



**31 March/ 1 April 2018-Year B
Easter Sunday**



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH CHURCH
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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: I have risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia. You have laid your hand upon Me, Alleluia. Too wonderful for Me, this knowledge, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, Alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to St Anthony of Padua, Austral. To our parishioners and visitors as we gather to celebrate Easter and the Risen Lord in our



1. True Joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Above all days, Easter is a day of joy. But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, "When we come to [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: 'Who are you?' And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!"*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, S. J. at Easter "the cross and passion past, dark night is over, bright morning comes at last!"** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth." (Song of Songs 2:10-12) In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. *That* will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. *This* is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

2. Sacramental Programme for First Eucharist

A reminder to the families involved that the first lesson for First Eucharist is this Monday night at 7pm in the parish hall.

The candidate and a parent of each child **must** attend the four sessions if they wish to celebrate the Sacrament in June.

3. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Last Tuesday week, Gerry Crescini (our Vigil Mass Acolyte) conducted the course for parishioners who offered themselves to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic.



Those parishioners are: Rose Crescini, Margaret DeVries, Julie Dimech, Catherine Florio, Victoria Bugeja, Jayann Montmayor, Bonnie Sagafranski.

Please Note: A few points came out of the meeting that I bring to parishioners attention.

- A. We receive the Sacred Host on our hands **not** taking it from the Minister.
- B. Minister says: The Body of Christ or Blood of Christ, the communicant replies: AMEN (in and audible voice).
- C. We receive the Sacred Host in front of the Minister, not walking away from the Minister.
- D. We should "bow" before receiving the Sacred Host as a sign of belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist and out of reverence for the act of receiving the Sacred Host.

4. Thank You

A big "thank you" to John Bonanno for cleaning the brassware on the sanctuary. A time consuming activity, but as you can see the candle holders on the altar shine, the brass vases do too, the Processional Cross and even the bells all got a work over for Easter. Thank you John.



5. Green Thumb

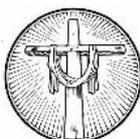
Any retired dad's with a green thumb who could clear up around the gardens in the carpark and at 320 Edmondson Avenue? Much appreciated for any assistance.

6. Funeral Details

The parish offers our condolences to Connie Bianchi and family at the sudden death of her husband , father and grandfather Izzadora.

The funeral will be held on Monday April 9 at 9.30am at St Anthony's.

May he rest in God's peace.



7. Chocolate Easter Lambs

Chocolate lambs are still available, some white chocolate and some milk chocolate price is \$10 per lamb.



8. Easter Celebrations

A very big "thank you" to our parish choir for the effort they put into the Easter ceremonies again this year. Many Tuesday Night practises in the Church taking them away from families and spouse. I am sure that we all appreciated their commitment and the effort that they put into assisting us to make our celebrations very prayerful and uplifting.

9. Holy Communion Service

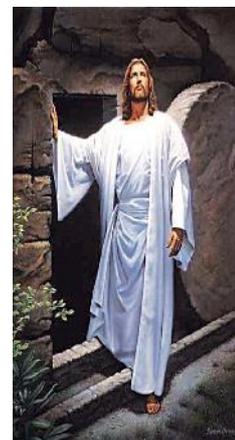
I will be away, so during the week days, Holy Communion Services will take place in the Church.



Wishing parishioners and visitors to St Anthony of Padua Austral a Blessed Easter.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

2-7 April

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini. M Cvetko



9-14 April

V Laferla, L Pecotich,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries

READERS ROSTER

31 March/1 April

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: George Ajkay
Readers: Frances Musso & Maria Zucco
George Ajkay: 1st Reading
Julie Dimech: 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: Faye Palamara
Readers:
Faye Palamara: 1st Reading
Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

7/8 April (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha
Readers:
David Casha: 1st Reading
Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Volunteer
Readers:
Volunteer: 1st Reading
James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco
Readers:
Maria Zucco: 1st Reading
John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

31 March/1 April

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

7/8 April

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Sgafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret DeVries



ACOLYTES ROSTER

31 March/1 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crisini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

7/8 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

31 March

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina Steimbesser
Leo Steimbesser

