



25/26 August 2018-Year B Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, My God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: You have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. A Great Mystery

In the Second Reading, Paul claims to be presenting a great mystery. For most of us, his words are a great mystery in a sense other than the one he meant. How could his words possibly be true?

Someone I knew lived his whole adult life as a violent alcoholic; he beat his children and his wife unmercifully. Does anyone feel like telling his wife that she needs to be subordinate to him?

We could simply reject Paul's words here. But there is a cost to this move. What else shall we reject while we are at it? Anything that challenges us? So here is another way to think about the Second Reading. If a wife is to be subordinate to her husband, what is a husband?

Well, a husband is someone who loves his wife as Christ loved the church: he gives himself for her; he lives in such a way as to enable his wife to be the very best she can be for the Lord.

If you make your wife *worse* than she would otherwise be, why think you are her husband?

If you are involved in an extramarital affair, so that she gradually becomes a jealous, suspicious, nagging person, what have you done to her? If you are always gone—on the golf course, in the ballgame on TV—so that she becomes lonelier and lonelier, what have you made of her? If you leave her all the housework and child care while you pursue your career, are you living self-sacrificially to enable her to be the best she can be for the Lord? If you make her worse, less fruitful, less beautiful in soul, less joyful than she would be without you, why would you think you are her husband? You may be married to her; but the truth for her, like the truth for the Samaritan woman Christ met at the well (John 4:7-26), is that the person she is now living with is not her husband.

But then there is no command for her to be subordinate to you either. The command is to be subordinate to her *husband*, not to anybody who wants to claim the privilege of being her husband without any of the corresponding duties.

This thought doesn't solve all the problems with the Second Reading, but it helps, doesn't it?

2. Columban Calendar

The 2019 Columban Calendar is now available. The calendar has a wonderful religious painting for each month of the year. It indicates feast days and saints masses, as well. The calendar has a wealth of information in it that helps us celebrate our faith throughout the year.



Buying the calendar supports the Columban Fathers Missions in South America. Cost: \$10. Please leave monies in the plate on the table.

3. Parish Safeguarding Officer

Last Friday I attended a Safeguarding Children's Course, compulsory for all clergy, religious and lay people working in the Archdiocese whether involved with children or young people. It is a yearly course prescribed by the Archdiocesan Agencies Sydney's Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office.

The Parish has to establish a "Parish Safeguarding Support Officer" (PSSO).

What does a PSSO do? A PSSO supports and assists the Parish Priest in fulfilling his role and responsibilities set out in the Archdiocese's safeguarding and child protection policies and protocols. The Agency will provide training for the role of PSSO.

Any parishioner willing to investigate the role (without committing to it at this stage) is asked to see Fr Bob.

4. Pizza/Pasta Evening



A reminder to put in the diary our community evening on Saturday 10 November after the Vigil Mass. The weather will be great, daylight saving is with us so a good night to enjoy one another in our community. Cost etc will be advertised later. For now, mark it on the calendar.

5. St Anthony Of Padua School Play Group

Please find on the church table an expression of interest form if you would like to be a part of this fun new adventure with your child

The STAP Playgroup is open for families of STAP Catholic school community, children baptised in the Parish and those thinking of enrolling at St Anthony of Padua Catholic School Austral.

It will be a place for adults to socialise and enjoy some 'adult conversations' whilst their children are having a 'playdate' together. There will be toys, music, books, and puzzles for the children. There will be light refreshments to share as well and will occur every Thursday of the school term between 9-10:30 am.

6. Congratulations Fr Bob



We congratulate Fr Bob on his 46th Anniversary into the Priesthood.

What a great milestone.

We thank him for his caring and compassion and for everything he does for the community of St Anthony.

And for being the BEST Boss.

Congratulations Fr Bob!!

7. Eucharistic Minister Rosters

New Rosters are available for Eucharistic Ministers on the table at the back of the Church, please take one home.

8. Parish Council (PPC)

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

Organising a letter box drop brochure to be dropped in letterboxes in the developing estates in the parish.

Parish Luncheon raised \$3,200. We are looking at new banners behind the altar of St Anthony, plus a set of vestments with his face on the vestment. Pizza/Pasta Night on Saturday 10 November after the Vigil Mass.

