



27/28 January 2018-Year B



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH CHURCH**
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Pastor:

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

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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: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us
from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to
praise You.

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear His voice harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on
those lost in death. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in
Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The One and the Many

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus heals a man who was possessed. But
notice that when the demon-possessed man first talks to Jesus, he uses
the first-person *plural* pronoun to refer to himself. He says, "What have
you to do with *us*, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy *us*?
Why does he say 'us'? Why doesn't he say 'me'?

The answer, I think, is that although there is only one human body giving
voice to these words, there is more than one mind behind the words.

That is why that one man's voice says 'us' to refer to himself.

The demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading was single-minded
only after Jesus had healed him.

When Jesus heals the man, he does so by ridding him of all minds but
one, the man's own. In healing him, Jesus makes him single-minded.

And so the Gospel Reading calls to our attention what an affliction it is to
be double-minded.

Even just dealing with the double-mindedness of long bad habit can be
miserable and devilishly difficult. Someone says to you when you are
trying to diet and not doing particularly well, "Do you want another
helping of pasta?" And what is the answer? *Do you want more pasta?*
You do, you know you do, don't you? And yet somehow you really don't
either.

And so, as we know from our own painful experience, being double-
minded is a kind of slavery to our worst selves.

Real freedom is being able to do what *you* want to do. But if you have
two minds about something, which mind is the real you? How can there
be one real *you* when you are in two minds about something?

That's why you aren't free when you are double-minded. No matter what
you do, you aren't doing what *you* want to do because there isn't just one
you.

Like the demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading, you will be free
only when you are single-minded. But the demon-possessed man in the
Gospel Reading was single-minded only after Jesus had healed him.

And so here is the lesson for us. In another Gospel text (John 8:32), Jesus tells his disciples that they will know the truth, and the truth will make them free. For those who will come to Jesus to be freed from their demons, he himself is that healing Truth that will make them free.

As we begin a New Year, it is time to get moving again in our community.

2. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday February 5 at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

PPC members are asked to attend and parishioners are asked to present ideas etc to assist building up our parish community over the next 12 months.

3. Anointing Within Mass



The Sacrament of the Anointing will take place next Thursday during the 9am mass.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend with elderly parishioners to receive this Sacrament that brings peace, strength of mind and heart and the grace of encouragement as we journey through life.

4. Catechists Meeting



Our first Catechist meeting will be held in the parish hall on Tuesday February 6.

Catechists and Catechists helpers are asked to attend the 9am Mass praying for the year ahead and the students in their care and then, move to the parish hall for the meeting.

Morning tea will be provided.

Any parishioners interested in being a Catechist or Catechist helper is invited to attend the Mass and join us in the hall.

Being a Catechist is very rewarding for the training that is given, as well as, for the knowledge of the faith that the Catechist receives.

5. New Readers Rosters

New Rosters for Readers are available on the table at the back of the Church.



6. Help Wanted



We are in need of readers for the Masses and I invite parishioners to consider being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, to accept this ministry we do need to attend Mass on a weekly basis (unless sick etc).

We also need more Altar Servers.

Please complete forms on the back table if you are interested.



7. Teachers Mass

Monday 29 January at 9am.

Our Principal and Staff of St Anthony's of Padua Catholic School will gather in the Church on this Monday 29 January at 9am for Mass, as they pray that the Holy Spirit and St Anthony of Padua will guide and encourage them in the challenging year that is ahead.

Families of the School Students and Parishioners are invited to join with our teachers for this Mass.

8. Parish Finance Committee

Members of the Finance committee are asked to attend the first Finance Meeting for 2018 on Wednesday March 7 at 7.30 pm in the presbytery.

9. Funeral Mass

The funeral Mass for the late Carmen Mariana Freund will be celebrated at St Anthony's on this Thursday at 10am. All welcome.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

29 January –3 February

D Gauci, J Bartolo
M Zarb



5-10 February

V Zoric, L Eljiz, L Lopez

READERS ROSTER

27/28 January

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 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: Mary Burton

Readers:

Mary Burton: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

3/4 February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

27/28 January

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso



3/4 February

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

27/28 January

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

3/4 February

Saturday Vigil

Eric Hockings

Sunday 7.30am

Matt Young

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

27 January

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Zac & Taliyah Stepic

3 February

Saturday Vigil

Matthew Modolo
Mark & Lauren Vassallo

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

27 January

School Holidays

3 February

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

4 February

Sister Rosa & Jayann

18 February

Santina & Frances

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope to Economic Forum: Allow Each Person to Live in Dignified Manner

“Offering to all people real opportunities for integral human development”
January 23, 2018

Pope Francis called on world leaders to promote policies that allow each person to live in a dignified manner. His call came in a statement released by the Vatican on January 23, 2018, addressed to the chairman of the World Economic Forum, meeting in Davos from January 23-26, 2018.

“It is vital to safeguard the dignity of the human person, in particular by offering to all people real opportunities for integral human development and by implementing economic policies that favor the family,” the Holy Father said. “Economic models, therefore, are also required to observe an ethic of sustainable and integral development, based on values that place the human person and his or her rights at the center.”

