



## 4/5 August 2018-Year B Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

**Pastor:**

Fr. Robert Hayes PP RFD VF  
Dean of the Western Deanery

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**Presbytery: Parish Office is  
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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:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help: O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year**

### **1. Fed By The Lord**

In the First Reading, the Israelites, who are marching through the desert, are hungry and they are angry. God should have killed us in Egypt, they say; then at least we would have died with food in our bellies.

In response, God feeds them with bread from heaven. Manna falls from the sky during the night, and in the morning they can pick the manna up off the ground. It seems to have been a specially wonderful analogue to bread. Scripture says that it was small, and white and mildly sweet, like honey with coriander (Ex 16:31); and it was greatly sustaining too. Tolkien's Elven bread *lembas*, so prized for its taste and nourishment, must have been modeled on manna.

Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

This is a story to shake your head over. In my world, if you want bread, you have to go to the store for what you need, and you have to pay for what you get there too. And if you grumble against God angrily, you get a guilty conscience—you don't get bread falling from the sky. With or without stores and money, we get no Elven bread at all.

Why are these Israelites so lucky? Why doesn't God make bread fall from heaven for us too?

Here, by way of answer, is what the story makes clear. God is a God of history. He intervenes in human affairs in particular ways at particular times to provide for his people what will do them good at that time. The only ones who got to eat manna were those grumbling Israelites. And even they got to eat it only for a while. When they crossed the Jordan River, the manna stopped. All they got then was the parched corn from the previous harvest. These thoughts can prompt a painful yearning. Who would not want to be among those who got to taste that honey-sweet manna? Who would not want to have been one of the people hand-fed by the Lord?

And, yet in God's love, every yearning has its fulfillment. We too are fed with the bread from heaven; and, in the Eucharist, we taste the goodness of the Lord, which is sweeter than wine or honey (Ps 19:10, Ex 16:31). We too are hand-fed by the Lord.

Although God is a God of history, for each one of us it is true that we will want for nothing.

## 2. Charitable Works Fund Appeal (CWF)

The CWF will be taken up at our Masses this weekend

The CWF supports various agencies in the Archdiocese, as well as, the Good Shepherd Seminary at Homebush, which is the training seminary for candidates for our Archdiocese, as well as, the other Dioceses in NSW.

The CWF assists the following Agencies of the Archdiocese:

- 1. Catholic Care:** It is concerned with compassion and justice. It assists individuals, families and communities in need. It runs over 100 programs.
- 2. Chaplaincies:** CWF supports Chaplains and the services they provide in hospitals, universities and prisons in the Archdiocese.
- 3. Ephpheta Centre:** Fr Michael Laudon is the Chaplain to the deaf and impaired person assisting in their spiritual growth.
- 4. Seminary:** CWF supports the Good Shepherd Seminary at Homebush and the Refemptories Mater Missionary Seminary at Chester Hill.
- 5. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD):** Supports our Catechists who teach in our public schools. It assists our catechists who go to Austral Public School.
- 6. Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM):** ACM supports and developes local Aboriginal leadership. The CWF puts a quota on each parish. Whatever is not raised by the appeal is made up from the parish church account.

Austral's quota is \$1,850.00

Again, on behalf of Archbishop Fisher and the Archdiocese, I thank you for your ongoing support.

## 3. Anointing Within Mass-Thursday

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing within the 9am Morning Mass on Thursday.

Again, you are encouraged to bring along any sick or elderly Catholic folk who would be strengthened and encouraged by receiving this Sacrament.

After the Mass, Catholic Care—Home Care will give a presentation on what is available to senior or elderly in order to remain in their home rather than moving to a Nursing Home etc.

Anyone is welcome to join us for this presentation and a cup etc will be provided, as well.

## 4. Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Maria Alvaro

The Calarco/Florio families invite family and friends to a Mass to remember their beloved deceased Maria Alvaro, who died in Italy recently.

Mass is on: Wednesday 8 August

Time: 7pm at St Anthony's.

All Welcome.

## 5. Tax Receipts



For the parishioners who have returned the Receipt Forms your Tax Receipts are at the back of the Church, if you require a receipt please fill out the form and return it to the Parish Office.

