



15/16 September 2018-Year B Twenty-Fourth 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: Give Peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year**

1. Denying Yourself

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily. But how do you do this?

You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you.

But if anything whatever is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever. This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But, then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily.

If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial.

In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him.

He wants to live. He does not want to die.

But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict. He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done.

So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us. To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours.

This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied.

But if you crucify your self in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you.

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. Congratulations on the 25th Anniversary

We congratulate Vanessa and David Casha as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary last Tuesday 11th September.

I am very grateful to Vanessa and David and their children Sarah, Veronica and Anthony for their commitment to St Anthony's during my 5 years here and I am sure Fr Short would echo the same sentiments.

David and Vanessa are readers, David, Sarah and Veronica are Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. Sarah and Veronica assist in the Saturday Vigil Choir assisting our worship. Anthony has been a warden since about 5 years old learning "the trade" from Charlie Vella (May he rest in peace).

We wish Vanessa and David a very happy and blessed 25th. Ad Multos Annon.



4. Mass for Filomena Bugeja

Mass for the repose of the soul of Filomena Bugeja (Jerry Bugeja's mother) will be celebrated on this coming Friday 21/9/2018 at 7pm.

The Mass is being celebrated at Our Lady of Victories Church, Horsley Park.

All welcome to join in remembering a great mother. May she rest in God's embrace.



5. Confirmation Photos

Candidates who ordered Confirmation photos from Mario will be available next Saturday Vigil Mass from the back of the Church. Mario is usually in the side chapel with the photos. He is only available at the Vigil Mass due to commitments on Sunday.

6. 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.

7. School News

There will be a **Teacher Information Session** for prospective applicants for 2019 teaching positions on Monday 17 September at 7pm.

Applicants are required to attend the Information Session prior to submitting an application. Please visit the following link for more details: <https://teachers.on.net/vacancy/14352>

School Open Day An opportunity to visit St Anthony of Padua Catholic School for a guided tour of our learning and play spaces. Come along on Wednesday 19th September - tours at 9.30am, 11.30am and 2pm. Don't miss this opportunity to witness contemporary learning in a truly unique environment!

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

17-22 September

Volunteers

24-29 September

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READERS ROSTER

15/16 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 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: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

22/23 September (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sara 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: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

15/16 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Magaret De Vries & Jayann Montemayor

22/23 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

15/16 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

22/23 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

15 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

16 September

Domenico Mirarchi

22 September

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti
Mark Vassallo

23 September

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

15 September

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

22 September

Rita & Chiara Moro

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

16 September

Sister Rosa &
Jayann

30 September

Santina & Frances

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@wsnrc.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:

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, James Micallef, Joseph & Salvina Bartolo

Also for: The Holy Souls

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.