



**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.

28/29 April 2018-Year B
The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

1. Be Fruitful and Multiply

The first command God gave to human beings was "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen1:28). In the Gospel Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful.

In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God's image in the production of children.

Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity.

The fruitfulness at issue in the Gospel comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him. This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn't it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can't be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box!

Boxes and bowls can't manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling.

In the Gospel Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved's, and he is yours. (Song of Songs 6:3) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit. Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God's image in others too.

And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you multiply and be fruitful.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

The CWF Appeal for May is on next Sunday 5/6 May.

The CWF funds six (6) Agencies of the Sydney Church. They are:

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Catholic Care

Chaplaincies

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired

Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush

Your generosity to the CWF means that these

agencies are able to assist many people who approach the particular agency for assistance.

The Parish Quota for the Parish is \$1,570.00. "God Loves a cheerful giver!"

On behalf of the Archbishop, I thank you in advance for your support.

3. Green Thumb



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

4. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)



The next PPC meeting will be held in the presbytery on Monday night May 7 from 7.30pm.

PPC members are asked to mark it in their diary. An agenda will go out this week.

Any parishioner with ideas, suggestions etc is asked to send it to the parish office email address or leave it in the letterbox by Friday 4 May.

5. The Sacrament of First Eucharist



A reminder to parents and candidates preparing for First Holy Communion, that the instructions begin again on Monday night 14 May at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

6. The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish this year with Bishop Randazzo.

Any candidates (Youth or Adults) wishing to be confirmed need to make an appointment to see Fr Bob regarding details and dates. Please ring during parish office hours when Cheryl, the secretary is here. Her hours and days are on the front page of the bulletin.

Candidates will be accepted for this Sacrament who attend Mass regularly at St Anthony's. Only parish families will be accepted.

7. Project Compassion



Our support to Project Compassion during Lent is now concluded and you are asked to return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, back to the Church at the weekend mass you attend.

The children for St Anthony of Padua (ie Kindergarten and Year 1) raised \$1,586.50.

That is from 100 children in the school.

A great effort-girls and boys!

Parishioners have given \$3,420.00 to support the project compassion projects for 2018.

Thank you to all who have contributed.

8. School Returns

Welcome back families and children to Term 2 of the school year.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

30 April-5 May

L Eljiz, L Lopez, L Simat,
I Gasperic, Y Refalo



7-12 May

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

READERS ROSTER

28/29 April

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 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 Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

5/6 May (6th Sunday of Easter)

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

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

28/29 April

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Margaret DeVries & Jayann
Montemayor



5/6 May

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Frances Musso & Ken O'Leary

ACOLYTES ROSTER

28/29 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

5/6 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

28 April

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

5 May

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Zac & Taliyah Stepic

6 May

Lucas & Jayden LaFerla

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

28 April

School Holidays

5 May

Maria Zucco & Daniela Romeo

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

27 April

Mass

6 May

Sister Rosa &
Jayann

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



The Holy Father's Catechesis: Wednesday 25 April 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

We continue our reflection on Baptism, ever in the light of the Word of God. It's the Gospel that enlightens the candidates and arouses adherence to the faith: "Baptism is 'the sacrament of faith' in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith" [Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 1236]. And faith is the giving of oneself to the Lord Jesus, acknowledged as "spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14), "light of the world" (John 9:5), "resurrection and life" (John 11:25), as the itinerary shows, followed still today, by catechumens now close to receiving Christian initiation. Educated by listening to Jesus, by His teaching and by His works, catechumens relive the experience of the Samaritan woman thirsty for living water, of the man born blind who opens his eyes to the light, of Lazarus who comes out of the sepulcher. The Gospel has within itself the strength to transform one who accepts it with faith, tearing him away from the dominion of the Evil One, so that he learns to serve the Lord with joy and newness of life.

One never goes alone to the baptismal font, but accompanied by the prayer of the whole Church, as the Litanies of the Saints recall, which precede the Prayer of Exorcism and the pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of the catechumens. They are gestures that, since antiquity, assure all those that prepare themselves to be reborn as children of God, that the prayer of the Church assists them in the struggle against evil, accompanies them on the way of goodness, helps them to subtract themselves from the power of sin to pass into the kingdom of divine grace. The prayer of the Church – the Church prays and prays for all, for all of us! We, as Church, pray for others. It's a good thing to pray for others. How many times we don't have an urgent need and <so> we don't pray. We must pray, united to the Church, for others: "Lord, I pray to you for those that are in need, for those that don't have faith . . ." Don't forget: the prayer of the Church is always on-going. However, we must enter this prayer and pray for all the people of God and for those that are in need of prayers. Therefore, the path of adult catechumens is marked by repeated exorcisms pronounced by the priest (Cf. CCC, 1237), namely, by prayers that invoke deliverance from all that separates one from Christ and impedes profound union with Him. For children also, God is asked to free them from original sin and consecrate them dwelling of the Holy Spirit (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, n. 56). The children – pray for the children, for <their> spiritual and corporal health. It's a way of protecting children with prayer. As the Gospels attests, Jesus Himself fought and expelled devils to manifest the advent of the Kingdom of God (Cf. Matthew 12:28): His victory over the power of the Evil One leaves free room to the lordship of God who makes glad and reconciles with life.