Austral Public School to come to St Anthony's for a Christmas Mass-Catechists to laise with the School for Tuesday 11 December at 10am.

9. Welcome to Brydon Lindsay

We welcome Brydon Lindsay a member of our Australian Defense Force (Army), who will be Baptised, Confirmed and celebrate First Eucharist with us at our Sunday 9am Mass.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

27 August - 1 September

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



3-8 September

L Pecotich, A Mammone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries

READERS ROSTER

25/26 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

1/2 September (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

25/26 August

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

1/2 September

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

25/26 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

1/2 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

25 August

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

26 August

Domenico Mirarchi

1 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

2 September

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

25 August

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

1 September

2 Volunteers

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

2 September

Lina & Faye

16 September

Sister Rosa & Jayann

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Letter to People of God: We Abandoned Our Little Ones, No Efforts Must Be Spared to Prevent Abuses and Cover Up

'Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.' August 20, 2018

'Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.' Pope Francis stressed this in a letter he sent to the People of God today, August 20, 2018, in the wake of the findings of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report.

In his message, published in seven languages, the Holy Father decried that the Church has 'abandoned' its children and vowed accountability.

In recent days, the Pope acknowledged: "a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims."

These wounds "which never go away," the Pope stressed, never disappear and require the Church to forcefully condemn these "atrocities" and "join forces in uprooting this culture of death."

"The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity."

God stands on victims' side

"The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands."

"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable." The Pope said the Church must beg forgiveness for its own sins and the sins of others. "An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion."

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives.

No care for the little ones...we abandoned.

"We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them," Pope Francis said.

"I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger," he continued, "when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: "How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ's betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison – Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)" (Ninth Station)."

For the hushed pain

Pope Francis invited the entire holy faithful People of God to a "penitential exercise of prayer and fasting," in order to "awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says 'never again' to every form of abuse."

"May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary..."

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them."



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

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

Legion of Mary

From time to time the Legion of Mary makes an appeal to try to encourage more members to join us in helping Mary to reach out and bring more of her children around her Son.

The Legion of Mary started in Ireland by Frank Duff in 1921 and came to Sydney 75 years ago. Frank Duff was a member of the St Vincent de Paul but then he realised that there was more spiritual poverty than material poverty and so he started the Legion and went around to encourage people to practise their faith and God must have been pleased with what Frank did because if it wasn't for God's blessing, the Legion would not have survived all this time.

Most of our work is visiting people within the parish, mainly sick or elderly. One day Jesus will be asking us if we visited him when he was sick or in hospital on that day we would wish that we have visited him a 1000 times, we still got the time, this is another opportunity to keep the boss happy!

There are many more things we can do, depending on ones talents, many times we stay back because nobody encourages us, we need to be encouraged and that's why we need to join a group like the Legion of Mary to support one another and have some fun as we go.

Normally we meet every Thursday after the mass, and the meeting would be finished within the hour. We spend some time in prayer, we read, we discuss a few things and we finish with a prayer, it is always a happy time, once you start coming you will be looking forward for another meeting. If the day does not suit you we can negotiate that too. But, don't say you have no time, we all have the same time just a matter of how we spend our time and our time is a gift from God. One day we have to give an account on how we spent our time.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Gaetano Celso Colli

Anniversaries: Ian Bert Stedman, Mary Gatt.

Also for: Lorenzo Bianchi, Maria Bianchi Carra, Emmanuel Gatt, 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, Domenic Zucco, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, James Dimech.





**Catholic Weekly—Available
\$2.00**

- Pray, fast against abuse: Pope’s letter to the whole Church
- One step closer: Eileen O’Connor’s cause progresses
- Faith freedom warning: Archbishop delivers Warrane lecture
- Safe for now: Euthansia defeated
- Movie review: The Meg
- Little known WWII NZ martyr priest

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY’S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Florence Dalma Sciuto
(Child of Benjamin & Vanessa)

Ryker James & Isla Kate Burns
(Children of James & Trang)



**Parish Safeguarding Support Officer
Volunteer Required**

We want you, we want you, we want you as a New Recruit! No, not for the Navy, but for the Parish!!

