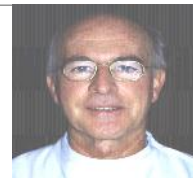




# 9/10 September 2017-Year A Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

**Pastor:**  
*Fr. Robert Hayes PP RFD VF  
Dean of the Western Deanery*

**Secretary:** Cheryl McKell  
**House Manager:** Cathy Sanders

**Presbytery: Parish Office is  
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**Presbytery is closed on Mondays.**

### **St Anthony of Padua Catholic College**

**School Principal:**  
Mrs Lea De Angelis  
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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:** You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

#### **Dear Parishioners,**

We celebrate the Twentythird Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **1. Witnessing for the Lord**

In the First Reading, God appoints Ezekiel as a watchman for his people, and he adds a threat. If Ezekiel does not warn sinners to mend their ways, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for their fate.

Does God say this to Ezekiel only? Or does he say it also to all of us? Many of the great people in the Christian tradition—Augustine, Aquinas, Francis of Assisi, to name just a few—thought that God's command to Ezekiel is meant to apply to every one of the faithful now too. It is a duty for every Christian to watch out for each one of God's people in the way God spelled out to Ezekiel. But this can look like a dreadful idea. Could it really be the case that a Christian is supposed to be a kind of busybody, continually nagging other people about their sins?

Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the holiness of his commandments. And what about the Gospel instruction (cf. Matthew 7:5) to pay more attention to the beam in your own eye than to the speck of dust in somebody else's? Here we need to remember that there is more than one way to communicate with others. If you are concentrated in love and service to the Lord, your life will tell a story to everyone who crosses your path. When Francis of Assisi was asked about this very passage in the First Reading, he said, If that passage is supposed to be understood in a universal sense, then I understand it to mean that a servant of God should be burning with life and holiness so brightly that by the light of his example and the tongue of his conduct, he will rebuke all the wicked.\* Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the holiness of his commandments. You don't have to use words to do so. So a Christian can and should concentrate on the beam in his own eye, just as the Gospel injunction says. But if he really does so, then the duty to witness to others, God's command to Ezekiel, will be beautifully fulfilled.

## **2. Change of Address**

The presbytery and parish office will has moved. We are now at 320 Edmondson Avenue Austral (just around the corner).

Same Phone Number, same email etc.

## **3. 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.**



## **4. Hall Tables for Sale**



George Ajkay, during Fr Short's time built the wooden tables that we use in the hall for our functions.

However, for those of us who have set the hall up for a function they are very heavy to get down from the stack etc.

George is in agreement that I can offer them to parishioners and we will use the collapsable white ones which are much lighter to handle.

The table and the metal legs are very sturdy and of good quality that will last a lifetime.

Each table \$120.00

First in at the presbytery with a vehicle there are 30 tables.



## **5. Green Thumb**

Any parishioner or parishioners willing to look after the gardens around the Church.

The garden in front of the Church needs weeding. If you can spare a few minutes, just turn up and do it. No permission needed!! Thank you.

## **6. Fr Joe Camilleri**

Let us again welcome Fr Joe this weekend for supporting us while Fr Bob is on leave.

Thank you Father for giving up your time to minister to St Anthony's while Fr Bob is away.

## **7. Christmas Cards**

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



## **8. Blessed Mary's Birthday Friday Spetember 8**

On Friday we celebrated Our Blessed Mary's birthday, weekday parishioners celebrated with a service on Friday and a cup of tea afterwards. Thanks to Joe Cilia for organising this.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 11-16 September

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



### 18-23 September

F Palamara, F Musso  
K Vartuli, M Pisani

## READERS ROSTER

### 9/10 September

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

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

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

### 16/17 September (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Daniela Romeo

Readers:

Daniela Romeo: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 9/10 September

#### Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

#### Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



### 2/3 September

#### Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

#### Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Ken O'Leary

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 9/10 September

#### Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

#### Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

#### Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

### 16/17 September

#### Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

#### Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

#### Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 9 September

#### Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Claudia Sarpa

Nicholas Sarpa

### 16 September

#### Saturday Vigil

Joey Grima

Lucas Laferla

Jayden Laferla

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

### 9 September

F Hockings & V Bugeja

### 16 September

S & V Casha

### 9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope Francis' Video-Message

Dear Colombian People.

In a few days, I will visit your country. I will go as a pilgrim of hope and of peace, to celebrate with you our faith in Our Lord and also to learn from your charity and constancy in search of peace and harmony.

I greet you warmly and I thank Mr President of the Republic and the Bishops of the Episcopal Conference, for the invitation to visit Colombia. I also thank each one of you, who receive me in your land and in your heart. I know that you have worked, and have worked a lot to prepare this meeting.; my gratitude to all those who have collaborated and continue to do so, to make it a reality.