Baptism isn't a magical formula, but a gift of the Holy Spirit, which enables one who receives it "to fight against the spirit of evil," believing that "God sent His Son into the world to destroy Satan's power and transfer man from darkness to His Kingdom of infinite light" (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, n. 56). We know from experience that Christian life is always subject to temptation, especially the temptation of separating oneself from God, from His Will, from communion with Him, to fall back into worldly seductions. And Baptism prepares us. It give us the strength for this daily struggle, also to fight against the devil who – as Saint Peter says – seeks as a lion to devour us, to destroy us.

In addition to prayer, there is then the anointing of the chest with the oil of catechumens, with which "they receive vigour to renounce the devil and sin, before approaching the font and being born to a new life" (Blessing of the oil. Premesse, n. 3). Because of the property of oil to penetrate the tissues of the body bringing them benefit, ancient fighters used to sprinkle themselves with oil to tone the muscles and flee more easily from the adversary's grip. In the light of this symbolism, the Christians of the first centuries adopted the use of anointing the body of candidates to Baptism with the oil blessed by the Bishop, in order to show, through this "sign of salvation," that the power of Christ the Saviour strengthens to fight against evil and overcome it (Cf. Rite of the Baptism of Children, n. 105). It's tiring to fight against evil, to flee from its deceits, to have strength again after an exhausting struggle, but we must know that the whole of Christian life is a battle. However, we must also know that we're not alone, that Mother Church prays so that her children, regenerated in Baptism, won't succumb to the snares of the Evil One but overcome him by the power of Christ's Passover. Strengthened by the Risen Lord, who defeated the prince of this world (Cf. John 12:31), we can also repeat with Saint Paul's faith: "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). All of us can overcome, overcome everything, but with the strength that comes to us from Christ.



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@wsmrc.org.au

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: Val Hood, Father Jose Maria Enedaguila SJ (Priest to Spanish Community)

Anniversaries: Salvatore Emmi, Grezzin Vella, Anna Lucini.

Also for: Holy Souls, Dec'd Members of the Vartlui Family.

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, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Special Intention.





Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00

- Exorcism Documentary
- The end of counselling?
- Celebrating Humanae Vitae at 50
- Get ready for Walk with Christ
- Movie review: Isle of Dogs
- Francis and the pro-life cause

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
May Retreats

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566.

Contact: 02 8795 3400
retreats@carmelite.com
www.carmelites.com.au

“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:17)
Presenter: Deacon Peter Presdee
When: May 5: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm.
Cost: \$30.00

Please remember to bring your own lunch.
Pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am.

Feast of San or Preca

Inviting the Maltese Community and their friends to celebrate the feast of San or Preca Sunday, 6th May at 5.00pm
Holy Family Church
Lot 1 Willowdene Ave
Luddenham

Please, bring a plate to share.
Come along and meet your friends and let us celebrate our own Maltese Saint.

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



God's Design For Marriage

Celebrating 50 Years of Humane Vitae

Chris Gordon from the Life, marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies? All welcome. Plenty of time for questions. For dates and locations see the flyers at the back of the Church.

More Info: Oh 9307 8402 or go to lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org



KID'S CORNER

Q. What stays in the corner but travels around the world?

A. A Stamp.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Portia Isla Pietersen
(Child of Matthew & Kathleen)

Rafael Samuel Mangano
(Child of Samuel & Teresa)



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

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

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org www.domusaustralia.org

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 / email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

Courage in Sydney

Courage is a movement for those with same-sex attraction who desire to live chaste lives in accordance with the Church's teachings. Any interested person can call the Sydney chaplain on 0418 136 785.

A men's group meets monthly in Sydney, privately, for fellowship, discussion & prayer, guided by the priest chaplain. Confidentiality assured.

Encourage in Sydney

Linked to Courage is the movement Encourage, for family members of those with same-sex attraction, who pray together for their loved ones and discuss the issues involved in confidentiality, in the presence of the priest chaplain. Encourage is committed to chastity as taught by the Catholic Church.

If you have a family member with same-sex attraction, email encouragesydney@hotmail.com and give your phone number & say you are interested in Encourage. Confidentiality assured. The co-ordinator of the group will call you and invite you to the next meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of the month 10:45am. The meetings go for one hour, guided by the priest chaplain, and involve prayer, discussion, mutual support & fellowship, along with spiritual guidance.

Mass to mark 200 years of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia

200 years ago, Father Jeremiah O'Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and shipped back home because his credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday, 6 May, the Australian Catholic Bishops will come together to concelebrate a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. 12pm, St Patrick's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. All are welcome.