The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney has recently launched an initiative to recruit Parish Safeguarding Support Officers (PSSO) to support the Parish Priest to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environments for children, young people and the vulnerable in Parish communities. The PSSO may already be an employee or volunteer in the Parish but the role is on a volunteer basis only.

The ways in which the PSSO could support and assist the Parish Priest:

- Providing Safeguarding induction to all workers and training to volunteers of the Parish who work with children, including reading and signing of the *Code of Conduct for Working With Children and Young People*
- Raising awareness of Safeguarding in your Parish
- Creating Risk Assessments for Parish events/ activities
- Responding to Safeguarding audit and compliance requirements
- Reporting any issues or concerns that come to your attention according to Archdiocesan protocols
- Monitoring the Visiting Clergy Register in line with current protocols
- Any other Safeguarding issues as requested by the Parish Priest

For more information about this important support role, please speak with your Parish Priest to express your interest in becoming the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer.

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



KID’S CORNER



- Q.** What is a witches favourit subject at School?
A. Spelling.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29 August at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

Students Losing Their Religion

The data reflects a drift to secularism in the wider population (Dreamstime)
Australian school students are becoming more likely to identify with "no religion" even in religious schools, including a 68 per cent increase in Catholic schools. Source: Sydney Morning Herald.
Across all schools, 37 per cent of students identify with "no religion", according to an analysis of 2016 census data by the Independent Schools Council of Australia. That's up from 30 per cent in 2011.
At government schools, 45 per cent of students profess to no religion or did not specify a religion in the 2016 census, up from 38 per cent in 2011 and the highest proportion ever recorded.
About 31 per cent of students at independent schools are categorised as having no religion, up from 24 per cent in 2011, and 14 per cent of students at Catholic schools did not have a religion, up from 10 per cent in 2011.
The change reflects a drift to secularism in the wider population. About 30 per cent of people reported "no religion" in the 2016 census, up from 22 per cent five years earlier. The trend is most marked with the younger population, with 39 per cent of those aged 18 to 34 reporting no religion.
Just over one in two Australians of any age identified as Christian, with Catholicism and Anglicanism the two biggest denominations.
The number of students describing themselves as having no religion increased 68 per cent at Catholic schools, 48 per cent at independent schools and 41 per cent at government schools.
The next biggest increase was in students who said they were Christian, with a 59 per cent increase in Catholic schools, a 15 per cent rise in private schools and a 27 per cent rise in government schools.
Greg Whitby, executive director of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, which oversees 80 schools, said the diocese "recognises things are changing" and caters to students with different levels of understanding in faith-based lessons.
"Though Catholic students have enrolment priority, we welcome other community members who wish to join our caring learning communities," Mr Whitby said.

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.

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.

World Gathering of Families

On 18 August St Anthony of Padua Primary Schools Family Educator Veronica Leva will journey to Dublin, Ireland to embark on a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families with others from the diocese.

While away she will be praying for the families of St Anthony's and asks that you to reciprocate, by using the family prayer cubes which are available on the church table.

Cut out, construct and use the prayer cubes with your family.

Please take photos of the cube roll or some of the actions generated by the prayer cube and send them to veronica via email at veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au so she can publish them in the school newsletter and church bulletin.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre **September retreats**

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

Ph: 8795 3400

retreats@carmelite.com

www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

St Teresa of Avila speaks to us today

September 1: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

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

Cost: \$30

Presenter: Fr Paul Maunder, OCD

What wisdom can a Carmelite Nun from the 1500's offer today's 21st century world?

Icon painting at Mt Carmel

September: 14 - 16

Cost: \$600 (concessions apply)

Icon Painting at Mount Carmel

Presenter: Anna Prifti

Working with our shadow using Carl Jung and St John of the Cross

September: 14 - 16

Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)

Working with our shadow using Carl Jung and St John of the Cross

Presenter: Anne Donald

"And all who are free, tell me a thousand graceful things of you..."- Spiritual Canticle of St. John of the Cross

Deep into the thicket

September: 28 - 30

Cost: \$250 (concessions apply)

Deep into the thicket

Presenter: Sr Nory Ordiz, CM

St John of the Cross is our guide in the journey of love which calls us to enter deeply into God's fullness.