



7/8 April 2018-Year B Second Sunday of Easter



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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: Like newborn infants, you must long for
the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is
everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen me, but still
believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

**Welcome to St Anthony's for our Eucharist on this Second Sunday
of Easter known as Divine Mercy Sunday.**

1. Victory is Ours

Here is what the Readings for this week claim. By his cross, Christ
conquered sin; by his resurrection, he destroyed death. At Easter, we
celebrate his victory with joy.

The Second Reading affirms that Christ's victory is ours. If we have faith
that Jesus is the Christ, then we are begotten by God. If we are, then we
conquer the world. And if we do, then we love God, we love the children
of God, and we keep God's commandments obediently. In that condition,
we are victorious with Christ.

As long as we believe that Christ won the victory for us, the victory of
Christ is ours.

But these lines in the Second Reading look like joy-destroyers, don't
they? If we don't keep God's commandments, if we don't love God's
children, we don't conquer the world. And if we don't conquer the world,
then we aren't begotten of God. And in that case we don't really have
faith. How do we have victory then?

And it gets worse.

In another place, the same Epistle says that anyone who says he doesn't
have sin is a liar (1 John 1:8). So it seems that there is a Catch-22 here. If
you sin, you aren't victorious. You are a loser. But if you try claiming that
you don't sin, you are guilty of lying, which is a sin; and so you aren't
victorious in that case either.

It seems that whether you think you sin or think you don't sin, you lose. So
what happened to our victory? Where is joy?

The solution is to notice what faith is. Faith is the belief that Jesus is the
Christ, the one who—the one who *what?* Well, the one who conquers sin
and death.

So here is the message from the Readings. For our part, we are saved
from sin and death by *believing* that we are saved from sin and death—by
Christ.

There is no Catch-22. Even in our sinful state, where truth forces us to confess our disobedience and our failures in love, we are victorious—over the sin and death in ourselves—as long as we believe that Christ won the victory for us.

This faith is what God requires of us, and the Second Reading is right: this requirement isn't burdensome. So here is our joy: as long as we believe that Christ won the victory for us, the victory of Christ is ours.

2. Altar Server Rosters

New Altar Servers Rosters are available in the Sacristy.

3. Project Compassion

Parishioners are asked to bring back their Project Compassion monies so they can be counted and sent in to Caritas Australia. Thank You.

4. 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.

5. Funeral Details

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

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

May he rest in God's peace.

6. Holy Communion Service

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

7. The Resurrecyton Painting

One of the residents on Tobruk Village (10th Ave) painted the Resurrection scene for the parish community. Ernest and Eileen Rust live at the RSL Tobruk Village. Ernest is a WWII digger who is wheelchair bound. Eileen attends the 9am Mass on Sundays, each week. One of Ernest (or Rusty as he is affectionately known) interests is painting and as he cannot attend Mass, I take him the Eucharist every second Saturday and he painted the Resurrection Scene for the Easter Sunday liturgy. Thanks Rusty.

8. First Holy Communion Programme

Our First Communion Programme continues on Monday night with Session 2. Again, a parent and Holy Communion Candidate must attend. Parents are reminded to keep an eye on the meeting dates as school holidays begin Friday.

9. Chocolate Easter Lambs

Thank you to everyone who bought a lamb or two, as the money goes to support the Mikelite Priests in New Guinea. They look after North Ryde and Hurstville parishes here in Sydney.

10. Sacrament of Reconciliation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Easter Triduum was edifying, with over 80 parishioners celebrating the sacrament with Fr McIntyre or myself. It was wonderful that parishioners took the opportunity to prepare themselves spiritually for Easter by celebrating this Sacrament. Thank you. How about everyone else?.

11. A Big thank You

I would like to sincerely thank, on the parishes behalf, our parish choirs at the Vigil and Sunday 9am Masses. They practised long and hard for our ceremonies over Easter and without them our ceremonies would have been "flat." They were superb! The music, the choice of hymns and their singing was first rate. So, I thank each of them for their commitment to our liturgies and to Patrizia (on the piano) for her assistance and guidance to our choir. Thank you very much!

12. Thank You

My thanks to Faye Palamara and Tessie Christophers for setting up the altar area for our Easter Sunday liturgies. Also, John Bonanno for giving the tabernacle an extra clean. Again, parishioners can assist in these areas, let's not just leave it to the few. "Many hands make light work," as they say. Also, to Tony Gimellaro (Electrician) for replacing globes in the Chapel.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

9-14 April

V Laferla, L Pecotich,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries

16-21 April

D Gauci, J Bartolo,
M Zarb



READERS ROSTER

7/8 April

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 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

14/15 April (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

7/8 April

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Sgafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

14/15 April

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara



ACOLYTES ROSTER

7/8 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

14/15 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

7 April

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Zac & Taliyah Stepic

8 April

Lucas & Jayden Laferla

14 April

Saturday Vigil

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

7 April

F Hockings & V Bugeja

14 April

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays

NURSING HOME ROSTER

8 April

Santina & Frances

22 April

Lina & Faye



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



FEATURE: 'Complaining Forbidden': Pope's Preferred Gifted Advice

March 27, 2018

One of these men deals with souls, the other with psyche. But if you complain, it hurts both soul and psyche. Given this, there was instant understanding and empathy between Pope Francis, "doctor of souls," and Salvo Noè, Italian psychologist and psychotherapist, who lives and works in Catania, Sicily.