## 6. Are you Moving?

It is sad to lose parishioners who made St Anthony's their faith community over many years. However, as families or couples sell up and move further south-west it would be good to let Fr Bob know that you are leaving the parish.

Why? I went to visit a family last week and all that was there was bulldozers etc, and no house. The family, I guess, have moved.

Just a phone call, or email, or "pop-in" to the presbytery to say good-bye and receive a blessing for your future would be great!

## 7. Welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo

Next Sunday, we welcome Bishop Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, to St Anthony's for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be celebrated in a special liturgy at 10.30am.

## 8. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet on Monday 13 August at 7.30pm in the presbytery for August. Members received an email during the week notifying the change due to Confirmation practise this Monday evening beginning at 7pm.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 6-11 August

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



### 13-18 August

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

## READERS ROSTER

### 4/5 August

#### **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 De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

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

### 11/12 August (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

#### **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

### 4/5 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

### 11/12 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 4/5 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 11/12 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 4 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

### 5 August

Domenico Mirarchi

### 11 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

### 12 August

Domenico Mirarchi

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 4 August

Rita & Chiara Moro

### 11 August

Sarah & V Casha

### 9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 5 August

Sister Rosa &  
Jayann

### 19 August

Santina & Frances

## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope at General Audience: You Have an 'Idol'? Take It and Throw It Out the Window

During 1st General Audience since Summer Break, remembers that today marks the Feast Day of Saint Alphonsus Maria Liguori. August 01, 2018

What is your 'idol'? If God is not at the center of your life, take this idol and throw it out the window. Pope Francis didn't shy away from giving this advice during today's General Audience of Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, as he continued his catechesis on the Commandments, during his first weekly audience since his summer break.

The Pope reflected on idolatry, and on how we are to have no gods other than God, who ought to remain at the center of our lives, always.

"We Christians can ask ourselves: who, truly, is my God?" the Pope said, asking: "Is it the One and Triune Love or is it my image, my personal success, perhaps, within the Church? 'Idolatry not only refers to false pagan worship. It remains a constant temptation to faith. Idolatry consists in divinizing what is not God' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2113)."

#### The 'Supermarket' of Idols

The human being, the Pope observed, doesn't live without centring himself on something, which can be dangerous as we are here in a world "that offers a "supermarket" of idols." Yet, the right approach, the Pope noted, for confronting this is to pray, to pray to Our Father.

"I remember once I had gone to a parish in the diocese of Buenos Aires to celebrate a Mass and then I had to do Confirmations in another parish a kilometre away. I went, walking, and found a beautiful park. However, in that park there were more than 50 small tables, each one with two chairs and the people were seated, one in front of the other. What were they doing? Tarot cards. They went there "to pray" to an idol."

Instead of praying to God who is providence of the future, the Pope said, they went there to read the cards to see the future. This, he lamented, is "an idolatry of our times."

"Idols enslave. They promise happiness but don't give it; and one finds oneself living for that thing or for that vision, caught in a self-destructive vortex, in the expectation of a result that never arrives."

Promise Life, But Take It Away. Idols, the Pope declared, promise life, but in reality that take it away.

"The true God doesn't ask for life but gives it, gifts it. The true God doesn't offer a projection of our success, but teaches to love. The true God doesn't ask for children, but gives His Son for us. Idols project future hypotheses and make one disdain the present; the true God teaches one to live in the reality of every day, in the concrete, not with illusions about the future..."

The Holy Father invited those present to ask themselves: "How many idols do I have and which is my favourite idol? — because to recognize one's idolatries is a beginning of grace, and puts one on the way of love."

#### Out the Window

"Carry this in your heart: idols rob you of love, idols make you blind to love and to truly love it's necessary to be free of idols. What is my idol? Take it out and throw it out of the window!"



## **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)

## **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)

## **Vocations Awareness Week**

From the 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> **August** our parish unites with the catholic community in Australia to celebrate **Vocations Awareness Week**. During this week we concentrate our prayers in praying for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. What else can you do to pray for Vocations that week?

