



1/2 December 2018-Year C First Sunday of Advent



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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: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted ; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the First Sunday of Advent Year C

1. Getting Ready and Being Blameless

The First Reading and the Gospel both talk about a time when the Lord comes—for justice, as the First Reading says; and for judgment, as the Gospel implies. In the Gospel, Jesus warns people not to be overcome with the pleasures and anxieties of the world but to be ready for his coming. Those who are not ready will practically die of fright when they see him.

Well, then, what do we need to do to get ready?

The Second Reading in effect answers that question. At Christ's coming again, we are to be blameless in holiness.

And what is *that*?

Something more than having a great record for keeping the laws is necessary to be ready for the Lord. That more is love.

If you are blameless *under law*, then no one can blame you for any violation of the law of the land. You weren't speeding, for example, or cheating on your income tax, or violating any other law of the city or country in which you are. If you are *morally* blameless, then no one can blame you for any violation of the moral law. You weren't lying, for example, or cheating on your spouse, or violating any other command of the universal moral law that applies to all people no matter where they are. But what is it to be blameless *in holiness*? The answer is in the Second Reading: in order to be ready for Christ at his coming, Christians need to *increase in love and abound in it*.

So here's the thing to see. You can keep all the laws of your land and still be a real jerk. And the same truth holds for the moral law. You can be a priggishly righteous jerk too. Something more than having a great record for keeping the laws is necessary to be ready for the Lord. That more is love.

If you want what is bad for your neighbor, if you curse him in public or even in your heart, if you wish he would just go away, if you tell him in your thoughts or to his face to go to hell—you do NOT love him. And you are blameworthy with regard to holiness if you don't. It doesn't matter how moral or legal your conduct is otherwise.

To be blameless in holiness, then, takes being loving. And being loving is what makes us ready for the return of the Lord.

2. Anniversary Mass: Tuesday 7pm

A one year Anniversary Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Peter Calarco. Peter passed away on December 2 2017. His beloved wife Teresa and her family invite all to remember Peter at the Mass on this Tuesday December 4, starting at 7pm.



3. Legion of Mary Mass

Joe Cilia has written a piece which you will find in this week's bulletin inviting parishioners to Mass this Saturday December 8 the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady. The Mass is at 9am in the Church

4. Family Mass

The Sunday 9am Mass, next Sunday, will be attended by our school families. I guess it will be a family packed Mass with 106 families attending together with our Parishioners who regularly attend this Mass.

5. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrating this Sacrament for the first time this weekend before the Saturday Vigil Mass. Again, my thanks to Sr Rosa and Novice Jayann for conducting the lessons in preparation and assisting our candidates to understand Jesus mercy and forgiveness that is experienced in this Sacramental encounter.

6. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet this Monday Night December 3 at the Austral Bowling Club over dinner. Agenda will be sent out before hand. Can we meet at 7pm at ABC for a meeting over dinner.

7. Parish/School Christmas Carols

Combined Parish/School Christmas Carols Evening: This will be held on Monday 17 December from 6pm-7pm. More details in coming weekes but note it in your diary.



8. Rosters

New Eucharistic Minister Rosters are available on the table at the back of the Church. There are also sign up sheets for all Christmas Services including Childrens Pageant, so please put your names down.



9. Parish Reconciliation Night

Prepare for the birth of the Christ Child by celebrating the Lord's mercy, compassion and forgiveness—we all need it! Do not hold back, do not be afraid. The Lord wants to heal us and grace us with His all embracing love.

When: Wednesday 12 December

Time: 7.30pm onwards

(Fr Graham McIntyre and myself will be available).

10. Mens and Womens Reflection Nights

In preparation for Christmas, we are holding a Mens and Womens reflection/quiet time/prayer in the Church.

More details will follow in the coming bulletins. Parishioners are asked to keep the dates free and come along preparing for the Christ Child during the Advent season.

The dates are:

Ladies Night:

Tuesday 11 December from 7.30pm-8.45pm.

