



8/9 September 2018-Year B Twenty-Third 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: You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right;
treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so
my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living
God.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Twenty-Third Sunday of Year

1. Being Able to Hear

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus does a miracle: a man who was deaf and
impaired in speech becomes able to hear and to speak plainly.

But the way in which Jesus performs the miracle seems undignified or
even silly. Jesus puts his fingers in the man's ears and his spit on the
man's tongue. *Before* the man's ears are opened to hear, Jesus looks up
to heaven, he groans, and he says "Be opened!"

What happened to the elegant kind of miracle where Jesus just says a
word and a person is healed? Why this show, which looks embarrassing
for Jesus?

Jesus is inviting the deaf man to trust in Jesus, to choose to accept the
miracle—to choose to hear the word that Jesus speaks to him.

The answer lies in the question. What Jesus does is literally a silent show.
It has to be. Jesus is trying to communicate with someone who can't hear.
In other cases, before Jesus does a miracle, Jesus talks to the person for
whom the miracle will be done. In this case, he does charades.

His charade begins by letting the deaf man know that Jesus is putting a
part of himself into the deaf man—his fingers into the deaf man's ears, his
spit into the deaf man's mouth. By this means, Jesus invites the deaf man
to accept Jesus into himself—literally. And then Jesus looks up to heaven
to show the deaf man the source of Jesus' power. It doesn't come from
some magic in Jesus' fingers or spittle. It comes from God, whose power is
in Jesus, who is in the deaf man, by means of this charade.

Even the groaning and the speech of Jesus to the deaf man make sense if
we think of them in this way. First, the deaf man sees Jesus open his
mouth to make the inarticulate sound of groaning. This deaf man doesn't
speak, but even those made mute by deafness can groan. In groaning,
Jesus joins the deaf man, who can see Jesus groaning even if he can't
hear him.

And then the deaf man sees Jesus speaking an articulate word *to him*, to
the man who cannot hear. In doing this, Jesus is inviting the deaf man to
trust in Jesus, to choose to accept the miracle—to choose to *hear* the word
that Jesus speaks to him.

And so Jesus humbles himself to share the limitations of this one deaf
man. By undignified dumb show, the love of the Lord heals the deaf man's
soul as well as his ears. Let us be humble enough to hear the love of the
Lord in this story.

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

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.

4. 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.



5. Altar Server Rosters

Rosters are available tonight in the Sacristy, please take one home.

6. Mass for Filomena Bugeja

A Mass for the Late Filomena Bugeja (who passed away in Malta) will be held on Friday 21/9/2018 at 7pm at Horsley Park Church. All Welcome.

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!

8. Stage production

You are invited to the 2018 annual production which will be T.S Eliot's classic play *MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL* directed by internationally acclaimed actor & writer Donald Macdonald.

We are also delighted to announce that this will be our first production to be staged at the historic 1880 HALL at Surry Hills, a beautiful and most fitting venue for this great play.

The play will run from 27 Sep -14 Oct though capacity in the theatre is strictly limited so *bookings are essential*.

Group tickets are available from \$30 and there is also a *LONG WEEKEND DISCOUNT where all tickets are \$25*.

This play portrays the incredible events surrounding the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. In 1980 history repeated itself in San Salvador when Archbishop Oscar Romero became the first Archbishop since Becket to be killed at the altar and this new production is coinciding with the Canonisation of Blessed Oscar Romero. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via the global charity Aid to the Church in Need.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

10-15 September

M Casino, D Ayoub, L Vitale,
M Garzaniti, R Khattar



17-22 September

Volunteers

READERS ROSTER

8/9 September

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Nichole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

15/16 September (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

8/9 September

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

15/16 September

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Magaret De Vries & Jayann Montemayor

ACOLYTES ROSTER

8/9 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

15/16 September

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

8 September

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

9 September

Domenico Mirarchi

15 September

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

16 September

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

8 September

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

15 September

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

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@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: Filomena Bugeja

Anniversaries: Marc Slaverio

Also for: Mary 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.

