



## 10/11 March 2018-Year B Fourth Sunday of Lent



### **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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

### **Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Lent Year B**

#### **1. Heartbreak**

As the First Reading describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. Their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple—it's all lost.

In the Psalm, there is a poignant picture of the people's heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem want the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land?" the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

#### **Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.**

The Second Reading declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn't God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed?

The answer to the question lies in the Readings.

God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them.

And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too. As the Gospel Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciple, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed.

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And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy.

And so heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere (Ps 37:3-4) the Psalmist says, "Put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart." When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story. Joy in finding your heart's desire in God is.

## **2. Sacramental Programme for First Eucharist**

Those families whose children have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to begin preparation for First Eucharist, their First Holy Communion. Please collect the form from Fr Bob.



## **3. 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.

## **4. Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

The Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers Course is now open to parishioners as an important Ministry in the parish community.

It is important that parishioners considering offering themselves are regular in their attendance at weekend Mass.

As we are involved with the sacred it is important that we understand the special ministry that this ministry entails in the community.

Parishioners considering offering themselves are asked to fill in the enrolment form on the back table and give it to Fr Bob.

The course begins on Tuesday night the 20 March at 7.30pm. The night will go from 7.30-9pm. The second session will be the following week the 27 March.

## **5. Chocolate Easter Lambs**

Chocolate lambs are back this year some white chocolate and some milk chocolate price is \$10 per lamb.



## **6. Parish Pastoral Council Report (PPC)**

The PPC met last Monday evening in the presbytery and some of the points raised were:

- A. The movie night did not happen as only two tickets were bought. The comment was that the high school people didn't want to mix with the younger people. PPC agreed to break it into primary and secondary youth in future. However, parents attending may be obliged to get a "working with children" clearance in order to be in the vicinity of the young people. We are looking into this point.
- B. We did not have a "Morning Tea" after the 9am Mass last weekend as the parish urn is missing, Anyone know where it is from last December Morning Tea?
- C. Parish response to the Extraordinary Ministers Course is disappointing as only 3 parishioners have offered their service.
- D. Senior Parishioners: We looked at various activities eg Kemp's Creek Bowling Club have a \$15 first Friday of the month function. Also, seniors month is in April.
- E. Parish Activities: Parishioners are invited to join together at Austral Bowling Club on Friday 25 May for an organised dinner. More information in coming bulletins, but keep it free. A Friday night at Menangle Trots-watch for details. For something different for a parish community gathering "A pig on a spit!" Details in coming bulletins

## **7. Palm Sunday: 25 March**

Parishioners attending Mass on Palm Sunday are asked to bring their own palm or olive branches as our source for palms is no longer available.

## **8. Holy Communion Service**

Due to my absence on Thursday/Friday of this coming week Holy Communion services will be given.

## **9. Easter Ceremonies Involvement Sheet**

Please check the sheets on the table at the back of the Church to assist in the ceremonies over Easter.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 12-17 March

D Gauci, J Bartolo,  
M Zarb,

### 19-24 March

L Simat, I Gasperic,  
L Eljiz, L Lopez



## READERS ROSTER

### 10/11 March

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

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 17/18 March (5th Sunday of Lent)

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

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Catherine Emery: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 10/11 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Robert Gimellaro

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Karen Power



### 17/18 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 10/11 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crisini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 17/18 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 10 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Mark & Lauren Vassallo  
Matthew Modolo

### 17 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Kimberley Camilleri  
Alyssa & Emily Galea

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

### 10 March

Rita & Chiara Moro

### 17 March

Sarah & V Casha

#### **9am Sunday**

Nichole Hext



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 9 March

Mass Fr Bob &  
Frances

### 18 March

Sister Rosa &  
Jayann

## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### God Pardons Us 77 Times, But We Must Forgive Others

During Morning Mass, Francis Insists Those Who Trust in the Lord Are Never Disappointed  
March 6, 2018

God pardons us 77 times, but that is with the presumption that we too forgive others. According to Vatican News, Pope Francis gave this reminder during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta as he reflected on the readings of the day, also warning that Satan tries to discourage us from forgiveness, 'enslaving us' to hatred.

The Holy Father's homily centred on acknowledging our sinfulness and, in order to be forgiven by God, forgiving others.

Recalling today's First Reading from the Book of Daniel, the Pontiff remembered Azariah. Even after being thrown into a burning furnace for refusing to deny the Lord, Azariah does not complain to God for his suffering nor blame Him, but continues professing God's greatness. Accusing ourselves, as Francis described it, is the first step towards forgiveness, and also demonstrates Christian wisdom.