Mens Night:

Wednesday 19 December from 7.30pm-8.45pm.

A supper will conclude the evening.

Please mark it as a DO activity for Advent.

11. Christmas Pageant

Children who want to participate in the Christmas Pageant for Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to attend the first session on Tuesday December 4 at 3.30pm in the Church.

All primary school children are welcome.

12. Gelato for Christmas



Families who attended the Pizza Night enjoyed the gelato's that were on sale. Families interested can order them this weekend and they will be available next weekend after Mass.

They come in boxes of 2 dozen at \$50 per box. Please fill in the form on the table outside the Church.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

3-8 December

Matalena, Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



10-15 December

L Pecotich, A Mamome,
M Gimellero, M DeVries

READERS ROSTER

1/2 December

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:

Paqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

8/9 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

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

1/2 December

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

8/9 December

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Margaret De Vries & Jayann Montemayor

ACOLYTES ROSTER

1/2 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

8/9 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

1 December

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzanit

Mark Vassallo

2 December

Domenico Mirarchi

8 December

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

9 December

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1 December

Rita & Chiara Moro

8 December

Sarah & V Casha

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

9 December

Lina & Faye

23 December

Sister Rosa & Jayann

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis: How to Live in the Beauty of Fidelity, of Generosity, and of Authenticity

'We are in Need of a New Heart, Inhabited by the Holy Spirit'

The Ten Commandments – combined with Christ – bring to Christians a “liberated life.”

That was at the core of Pope Francis' catechesis at his November 28, 2018, General Audience in Paul VI Hall. The talk concluded his series on the Ten Commandments and included a strong reminder that they are tools to free the believer, not condemn.

“We began with gratitude as the basis of the relationship of trust and obedience: we saw that God does not ask for anything before having given much more,” the Holy Father said. “He invites us to obedience to rescue us from the deceit of the idolatries that have so much power over us. In fact, to seek one's fulfilment in the idols of this world empties us and enslaves us, whereas what gives stature and consistency is the relationship with Him... This implies a process of blessing and liberation, which is true, genuine rest.”

The Pope went on to explain that this “liberated life” helps “becomes the acceptance of our personal story and reconciles us with what we have lived from childhood to the present, making us adults and capable of giving the right weight to the realities and persons of our life.” And following this path is “a call to the beauty of fidelity, of generosity and of authenticity.’

Of course, this doesn't just happen. It requires a change of heart.

“To live thus — namely in the beauty of fidelity, of generosity and of authenticity — we are in need of a new heart, inhabited by the Holy Spirit (Cf. Ezekiel 11: 19; 36:26).,” Francis said. “I ask myself: how does this ‘transplant’ of the heart happen, from the old heart to the new heart?”

“It happens through the gift of new desires (Cf. Romans 8:6); which are sown in us by the grace of God, particularly through the Ten Commandments, brought to fulfilment by Jesus, as He teaches in the “discourse of the mountain” (Cf. Matthew 5:17-48).”

The Holy Father reminded listeners that Jesus didn't replace the Ten Commandments. He didn't come to destroy the law, but to fulfil it. Francis explained:

“So we discover better what it means that the Lord Jesus didn't come to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfilment, to make it grow, and whereas the Law according to the flesh was a series of prescriptions and prohibitions, according to the Spirit this same Law becomes life (Cf. John 6:63; Ephesians 2:15), because it's no longer a norm but the very flesh of Christ, who loves us, seeks us, forgives us, consoles us and, in His Body, recomposes communion with the Father, lost by the disobedience of sin.

“In Christ, and only in Him, the Decalogue stops being condemnation (Cf. Romans 8:1) and becomes the authentic truth of human life, namely, desire of love — born here is the desire of the good, to do good — desire of joy, desire of peace, of magnanimity, of benevolence, of goodness, of fidelity, of meekness, of self-mastery. From that ‘no’ one passes to this ‘yes’: the positive attitude of a heart that opens with the strength of the Holy Spirit.”