The Pope noted that the world is witnessing increasing fragmentation between states and institutions, with the emergence of “new actors” and “new economic competition and regional trade agreements”. Added to this are new technologies that transform economic models and “an ambition for profit at all costs.” Leading to “further fragmentation and individualism, rather than to facilitate approaches that are more inclusive.”

Reminding the world leaders of the suffering of millions around the world, Francis lamented that “we cannot remain silent...nor can we continue to move forward as if the spread of poverty and injustice had no cause”.

“It is a moral imperative, a responsibility that involves everyone, to create the right conditions to allow each person to live in a dignified manner,” the Pope continued, calling for the rejection of a “throwaway” culture and a mentality of indifference”.

Reflecting a ray of hope for the future, the Holy Father reminded leaders that, “the entrepreneurial world has enormous potential to effect substantial change by increasing the quality of productivity, creating new jobs, respecting labor laws, fighting against public and private corruption and promoting social justice, together with the fair and equitable sharing of profits.

“Now is the time to take courageous and bold steps for our beloved planet. This is the right moment to put into action our responsibility to contribute to the development of humanity.”



Calling for Help!!

We are in desperate need of help for the Church cleaning.

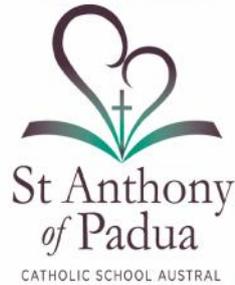
The ladies do a wonderful job, but most have been doing it for many years and need to retire.

If you could help out could you please let Fr Bob know or ring the parish office on 9606 0206, and we will put you on the roster. It only takes a couple of hours and the more we get the better.

It is only about once every 6 or so weeks. Remember many hands make light work. Thanking you in advance for your help.



New Catholic school NOW OPEN in Austral



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Kindergarten -
Year 2, 2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROL CONTACT US

www.stapaustral.catholic.edu.au P 9606 8600

PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews. Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

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, so 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: Carmen Mariana Freund

Anniversaries: Tessie Bonanno

Also for: Mary Vella, Spira Camilleri, Carmen Vella, Grazzju Vella, Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Josephine Bonnici, Charlie Vella.

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi.





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- A night of song: The legendary King's Singers
- Saint Bakhita: Archdiocese to unveil anti-slavery programme
- Francis apologises to victims
- Monica Doumit: Canada makes Christians illegal
- Movie review: The Commuter
- Help those where it's deadly to be Christian

Please put \$2 in the poor box

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

One Decade Rosary Booklet.
 Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet & pray it each day with faith and devotion.
 Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you.
 Write your name and intentions in this book & once a week Mass will be offered for you.
 For any enquiries please call
 Sr-in-Christ Rosa
 Ph: 96067571



Sign Up with Austral City Bears 2018

“School children 4½ - 11 years”
 Sunday Catholic Convents Competition (April – August, 2018)

Registration days: 11:00 am to 2:30 pm
 Saturday 3rd Feb 2018 (Workers Hubertus Luddenham)
 Sunday 4th Feb 2018 (Craik Park Austral)

Original birth certificate & Original baptism certificate required for all new players
 Phone: 0474 132 186
 Email: bewareofthebears@hotmail.com

Website: www.australcitybears.sportingpulse.net

WESTERN SYDNEY MRC AGED CARE SUPPORT

If you are caring for a relative or a friend and would like help to allow you time out from your caring role, Western Sydney MRC are here to help.

We can assist in the following areas:
 Flexible in-home respite
 Support to access services and the community including transport to appointments and shopping
 Centre-based respite including arts and crafts
 Social outings

For more information, please contact Rosaria on 8778 1240 or email rosaria@wsmerc.org.au



KID'S CORNER

Q. Why was Cinderella no good at football?
A. Because her coach was a pumpkin.

LENT DAY RETREAT

"Walk with me", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sunday 11th February 9.30am - 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville and cost \$30.

Please BYO lunch as no food will be provided. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Catholic Mindfulness Workshop

THIS ASH WEDNESDAY: Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy.

When: Wednesday, February 14

Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus

Cost: \$100

Register: www.rom.org.au

CatholicCare

Are families in your community struggling or experiencing a crisis?

Call CatholicCare's CCareline Team on 13 18 19: helping Sydney families with relationships, parenting, in-home ageing services, disability, addictions and mental health concerns.

Positions Vacant

Manager, Mission & Outreach.

Permanent full-time position. Lewisham-based.

For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402210055. Applications close 26 January 2018.

Housekeeper

St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office.

5 – 8 hours a week Days and times negotiable.

Cleaning & cooking required

Experience preferred

Applications Close: Friday 2 February 2018

Please contact Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 or admin@sfxlurnea.org.au



SURRENDER LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Season of Lent begins on 14 February, again early in the year.

What do we do for Lent?

I invite parishioners to a Lenten Discussion/Reflection programme.

The programme is called “Surrender” presented by the Wollongong Diocese.

The programme would run on a Thursday after the 9am Mass.

Location depends on the number of parishioners involved.

The starting date: 15 February @ 9.30am

Then the Thursdays following:-

22 February
1 March
8 March
15 March
22 March

Please put your name on the sheet on the table at the back of the Church.

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@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

The Archdiocese of Sydney App

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life’s changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au