



**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.

**12/13 May 2018-Year B
The Ascension of the Lord**



Entrance Antiphon: Vigil: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; His majesty and might are in the skies, Alleluia.

7.30 & 9am: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This is Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Go and teach all people My gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Vigil: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, **Alleluia.**

7.30 & 9am

Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate The Ascension of the Lord.

1. Ask In My Name

In the Gospel Reading, before his ascension, Christ gives his disciples a last command: go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands.

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers?

Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all.

Well, I think of it this way.

When one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground. You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway (demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them).

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all. So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord encompasses those who travel in his name.

2. Booking the Church for the Sacraments

It is unfortunate that couples for Baptism or Marriage go ahead and arrange the restaurant or function centre before checking if the date is available at St Anthony's. In the past, couples have organised the guests, the venue, the day and time and then, remember to ring the Church for that date, and time etc. Sometimes the date/time is available at other times it isn't and a couple are upset etc. Please, please the first port of call should be to check to see if the Church is available or that Baptisms are celebrated on that Sunday.
Please Note: Baptisms are celebrated at 10.30am after the Sunday 9am Mass and families are asked to be on time.

3. Parish Council Report



The Parish Council met last Monday night and these were some of the matters discussed:

A. The formation of a Liturgy Committee:

It was felt that the Easter Ceremonies were a little unco-ordinated and parishioners were not given a practise for some of the ceremonies.

Fr Bob "fell on his sword" taking responsibility for it, so the committee.

The Members are: Pam Ajkay, Frances Musso, Josie Trueba, Nicole Hext, Gerry Crescini, Fr Bob.

If any parishioner would like to join this committee and assist in improving our worship, see Fr Bob.

B. Cancer Council Morning Tea

We will look into this worthy cause.

C. Parish Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua:

The feast day is June 13 (Wednesday) so, we are looking at a Parish Dinner at Austral Bowling Club. Fr Bob and Mrs Faye Palamara approached the Club on Friday (11 May) to talk to them for a room, cost and menu.

More information next week, Watch this Space!!

As part of celebrating our Feast Day, we are looking at having a "cuppa and get-together" after the Vigil and 9am Masses.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Vivid: Bus Trip to City

Vivid, the light show, is on during May/June. Vivid, Sydney's iconic outdoor "art-gallery" illuminates the city with a mesmerising collection of light, art installations and projections onto our famous landmarks eg Opera House, Harbour Bridge, St Mary's Cathedral. Details of the bus trip leaving Church:
Date: Tuesday 29 May
Time: 4pm—Midnight (approx)
Cost: \$15 per person (for bus only)
Sign Up Sheet is on the table near the doors.
Monies to be collected next weekend.

7. St Anthony of Padua School News

The School is holding a community workshop before the Master Plan is submitted. Parishioners are invited to attend and see what the school will look like in the years ahead.
Date: Tuesday 15 may
Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

14-19 May

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Masini,
M Cvetko, M Pisani



21-26 May

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

12/13 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 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 DeVries

Readers:

Margaret DeVries: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

19/20 May (Pentecost Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica 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: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

12/13 May

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Sgafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



19/20 May

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

12/13 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

19/20 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

12 May

Saturday Vigil

Mark & Lauren Vassallo

Matthew Modolo

19 May

Saturday Vigil

Alyssa & Emily Galea

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROSTER

12 May

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

19 May

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

NURSING HOME ROSTER

20 May

Santina & Frances

25 May

Mass

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Appeal This May: Pray Rosary Every Day, for Peace in Syria & Throughout World

Renews Appeal to Pray Rosary Daily: May 09, 2018

Pray the rosary daily during the month of May "for peace in Syria and throughout the world."

After his catechesis on Baptism, the Pope stressed, "I cordially greet the Arab-speaking pilgrims, especially those from the Middle East. Dear brothers and sisters, the month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary."

"I invite you to cultivate devotion to the Mother of God with the daily recitation of the Rosary, praying in particular for peace in Syria and throughout the world."

Pope Francis concluded saying: "May the Lord bless you all! "

The Holy Father already expressed this request during his pilgrimage to the Roman Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love, to pray for peace in Syria and in the world, on the occasion of the beginning of the month of Mary, and the Feast of St. Joseph Worker, Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The Pope prayed the rosary in the sanctuary, in front of the image of Our Lady of Miracles.