Their first meeting dates back to June 14, 2017, at the Pope's General Audience. Noè was there to deliver in person, into the hands of the Roman Pontiff, an interesting gift: a plastic sign, roughly the size of a paper sheet of paper, with the inscription "Complaining Forbidden," that Noè created himself.

The graphic of the sign follows the "smoking forbidden" posted by law in all public places in Italy. Noè had this idea in 2012, during his work, observing how people tend to complain about everything. And this, in his opinion, harms the mind, as much as smoking harms the body.

Likewise, Francis has on numerous occasions warned against complaining or grumbling. So already in receiving that gift, Noè recalls, "he [the Pope] had a very positive reaction". Therefore, after a few days, the sign ended up posted on the door of the small room of the Pope, at his residence Santa Marta. The news quickly went around the world.

Meanwhile, the "Complaining Forbidden" also became the title of a 'handbook,' written by Dr. Noè in less than one month. It found rather surprising success in bookstores, in Italy and not only, since it has been also translated into seven languages (and soon, likely, also in English).

Francis also naturally read it, appreciated its content and now has written the preface for a second edition, available Monday, March 26, in Italian bookstores. "I asked him, during another meeting, to have the honor of a preface with his signature. He at first said that he had a lot to do, but he would try, until one day I received a phone call from the Vatican: 'the preface is ready,'" says Noè.

According to Pope Francis, this small booklet has the great merit of "offering abundant ideas on how to deal with difficulties and contingencies, avoiding falling into the traps of victimization and seeing in every adversity, the possibility of re-emerging more confident and stronger". And this, he comments, "is a useful thing, in our time characterized by so much speed around us and so much fragility within us".

And all this, we read again, also applies to faith: "by faith we believe that, above and beyond everything, we are and will always be loved children of the Father. Always loved, despite sin and inconsistency. This is the source of our joy, a deeper joy of the emotions that come and go ... "

That's why the Pope exhorts us to stop weeping at us for the injustices and afflictions of life.

"Even Francis", explained Noè to Zenit, during his last trip to Rome (with a private meeting with the Pope, again) "is convinced like me that to stop complaining is important. Lamenting does not solve anything, on the contrary, it creates further problems. Instead, let us focus on what we can do! Let us find meeting points on what are the fundamental values and let us start to trigger the skills that help us to change for the better!" he exhorts strongly.

Complaining, well explained with easily understandable language throughout the nearly 200 pages of his book, triggers a negative cycle that in the long run prevents us from finding solutions. Instead the problems must be accepted, yes, but then we must go forward to search for the solution. In this case, then, a little complaining can also be productive, beneficial.

The following question then arises spontaneously, given the interest of Pope Francis in this suggestion of "Complaining Forbidden": Does the same rule also apply to the spiritual life, as well as for psychology?

"Complaining Forbidden," replies Noè, "is a perfect synthesis for both spheres. All of us are human beings who make a spiritual experience and spiritual beings who make a human experience. There are questions we can answer only by going beyond what we only know, and this helps us to live better. "In essence," he continues, "there are two fundamental things in our life: faith and trust. Without trust it is impossible to live, without trust we cannot motivate ourselves to live, so faith helps us to have more trust and trust helps us to have more faith."

If then some readers were not believers, "for them it's valid what neuroscience says, namely that the brain has important functions and if we know how to use it well we can become people who express happiness despite any difficulties. It is not necessarily a matter of believing or not believing. The important thing is that you treat yourself well and that you acquire that capacity to love life."

Turning to his book, explains the author: "I first analyze the causes of the phenomenon. Why do we complain? And then, how is a victim born? It's not like one wakes up in the morning and decides to be a victim. There is a whole family, social, work, school path that leads the person to feel the victim of the situation. And then in the third part, I discuss how one can give up complaining, through some practical situations. I tell you what you can do to better face your life and to make it better, because if there is a verb we should all use, it is 'to improve.' We all come from a long tradition of 'lamentation,' which, however, has never improved, apparently, the quality of life, at least the interior one."

Even the sign, under the heading "Complaining Forbidden," warns that "offenders are subject to a syndrome of victimization with a consequent lowering of the mood and ability to solve problems." It continues: "the penalty is doubled if the violation is committed in the presence of children." And it concludes: "To become the best you need to focus on your potential and not on your limits then: stop complaining and act to change your life for the better."

"The last time I went to see the Pope," adds Noè, "he told me: 'the sign is there on the door. When someone comes to meet me and sees it, we usually end up laughing and discussing about it. So I keep always the book on the desk and then I suggest: now if you want to know how to stop complaining, read this book!' Of course, this enthusiasm of the Pope gives me even more strength, in spreading the message, but it is also a great responsibility!"



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Isidore Bianchi, Domenica Costa

Anniversaries:

Also for: Mary Vella, Dec'd Members of the Vartuli 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

