



# 10/11 February 2018-Year B The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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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:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **1. Only Say The Word, and My Soul Shall Be Healed**

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and by touching him, Jesus heals him.

Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives?

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived for a long time without the touch of another human being.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed the leper must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at Mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every Mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says unkindly about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every Mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others (Mt 7:1). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves?

So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

## **2. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

At the Parish Council held last Monday night it was agreed to hold two functions in the coming weeks.

### **(a) Youth Movie Night-Saturday March 3**

We will have a movie night after the Saturday Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall.

Date: Saturday March 3

Time: 6.30pm-9pm

Cost: \$15 includes food & drink (Pizza and slushie).

Tickets: Available from next weekend.

Age: Year 3 students-Year 9 students.

### **(b) Seniors Bus Trip—Friday March 9**

Where: Mt Annan Gardens

When: Friday March 9

Time: 10.30am pick-up at the Church (morning tea etc provided).

Please indicate your intentions to join us by filling in the sheet next weekend.

Cost: Your presence and time together.

## **3. Liturgy News**



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.

## **4. Opening School Mass**



This Friday, St Anthony's School will have their opening school Mass.

Kindergarten and year 1 will participate in the Mass seeking the help of St Anthony of Padua on the year ahead.

Mass will commence at 9.15am in order to move the children up to the Church.

Apologies for any inconvenience to our morning mass parishioners.

## **5. 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.

## **6. Season of Lent**

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, with the distribution of Ashes at Mass.

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and self-denial as we prepare for the passion, suffering and death of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Days of Penance:

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, **must** be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing **any one** of the following:
  - (a) Prayer—for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
  - (b) Self-denial - for example, not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
  - (c) Helping others—for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

### **Days of Penance**

**Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (14 February) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (29 March).**

**On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.**

### **Paschal Precept**

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 14 February, and Trinity Sunday, 27 May 2018 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

## **7. Stations of the Cross**

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday 9am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross as a worthy penance to perform during this season of Lent.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 5-10 February

V Zoric, L Eljiz, L Lopez

### 12-17 February

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



## READERS ROSTER

### 10/11 February

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

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 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: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 17/18 February (1st Sunday of Lent)

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

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Catherine Emery

Readers:

Catherine Emery: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 10/11 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



### 17/18 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 10/11 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 17/18 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Eric Hockings

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Matt Young

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 10 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Kimberley Camilleri

Alyssa & Emily Galea

### 17 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Joey Grima

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

### 10 February

F Hockings & V Bugeja

### 17 February

Maria Zucco & Daniela Romeo

#### **9am Sunday**

Nichole Hext



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 18 February

Santina & Frances

### 4 March

Lina & Faye

## **POPE FRANCIS COLUMN**



### **Pope's Advice for Lent: In Every Aspect of Your Life, Return Wholeheartedly to the Lord**

#### **Francis Warns Against False Prophets in His Lenten Message**

God offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign” of our conversion,” and therefore we are summoned to—and enabled to—come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life. Pope Francis stressed this in his message for Lent 2018 (14 February to 29 March) presented today in the Vatican, by Cardinal Peter Turkson, prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, which was titled: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12).

In the message, the Holy Father took as a starting point Jesus’ words in the Gospel of St. Matthew (Mt 24:12), namely that, “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12). In the episode a disciple had asked Jesus a question, and in response, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself. Amid great trials, Christ predicts, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

With this as the basis, the Holy Father divides his message into four sections:

“False Prophets”, “A Cold Heart”, “What are we to do”, “The fire of Easter”

Warning against false prophets, the Pope stressed, these ‘prophets’ assume various forms, such as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go.

“How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!”

False prophets also can be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless.

In order to confound the human heart, the Argentine Pope said, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets.

“We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.”

The Holy Father went on to warn against when our hearts become ‘cold,’ and asked faithful to reflect on when we become indifferent and isolated.

“What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?”

While we may see deep within ourselves and all about us these negative signs, Francis said, the Church’ proposes a ‘soothing remedy,’ namely of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, he expressed, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father, the Pope noted, reminding He wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving, he continued, sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister, whereas fasting weakens our tendency to violence. “It disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth.”

Saying, ‘God constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew,’ he encouraged all members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer.

The document, signed on 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints, concludes with the Pope’s prayer: ‘May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds’, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus.”

Pope Francis concluded, praying that by listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.



## Calling for Help!!

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

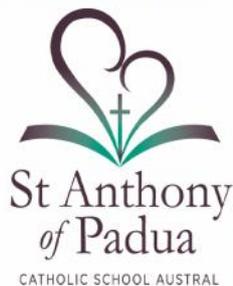
The ladies do a wonderful job, but most have been doing it for many years and need to retire.

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.



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## 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:** Father Peter Neville, Carmen Mariana Freund, Jasna Stipicic, John Patrick Garard, Anna Spada, Anna Stella.

**Anniversaries:** Pauline Abela, Lionel Ward.

**Also for:** Holy Souls.

**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**

- What's going on in China?
- Catholics are not spies
- Bishops' Call: Fasting in Lent for abuse victims
- St Maroun's relic comes to Sydney
- Movie Review: Call Me by Your Name
- First woman to head Catholic Institute: Sister Isabell Naumann
- Fun with Faith kids page-Pg 23

**MT SHOENSTATT RETREATS**

**25th February, 2018 - Lenten Retreat Afternoon for Families of all ages and constellations**

2pm: Talk for Adults: JOY in SUFFERING including Testimonies (Children's Programme and Baby sitting)

3pm: Prayer, Adoration, Confession and Benediction

4pm: Afternoon Tea

**Where:** Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Sr M Julie Brcar - 0408 738 334 or [juliebrcar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrcar@gmail.com)

**THE BISHOPS BLEND**

**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 **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 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://thebishopsblendthirdedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

**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



**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](mailto:rosaria@wsmerc.org.au)



**KID'S CORNER**

**Q.** How do you make an apple puff?

**A.** Chase it around the garden.

## Position Vacant

### 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](mailto:admin@sfxlurnea.org.au)

## 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](http://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.

## FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

Fr. Peter De Souza from Hornsby Cathedral, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. For enquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

## *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney*

Would you like to sing, or learn to sing, Gregorian Chant? *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney* resumes rehearsals at **6pm on Thursdays at St Bede's Pyrmont** (not far from Star City) from February 8. Come along and join us. We need you. Bring your friends also. "Gregorian Chant (is) specially suited to the Roman Liturgy .. (and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services" (Vatican II SC 116). It is not hard to learn and you have the satisfaction of acquiring a new skill.





## **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](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://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](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)