"Today, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love, as we recite the Rosary, we pray especially for peace in Syria and throughout the world. I invite you to pray the Rosary for peace during the entire month of May," Pope Francis had invited in a tweet posted on his @Pontifex account on May 1, 2018.

GENERAL AUDIENCE: On Baptism (Part V): Regeneration

'If our parents have given us earthly life, the Church has regenerated us to eternal life'

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The catechesis on the Sacrament of Baptism leads us to speak today of the cleansing, accompanied by the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity, that is, the essential rite that properly "baptizes" – namely, immerses – in Christ's Paschal Mystery (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1239). Saint Paul recalls the meaning of this gesture, to the Christians of Rome, asking first: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" And then answering: "We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism unto death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead . . . we too might walk in the newness of life" (Romans 6:3-4). Baptism opens the door to us to a life of resurrection, not to a worldly life, but to a life according to Jesus.

If our parents have given us earthly life, the Church has regenerated us to eternal life. We have become children in His Son Jesus (Cf. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5-7). On each one of us also, reborn of the water and of the Holy Spirit, the celestial Father has his voice resound with infinite love, which says: "You are my beloved son" (Cf. Matthew 3:17). This paternal voice, imperceptible to the ear but very audible to the heart of one who believes, accompanies us throughout our life, without ever abandoning us.

Brothers and sisters, the whole Christian vocation is here: to live united to Christ in the Holy Church, participants of the same consecration, to carry out the very same mission in this world, bearing fruits that last forever. Animated by the one Spirit, the people of God participate, in fact, in the functions of Jesus Christ, "Priest, King and Prophet," and bear the responsibility of mission and service that stem from it (Cf. CCC, 783-786). What does it mean to participate in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ? It means making of oneself a pleasing offering to God (Cr. Romans 12:1), rendering witness to Him through a life of faith and charity (Cf. Lumen Gentium, 12), putting it at the service of others, following the Lord Jesus' example (Cf. Matthew 20:25-28; John 13:13-17). Thank you.



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: Silvano Frassetto.

Anniversaries: Stephen Vella, Francesca Monaco, Maria Chiricosta, Nicola Simone.

Also for: Dec'd Members of the Vartlui 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, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough.





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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



PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE TO EUROPE

Fr. Praveen Paul would like to invite you for a 17-day pilgrimage that he is leading featuring Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Santander, Lourdes, Milan, Padua, Assisi and Rome departing on 15th August, 2018 for an all-inclusive price of \$7200. Call now for early-bird discount of \$1000. Optional extension to Medjugorje / Padre Pio & Lanciano available. Next pilgrimage to Europe departs on 7th October 18 at same price. This fare includes Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. Tips and Single Supplements not included. For enquiries & bookings call 0406760680 & 1300721561 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

God's Design For Marriage

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 and more info:
Phone 9307 8402,
lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

May Celebration In Honour Of Our Lady

The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc. Sydney archdiocese Committee invite you to attend our May Celebration in St. Mary's Cathedral on the 12th of May. To commence at 11.30am with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart. Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant. Holy Mass will commence at 12 Noon. Further enquiries please contact Rosetta on 0403578994 or Rosa on 9984-8988.



KID'S CORNER

Q. What did the nut say when he got a cold?
A. Cashew.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Sienna Caterina Rao
(Child of Robert & Adriana)

Kayley Ava Moroney
(Child of Garry & Alexandria Moroney)

Amelia Isabella Balcon
(Child of Daniel & Natalie)



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

KNOW THE MASS

It is important to understand our Catholic Mass. So, over the coming weeks, the bulletin at the suggestion of the Parish Council will move through the Mass, which is a ritual ie: we do things over and over. But, at Mass, God in Jesus speaks to us in His Word, and in Holy Communion. We respond by our responses and by praying and listening.

Q: What is the Mass?

A: The Mass or Eucharistic Celebration is the central liturgical ritual of the Catholic Church, where bread and wine is consecrated becoming the Body and Blood of the Risen Jesus, Our Saviour.

Q: How many parts to the Mass?

A: There are two main parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, God (Jesus) speaks to us through the Scriptures and we are called "to listen". Then in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we offer bread and wine that becomes the very person of Jesus. So, we offer Jesus, to God the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the cross. The Father accepts our gift and gives the gift back to us in Holy Communion. We take the gift, Jesus, with us into the week that is ahead in order to live and act as a follower of Jesus and the way He wants us to live namely "love God, love our neighbour."



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

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.

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.