



22/23 September 2018-Year B Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their
Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God has called us with the
Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year

1. Trying to be First

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus rebukes his disciples for arguing about who
among them was first and greatest. But how do we suppose their argument
went? There are two possibilities.

First Possibility: Each disciple was saying, "I am the greatest!" while the
others were saying, "Oh no, you're not! I am!"

Second Possibility: Each disciple was saying to one of the others, "You
are the greatest among us!" and that person was saying, "Oh no, I'm not. You
are." On the First Possibility, each disciple is trying to put himself ahead of
all the others. On the Second Possibility, each disciple is trying to be small
by putting some other disciple ahead of himself.

No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness he
achieves.

We are naturally inclined to think that the right possibility must be the first
one. That is because Jesus rebukes the disciples, and we unreflectively
suppose that Jesus wouldn't want to rebuke them if each one was trying to
be small.

But notice that if we adopt the first possibility, then Jesus' rebuke doesn't
make sense. On the first possibility, what is wrong with the disciples is that
each one is trying to be first. And so Jesus should rebuke them for trying to
be first.

But that is not what Jesus rebukes the disciples for. On the contrary, Jesus
gives the disciples a short instruction manual for how to get to be first. If
you want to be first, he tells them, you have to be the servant of all. Would
Jesus have explained to them how to get to be first if he thought that trying
to be first was wrong?

So the Second Possibility is the right one. Each disciple was trying to be
small in order to seem humble. But there is no true humility in trying to be
small. As the parable about the talents (cf. Matthew 25:24-28) shows,
each person is called to strive for greatness by accepting the gifts God
gives him and using them to the full. True humility lies in understanding
that everything is gift; and everything is meant to be given back, in service
of others.

When each person strives for greatness in this way, there is no
competition. No one is ahead of the others, no matter how much greatness
he achieves. Rather, all together are one in the Lord, and he is Lord over
all (Rom.9:5). This is the way in which being the servant of all makes you
first.

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. Fr Michael Smith

I thank Fr Joe Camilleri for looking after our Sunday Eucharist for the past three weeks. I think we all enjoy his presences amongst us, as he enjoys being at St Anthony's.

We wish Fr Joe a happy holiday.

I welcome Fr Michael Smith, another friend of St Anthony's, who will lead us in our Eucharistic celebrations this weekend and next Saturday's Vigil Mass.

I thank Fr Michael for his support.



4. Appeal to help the Farmers

The drought in NSW continues as it does across much of our "sunburnt country." Everyone is beginning to feel it, our farmers, but we in the city too, as food prices are rising.

However, the country people are struggling and the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese has written a letter seeking our support. You may have heard how one 10 year old boy started a "fiver for the farmers" and his website has been given \$1,000,000 by ordinary Australians wishing to help.

I was going to do a collection before leaving on holidays but too much was happening with Sacraments at the time. I was going to bring it up at the October Parish Pastoral Council Meeting to see what members thought. However, the plea has arrived!

Next Weekend, we will have a third collection for the Drought Appeal going to Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green to assist farmers in his Diocese which covers half of NSW.

Can I be bold enough and say "it's a silent collection" no coins!

Many of us have sold our properties and have received a good return on them, even though you have laboured for 30 or more years to achieve the result. But, I ask all parishioners to be generous to helping the people on the land. \$10, 20 or so dollars won't hurt us too much to help them.

This appeal asks us to be "Blessed to be a blessing for others."

As, my mother used to say, 'you cannot take it with you.'

So next Sunday at the Masses we will have the Drought Appeal collection.

5. Parish Safeguarding Officer

Recently 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.

6. Confirmation Photos

A reminder that Mario is attending the Vigil Mass tonight to give out the Confirmation photos ordered by our candidates.



7. Readers Rosters

Rosters are available tonight on the table at the back of the Church for readers, please take one home.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

24-29 September

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



1-6 October

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

READERS ROSTER

22/23 September

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

29/30 September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

22/23 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

29/30 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

22/23 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

29/30 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

22 September

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

23 September

Domenico Mirarchi

29 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

30 September

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

22 September

Rita & Chiara Moro

29 September

School Holidays

9am Sunday

Nichole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

30 September

Santina & Frances

5 October

Mass

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@wsmmc.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: Paul Origlia, Rosario Parisi, Filippo Musso, Michael Norris

Also for: Special Intentions

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.