7 April

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Zac & Taliyah Stepic



CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

Easter

No Childrens Liturgy

7 April

F Hockings & V Bugeja

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



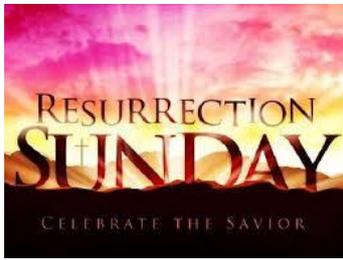
NURSING HOME ROSTER

8 April

Santina & Frances

22 April

Lina & Faye



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Papal Audience on 28 March: The Easter Triduum

Dear brothers and sisters: Tomorrow begins the Church's celebration of the Paschal Triduum, in which we re-live the great mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection. The Gospel message that Jesus died for our sins and rose to new life is a source of joy and hope for all the world. At the same time, it is a summons to our responsibility and mission as the Lord's followers to proclaim the victory of the Risen Jesus by our lives. In Baptism, we were given a share in Christ's passover from death to life. Each of us has been called to live fully this new life in union with him and in imitation of his loving concern for the least of our brothers and sisters. In the poor, the suffering, the lonely and all those in need, we are asked to see the face of Jesus, and to become, in him, a means of redemption and hope, life and resurrection for our world. May Mary, who knew both the sufferings of the cross and the joy of the resurrection, obtain for us the grace to be united ever more fully to the Risen Lord and to reflect in our lives the reconciling and transforming power of his divine love. Speaker: I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, particularly those from England, Ireland, Finland, the Netherlands, Ghana, South Africa, Australia, Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines and the United States of America.

I offer a special greeting to the delegates taking part in the Seminar organized by the Vatican Observatory in preparation for the forthcoming UNISPACE+50 Conference. May this Holy Week lead all of us to celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with hearts purified and renewed by the grace of the holy Easter, together with your communities and your dear ones.

And I counsel you, on Easter morning take the children to a tap and make them wash their eyes. It will be a sign of how to see the Risen Jesus.

A warm welcome goes to the Italian-speaking faithful.

I'm happy to receive the participants in the UNIV International Meeting, 50 years from the start of such a significant event. I exhort all to live the years of university formation as integral preparation for the service of man, witnessing in it the joy and values of the faith.

I greet the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians; the parishes, the boy Mayors of the province of Catania; the Scouts of Bronte and of Trani and the student groups, particularly those of Civitavecchia, Teramo and Marzana.

A special thought goes to young people, the sick and newlyweds. The Easter Triduum begins tomorrow, fulcrum of the Liturgical Year. Reflect on the price of blood paid by the Lord for salvation. May Good Friday teach you patience in moments of the cross and may Sunday of the Resurrection fill you with the joyful victory wrought by Christ over all that is against life and the good in the world.



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.

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City.

Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd



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: Domenica Costa, Izzadora Bianchi

Anniversaries: Sam Gauci

Also for: Dec'd members of the Vatruli Family, Special Intention.

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, Domenic Zucco, Kurt McKell, David Angeles





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- I reject Euthanasia
- Singing sisters are a Sister Act
- Mums stand up for Down Syndrome kids
- Over the moon
- Movie Review: Pacific Rim Uprising
- The courage and faith if a Gendarme

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**A Mass & Blessing for People with
Autism**

In celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism, to be celebrated by Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Where: St Benedict's Church, Broadway.

When: Sunday April 8 2018 at 2pm.

For inquiries or to RSVP by Tuesday April 3 please contact LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or Phone 02 9307 8404.

Marriage Congratulations

Last weekend at St Anthony's we celebrated the marriage of

Alessandro Tilocca

And

Diandra Clemente

We congratulate them on their marriage and wish them a wonderful life together.



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



KID'S CORNER

Q. How does the Easter Bunny Travel?

A. BY Hare-Plane.

Cathedral Choir Celebrates Bicentenary in Rome 15-22 May 2018

This is an opportunity for you to join Dean of St Mary's Cathedral Fr Don Richardson on a special pilgrimage to Rome. The Cathedral Choir is the oldest surviving of its kind in Australia and in 2018; to celebrate their bicentenary Rome Pilgrimages has created an exciting itinerary which includes both tour favourites and special additions. There's also an option for an extension to Padua and Florence.