- Bill comes home: Former Governor-General prepares for his First Communion
- Asia Bibi protest
- Archbishop Fisher OP: Christ is our King
- All for her: Californians push to consecrate their state to Mary
- New Catholic students curriculum
- Movie review: Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald

On Friday 14 December, St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate with carols and Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated *A Choral Christmas Celebration* concert.

There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$20.

Visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/acc for more information.

The Legion of Mary: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception On December 8th

In many countries around the world the feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation, but in Australia it is only a feast day, so next Saturday December 8 is the feast we just mentioned. This is a very important event, it is the first thing that God did in His plan for salvation. He prepared an Immaculate soul that became part of the body in which Jesus would be born.

The Dogma of the Immaculate conception was defined by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and the explanation is that Mary was redeemed like all of us through the merits of the passion of her Son which God knew was going to happen, later.

Four years after this proclamation Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette in Lourdes and there she told her "I am the Immaculate Conception". Which supports what Jesus told Peter that whatever He does on earth would be done in Heaven and whatever He undo on earth will be undone in Heaven.

Next Saturday we will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception here in Austral by a mass organised by the Legion of Mary. At 9am we say the Rosary and then mass will follow.

It goes without saying that everybody is invited to come and celebrate this great privelage that God gave to Mary Our Mother.

We are pleased to say that Fr Bob will be saying Mass for us and afterwards everybody can stay for a light supper at the hall.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maurice Patrick Flynn, Peter Calarco.

Also for: Special Intention.

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. Paul Galea

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Dante Inzitari
(Child of Jason & Gisella)

Ariana Marie Bianco
(Child of Adrian & Chantelle)



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.

Lights of Christmas 5th December

Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers
and Gary Pinto the end of the Year of Youth and the
Launch of the Lights of Christmas.

Join us on the 5th of December for:

5:30PM Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers

6:30PM Concert on the Cathedral steps featuring
Gary Pinto

7:30PM Lights of Christmas celebration followed by
official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.

A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by
joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the
opening of the Lights of Christmas.

Anyone wishing to attend and would like to
travel by train with a group, please see Sarah or
Veronica Casha (Saturday Night Choir).

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. Why did the turkey join the band?

A. Because he had the drumsticks.

Liverpool Catholic Club: Carols Evening



The Club is holding there Annual carols by Candlelight in their grounds at the Club on Sunday 2nd December with the program starting at 6.45pm. Carols will commence at 7.30pm. Also, there will be a live Nativity Scene and a pen with nursery animals for the children. A fireworks display wil;l conclude the evening. Enjoy dinner at the Club and then, stay for Carols. Let us put Jesus back into our Christmas celebrations.

CATECHIST MASS AND LUNCHEON

Last Tuesday was our Catechists' final Scripture Day at Austral School. Our Catechists' received permission from the Principal to mark it with a Christmas Mass in the school hall. It was a wonderful celebration that was enjoyed by all! I started by putting on the vestments and explaining each one and its meaning, which children hadn't seen before and then we celebrated the Mass.

Our Catechists' did a wonderful job preparing the children and everyone agreed how lovely a celebration we had. Many parents attended and enjoyed it asking for another Mass, next year.

The photo shows some of the parents with their child after the Mass.

My thanks again to our lovely band of faithful and dedicated Catechists'.



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.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
ST ANTHONY'S AUSTRAL 2018

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are invited to gather and prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus by a sincere conversion of mind and heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Come back and be reconciled to God!

Wednesday 12 December 2018
7.00pm-8.00 PM
Saturday's leading up to Christmas 4.45 – 5.15pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARISH/SCHOOL EVENING

Monday 17 December
6pm-7pm
Come prepare as a Parish Family for the birth of the Lord

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve– Monday December 24

5.30pm: Family Mass

11.30pm: Carolling before Mass

Midnight: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Tuesday December 25

7.30am—Mass in the Morning

9.00am—Mass in the Morning