When we approach the sacrament of penance, Francis stressed, we ought to have this attitude, of realizing that despite how much God has given me and continues to give me, that I have sinned against Him. Sorry for offenses, we ask Him for salvation.

The Jesuit Pontiff recalled that once at a confessional there was a woman who tried to justify herself by sharing a long list of the sins of her mother-in-law. The confessor, he told those present, cut her short asking her to start confessing her own sins.

The Lord loves a contrite heart, Francis noted, saying those who trust in God are never disappointed. "A contrite heart tells the truth to the Lord. And what the Lord does is shuts our mouth, like the father does to the Prodigal Son. He does not allow him to speak, but covers him with love, forgiving everything." The Holy Father invited Christians not to be ashamed of admitting their sins, assuring them that the Lord justifies us by forgiving us, "not just once but always," but, reminding that there is the condition that we forgive others.

It is not easy to forgive, the Pope acknowledged, because rancor "makes a nest in our hearts, always leaving behind a bitter taste. We often narrate a lot of things others have done to us." Pope Francis concluded, warning Christians against being enslaved to hatred and urging them to keep two things in mind: one, we need to praise the Lord and acknowledge our sins; and two, God pardons us seventy times seven, provided we forgive others.



## 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.



Palms  
Australia

## Volunteer with Palms Australia

Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty"

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family!

Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

## 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:** Bartolomeo Cascio.

**Anniversaries:** Antoinette Sultana, Biaggio Gimellaro, Michele Stanco.

**Also for:** Sharon Simone Ajkay, Special Intention, Maria, Peter, Mara and Pama Bijok, Emmanuel & Grace 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**

- Dublin bound! - Family to represent Sydney in August
- Catholics by numbers. Where the Catholics are in Sydney
- Join me! Archbishop calls Catholics to prayer & fasting for abuse
- Surge in Seminary interest
- Movie Review: The 15:17 to Paris
- Barnaby & Christmas - The Link

**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.

**AFTERNOONS FOR COUPLES HOPING TO CONCEIVE**

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promote in regards to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties.

Where: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Road, Silverwater.

When: Saturday 17 March 2018

Time: 2-4.30pm

Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or Phone (02) 9307 8404.

**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.** When should you buy a bird?  
**A.** When it goes cheap.

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## **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)

## **Grief to Grace**

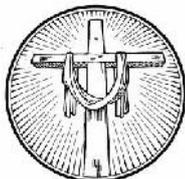
– **Healing the Wounds of Abuse** – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griegtograceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griegtograceaus.org.au) or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit [www.griegtograce.org](http://www.griegtograce.org)

## 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.



## Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:

Dean Jonathon Zinghini (Oran Park)  
and  
Kate Madeleine Sandy (Terry Hills)  
.....

Alessandro Joseph Tilocca (Austral)  
and  
Diandra Clemente (Lurnea)

Anyone knowing any reason why these couples should not be bound in the Sacrament of Marriage is asked to inform the Parish Priest.  
(Canon Law Nos 1066 and 1069)



## Day of the Unborn Child

On Sunday March 18 we will be celebrating the Day of the Unborn Child. As in past years we will hold it close to the Feast of the Annunciation, when Jesus Christ took flesh and became an unborn child in His Mother's Womb.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be the main celebrant at the High Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney and will lead the street procession, returning to the Cathedral to celebrate Benedicton at 1.30pm.

The Day of the Unborn Child is held in many countries around the world, since the day was first proclaimed on the Feast of the annunciation in Argentina in 1999.

Our attendance is approaching 3,000 plus and our hope is that with collaboration the event will eventually grow into a national pro-life event such as is seen in countries like the US.

The Annual Day of the Unborn Child procession is on Sunday March 18 and starts at 12 midday after the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and ends at 1.30pm with Benediction back at the Cathedral. We seek mercy for the unborn child, his mother and father and all who participate in the evil of abortion. Call Life & Family Institute, for more details on 9002 0354, //www.lifeandfamily.com.au/

## **PROJECT COMPASSION** **FOR A JUST FUTURE**

Evangeline in the Northern Territory, featured in Project Compassion 2016. She was employed by the Caritas Australia supported by Djilpin Arts and quickly rose to the role of Senior Artsworker. Her career has flourished. Her work at Djilpin Arts contributes to its success, whilst providing training and opportunities for other young people in the community.