For full details including itinerary, price and inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org.

CatholicCare Sydney

Are you leaving school with 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job' in your NDIS plan?

Our team can help you make a successful transition from school to a career.

For more information call our friendly CCareline team on 13 18 19 or email us connect@catholiccare.org

Rockforest Reawakening Retreat (April 26-28)

This is a unique immersion experience in partnership with the Rahamim Ecology Centre. This three day retreat includes two days at the Centre and a day of excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Blue Mountains for reconnection, reflection and renewal of our responsibilities for the Earth Community. During this experience participants will have the opportunity to deepen their appreciation of the natural world, hear the cry of the Earth and bring forth imaginative responses to the challenges of our place and time. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Due to the nature of the program places are limited. For details see attached flyer.

We look forward to seeing you at the Centre and wish you the blessings of Easter

St Canice's Kitchen, Elizabeth Bay - Sunday Volunteer Teams Needed:

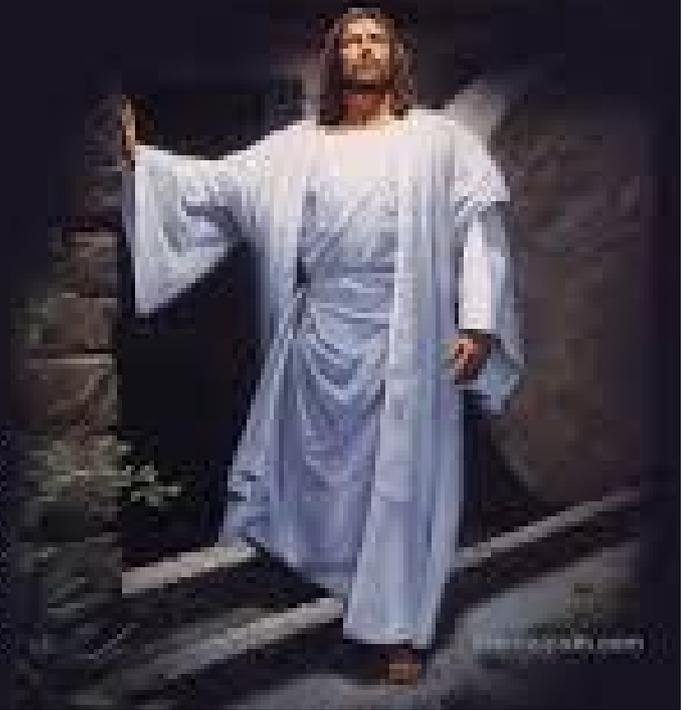
St Canice's Kitchen has been an integral part of the Kings Cross community for the past 30 years. The kitchen is open 7 days a week for lunch and 1 night for dinner thanks to the generosity of its numerous volunteers and donors. For many years we have had a tradition where the Sunday lunch for the poor and homeless is provided by groups from other parishes throughout Sydney. It has proved to be a highly rewarding experience for them. The kitchen is currently in need of some new Sunday teams of volunteers (approximately 7 people) to run a shift providing around 120 lunches and desserts and be available from 9am to 1.30pm (the kitchen is open from 11am to 1pm). If your parish would be able to provide a team of volunteers (and meals) for a Sunday shift or if you would like further information would you please contact Lynelle Lembryk on 0403 795 381 to discuss.

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

Rejoice! For our Lord Has Risen!

*"For everyone who asks receives;
to him who seeks finds;
and to him who knocks,
the door will be opened."
Luke 11:10*



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Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taize

Facilitated by the Friends of Taize

April 6: 6:00 pm – April 8: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

Living in the light of the Resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taizé. Experiencing God in our joys and sorrows.

Out of darkness, colour breaks

Presenter: Lorraine Murphy, OCDS

April 7: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: \$30

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.

Please bring your own lunch.

Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two “insignificant disciples” as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

Gospel People

Presenter: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

April 13: 6:00 pm – April 15: 1:30 pm

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

The Gospels give us the encounters of ordinary people with Jesus in the uniqueness of their own personality, concerns and failings.