five, ten, fifteen minutes – either before the crucifix or with your imagination, to 'see' Jesus walking determinately towards Jerusalem and ask for the grace to have the courage to follow him closely" he said.

The Garden of Gethsemane was the only occasion in which Jesus asked the Father to 'remove the cup of wrath He was about to drink', but each time He submitted to the Father's will." Francis explained that God wants us to do the same.

During the Lord's journey to Jerusalem, the Pope recalled that the disciples did not follow Jesus, but that He was alone.

"At times," Francis said, "the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying or did not want to understand because they were afraid; other times they hid the truth or they were distracted by other things."

"Or, as we can read in today's Gospel," he observed, "they searched for an alibi so as not to think about what was awaiting the Lord."

Because no one understood the mystery of Jesus, the Pope said, Jesus was alone in his decision. He only had, Francis reminded, an angel God sent to Him from heaven to comfort and strengthen Him.

"Let us take some time, the Pope said, to think about Jesus who loved us so much, who walked alone towards the cross: think about Him and thank Him for his obedience and His courage and enter into conversation with Him."



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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

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fr Paul Coleman SJ, Jean Smith.

Anniversaries: Boris Breski, Theresa Passmore, Gwen Passmore, Raji Azzi, Emmanuel & Josephine Gatt, Josephine Bonnici.

Also for: Vince Camilleri, Special Intention.

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.



- Be there! Says ACYF ambassador
- Every step counts: Rob's march to Canberra raises funds for church
- Simcha Fisher: Don't be Hefner
- Brookvale Vinnies centre opens
- Don't miss father-son weekend
- Retirement can go hang: Sydney woman champions PNG community
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

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KID'S CORNER.



Q. What has a neck but no head?

A. A Bottle.

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

Perfumed Roses

The children's prayer group known as Perfumed Roses consecrated in the Garden of Mary will be having the annual children's Mass on Saturday 14 October at 10:30am. The main celebrant will be Rev Fr Bob Hayes. Children need to come earlier to be in Our Lady's procession to the Church. Meet in the church hall by 10am. Children are to wear their blue T shirts of Mother Mary like they did last year. Also please bring a white Rose with a tag attached to it to write the names of people they would like to pray for at Mass.

We ask families to bring a plate of food to have a shared meal after the Mass. The annual fundraising raffle for the Chain of Mary will be drawn on that day so please if you have not yet returned your raffle tickets please do so then you can have a chance to win the prizes.

God bless you all,
Sister in Christ,

Tell Your Story in The Catholic Weekly

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.

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

THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY FISHER OP
Catholic Archbishop of Sydney

Cordially invites Parishioners from the Archdiocese of Sydney to an Interreligious Prayer Gathering and Reflection on The Reformation and Its Relevance to Religion and Society Today to mark the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation at:

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Wednesday, 11 October 2017

Commencing at 6.30pm

You are welcome to invite youth representatives from your community to accompany you on the evening.

RSVP: 29 September 2017 E: anita.smith@sydneycatholic.org Ph: 02 9390 5172

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, 6 November at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel 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://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org



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Heart Women's Conference

Date: 19-21 October 2017

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

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Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com

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