- Attend an extra Mass that week for the vocation of your children/grandchildren
- Pray a decade of the Rosary or a full Rosary for vocations from your parish
- Visit St Mary Mackillop's Tomb and pray there
- Visit Eileen O'Connor's tomb and offer a prayer there
- Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in St Mary's Cathedral to pray for Vocations
- Pray for Vocations as a family by praying 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Marys before dinner throughout the week
- Say a Hail Mary for more vocations when you stop at the Red Traffic Light
- Be patient with others and offer your emotions to God as an honest prayer

## **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Alvaro, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Mary Serovich.

**Anniversaries:** Isidoro Bianchi, Nata Mileto, Guilia Carra

**Also for:** The Dec'd Members of the Vartuli Family, Holy Souls, Special Intention, Safe Travelling Overseas

**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, Mary Low.





## **Catholic Weekly—Available**

**\$2.00**

- The big men fly: Soccer tournament a smashing success
- The real face of the Church: Dempsey Medal winners
- Maronites honour Mary
- The pill is violence
- Movie review: Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again
- Wilson resigns: McCarrick scandal scorches US Church

## **BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Meghan Leah Bissett

Ilaria Rosa Pedavoli  
(Child of Mario & Cristina)

Valentina Tommasa Antonelli  
(Child of Giuseppe & Michelle)

Noah Luke Borg  
(Child of Bjorn & Sabrina)



## **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 animal needs to wear a wig?

**A.** A bald eagle.

## **Church Gardens**

The gardens on the Edmondson Road side of the Church need some pruning and clearing. Any "green thumbs" amongst us who can spend a little time cleaning up those gardens for our feast day would be most appreciated. Do it at a time that suits you and bring your own tools. Thank you in advance.

## **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 out time and our time is a gift from God. One day we have to give an account on how we spent our time.

## **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre** **August retreats**

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville 02 8795 3400 [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)  
[www.carmelite.com.au](http://www.carmelite.com.au)

### **Mothering with the God who loves us**

When: Aug 10: 6:00 pm – Aug 12: 1:30 pm

Mothering with the God who loves us

Presenters: Marilyn Rodrigues

Cost: \$250.00 (concessions apply)

Whether your child is a baby or grown-up, be refreshed and reflect on the gifts and challenges of motherhood with Mary and her Carmelite saints.

## **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.

## Joe Cilia Receives the Dempsey Medal

Last Sunday, Joe Cilia, Rita and family attended the 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral where along with 28 other recipients Joe was awarded the Dempsey Medal by the Archbishop, Archbishop Fisher.

The Archbishop presented the medals during the Solemn High Mass stating it was a joy to present the recipients with their award in recognition for their contribution to their local parish and to the Church of Sydney.

The Archbishop said: "The Church in Sydney is indeed blessed with so many people who are willing to be the hands and feet of Christ in this city."

The Dempsey Medal was instituted by the Archbishop in honour of James Dempsey, an Irish Catholic convict who was transported to Sydney in 1802 And later pardoned.

A stonemason, he oversaw the building of Sydney's first bridge, barracks and hospital.

The Dempsey home was a pivotal gathering place for Catholics of the early colony during the years when there was no priest in the colony.

When Fr John Joseph Therry arrived in 1820, Dempsey assisted him by helping plan, fundraise for and build the first St Mary's Cathedral. In 1865 the Cathedral caught fire and was totally destroyed.

On behalf of all parishioners, I congratulate and thank Joe for his faith and commitment to St Anthony's. May God Bless him abundantly.

John Oxenham in one of his poems writes " To every man there openeth, a way, and ways, and a way. And the high soul climbs the high way. And the low soul gropes the low. And in between, on the misty flats, the rest drift to and fro. And to every man there openeth a Highway and a Low. And every man decideth the way his soul shall go.



## **YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK OUT THE HOME CARE SYSTEM ON YOUR OWN**

### **Your invitation to a free presentation from CatholicCare**

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors.

CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems and help you find help while you wait for funded services.

Who should attend? Seniors (even those who don't need home care today); their friends and family; and community members who have regular contact with Seniors and may be able to help them get a start with organising home care.

Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

**When:** Thursday 9 August 9.30am  
**Where:** St Anthony's Catholic Church, Austral  
**RSVP:** Cheryl 9606 0206