“Let Us Take the First Step,” is the motto of this trip. It reminds us that it is always necessary to take a first step for any activity and project. It also pushes us to be the first to love, to create bridges, to create fraternity. To take the first step encourages us to go out to encounter the other, and to stretch out our hand and give one another the sign of peace. Peace is what Colombia has been seeking for a long time and works to obtain — a stable and durable peace, to see one another and treat each other as brothers, never as enemies. Peace reminds us that we are all children of the same Father, who loves us and consoles us.

I feel honoured to visit that land rich in history, culture and faith, of men and women who have worked with tenacity and constancy so that it is a place where harmony and fraternity reign, where the Gospel is known and loved, where to say *brother* and *sister* is not something strange but a true treasure to protect and defend. Today's world is in need of consultants of peace and dialogue. The Church is also called to this task, to promote reconciliation with the Lord and with brothers, and also reconciliation with the environment, which is God's creation and which we are exploiting in a savage way .

May this visit be a fraternal embrace for each one of you, in which we feel the consolation and tenderness of the Lord.

Dear Colombian brothers and sisters, I wish to live these days with you with a joyful spirit and gratitude to the Lord. I embrace you affectionately and I ask the Lord to bless you. to protect your country, and to grant you peace.

May our Mother, the Holy Virgin take care of you. And please don't forget to pray for me. Thank you and see you soon.



## **ROSARY CRUSADE**

Our goal is to reach 1 million Rosaries dedicated for marriage. We currently have dedicated 645,803 rosaries. We need you to pray and dedicate a further 355,000 rosaries for marriage. It is very simple. Register your intention to pray at <http://rosarycrusade.org.au>

People register the number of Rosaries they will pray for marriage each week. Included with this project is a palm sized prayer card that implores the intercession of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia which is prayed with each Rosary. We would like to distribute material for promotion in your parish at no cost. Info: David 0437 679 865, E: [nacf.sydney@hotmail.com](mailto:nacf.sydney@hotmail.com)



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## **“OF LIFE AND LOVE” MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

2017 Dates: September 9 and 10 (weekend course) and November 11 and 18 (two consecutive Saturdays).

For more information please go to our events page at [www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au](http://www.lifemarriagefamily.org.au) or please contact us at [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

## **CATHOLICCAR**

Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive.

Our ageing services provide help in the home to ensure you can remain living independently. Call our Careline Team on 13 18 19 to discuss your needs or visit [CatholicCare.org](http://CatholicCare.org)

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Leslie & Carmena Portelli, Michael Norris

**Also for:** Holy Soul, Carmelo Vella, Victor Vella, Grezzju Vella & Jen Hoven

**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, Jean Smith.





- To vote with Pope Francis is to vote no
- St Joseph's Rockdale celebrates 125 years
- Sydney offers \$100,000 for stem cell research
- Witness to life: Mass for the unborn
- Courtesy's importance
- The Church's advertising problem: what you see is not what you get
- Fun with Faith -Kids page- P26

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**We hope our Parishioners will support the businesses that support our Parish of St Anthony's by advertising in our weekly Bulletin**

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Sr-in-Christ Rosa

Ph: 96067571



### KID'S CORNER.



**Q.** Why was the Maths book sad?

**A.** Because it had too many problems.

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Early bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival need to be paid by 25 August 2017. Final group registrations close on 22 September, so we still have time to register additional young people from our parish. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years are invited to contact our Deanery contact for further information [Please insert the name and contact details of you Deanery Coordinator or a Parish contact if you have one]. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia, please support this initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State school students which may be accessed through our Deanery Coordinator.

## COALITION for MARRIAGE

The postal plebiscite on marriage begins on 12 September. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach LGBTIQ issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say no. More Info: [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)

## SILENT RETREAT

Discover the "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Friday 22nd September (6pm) - Sunday, 24th Sept (2pm finish) in Bowral. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or [verbumdeis ydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydneym@gmail.com)

## 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

## HYMN TO WELCOME POPE FRANCIS TO COLUMBIA



Carlos Corvacho's "Lets Takes the First Step,"

Is the song chosen by the jury in the

"Sing to the Pope" competition, organised

In Colombia to choose the official hymn

For the Holy Father's Apostolic Visit.

The video-clip is an initiative of the United Catholic Musicians,

Which was recorded by the

Eucharistic Communicator Sisters of Colombia.

The hymn will be sung live to the

Holy Father on September 7, 2017,

In Simon Bolivar Park.

"You bring us light, you bring us peace,

You bring us words of truth and our people

Will be able to find freedom in God," the choir

Will sing loudly in Bogota, Villavicencio, Medellin and Cartagens,

In each of the events with the Supreme Pontiff.