



24/25 November 2018-Year B Feast of Christ The King



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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: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Alleluia

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King

1. That Was Then, This Is Now

In the Gospel Reading, Christ is being held by Pilate, who has him in his power. In the next part of the story, as we know, Christ is on the cross: poor, dishonored, in pain, and dying.

Christ's willingness to accept these afflictions sets the standard for all Christians, and it turns all worldly standards upside down. What most people reject as the worst things in life turns out in Christ's crucifixion to be the prize-winning goods. On the cross Christ makes manifest that real *winning* is what looks to the world like losing. And vice versa too, of course. There is something small and unworthy about a life lived totally at ease. Which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim?

That is why Paul says that all things work together for good for those who love God—*all things* (Rom. 8:28). Our sins are included in that "all things," not just our suffering. When Paul pleaded with God to take away right then a sin of Paul's that Paul was impatient with, God told him, "My grace is sufficient for you." (2 Cor. 12:9)

But now notice in the Second Reading the very different picture of Christ and of the standard of excellence for Christ's people.

The Second Reading shows us Christ not as poor, dishonored, and suffering but as the king of kings, the most powerful and honored of all rulers. And it shows us, Christ's people, in the same way: not as afflicted with Christ-like suffering, but glorious in Christ's kingdom. In that picture, all Christ's people are honored priests for God, and they are also freed from their sin— not some of their sins, but *all* of them.

So which of these two pictures—of Christ, of Christ's people—should set the standard for us, the goal at which we aim?

The answer, of course, is "Both of them!"

There is a time for suffering, when all worldly values and all earthly desires are turned upside down, a time when we struggle with sin and suffering. But there is also a time when things turn right-side up again and then all struggle ends.

At that time, each one of Christ's people will say of every affliction, "*That was then; this is now!*" Only that *now*, when all sin and suffering falls away, is an everlasting now. And the cross is the way to it.

2. Happy Birthday to Fr Bob

We all wish Fr Bob a very Happy 70th Birthday for yesterday. Thanks for being the best Pastor/Boss of St Anthony's we hope you had a wonderful birthday.

3. St Anthony of Padua School News

I attended the Schools Finance meeting on Wednesday afternoon. This occurs each term during the year.

Our Principal Reported:

The official opening and blessing of the school will take place during "School Week" which is March 4-8 in 2019. This is an official occasion with usually the Federal Member for Education being present, the Archbishop of Sydney. Sydney Catholic Schools Director plus other invited guests, the school and parish communities, as well. More information will be given once the date has been set.

The School is growing with 83 enrolments for Kindergarten, 2 for Year 1 and 2 for Year 2 for 2019 to date. The school enrolment for 2019 will be 197 unless more apply before school begins next year.

School Staffing

With the 3 Kindergartens for 2019 more teachers have been employed. The total staff for next year will be 23. There will be 7 new staff beginning in 2019, one member will be the "Head of Innovation and Development," looking over the ongoing physical development of the school.

Stage 3 of Building Programme

Some parishioners and neighbours in Eleventh, Tenth and Edmondson Avenues received detail planning and developments for the school during the week.

The project is on display in Liverpool Council in Moore Street if you wish to view the full development. Extras such as gym, swimming pool, tennis courts are all part of the strategic development for the site. The next building we will see in the New Year will be for the present children as they move into years 1 and 2.

4. Catechist News

This Tuesday, the last day of Scripture the children from Austral Public School will have a Christmas Mass in their school hall. I will be celebrating the Mass and I thank our dynamic group of Catechists in preparing the children.

On behalf of the parish, I thank Margaret Cvetko (Catechist Secretary) and our Catechists namely: Joe Cilia, Julie Dimech, Margaret De Vries, Vanessa Casha, John Camilleri, Josie Trueba, Frances Musso, Faye Hockings, Isabelle Scillino, Margaret Pisani and Josie Garzaniti.

Parents are welcome to attend. Mass is at 11.30-12.30 taking in the two Scripture times.

After the Mass, the Catechists are having a Christmas lunch at the Austral Bowling Club.

5. Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children who have prepared for this Sacrament will celebrate it for the first time next Saturday afternoon before the Vigil Mass. I thank Sr Rosa and Jayann for their assistance in preparing the children by conducting the lessons over the past month.

My thanks to all parents/carers in bringing the children and to assist in preparing them for this Sacrament.

6. 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.

7. 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).

8. 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.

9. Mass for Domenico Catanzariti

Pasquale Catanzariti invites family and friends to a Mass for the repose of his brother Domenico who died on 28 October 2018, in Italy.

Mass will be offered on Tuesday Night 27 November at 7pm in the Church. All Welcome!

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

26 November-1 December

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Masini,
M Cvetko, M Pisani



3-8 December

Matalena, Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

24/25 November

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John William Fisher: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

1/2 December (First Mass of Advent)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

24/25 November

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualine Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

1/2 December

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

ACOLYTES ROSTER

24/25 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

1/2 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

24 November

Saturday Vigil

Sabrina & Leo
Steimbesser

25 November

Domenico Mirarchi

1 December

Saturday Vigil

Daniel Garzanit
Mark Vassallo

2 December

Domenico Mirarchi

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

24 November

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

1 December

Rita & Chiara Moro

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext



NURSING HOME ROSTER

30 November

Mass

9 December

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis Shows the Path of the Commandments to the Heart

They Show us our Poverty...to Lead us to a Holy Humiliation
November 21, 2018 General Audience

“The whole journey undertaken in the Decalogue would be of no use if it didn’t arrive at touching this level: man’s heart...we must let ourselves be unmasked by these Commandments on desire because they show us our poverty, in order to lead us to a holy humiliation.”

Pope Francis come to the end of the Ten Commandments during his General Audience on November 21, 2018, and explained their depth and significance beyond a list of what to do and not do. They give us our boundaries, the boundaries that make our hearts pure and prevent self-destruction. And commandments nine and ten are significant, although they seem to echo earlier prohibitions on adultery and theft.

“These are not only the last words of the text but much more: they are the fulfilment of the journey through the Decalogue, touching the heart of all that has been given to us in it.” Francis explained. “In fact, in hindsight, they don’t add a new content: the indications ‘do not covet the wife [. . .] or anything that belongs to your neighbour’ is at least latent in the Commandments on adultery and on theft; what, then, is the function of these words?”

“Let us keep very present that all the Commandments have the task to indicate the boundary of life, the limit beyond which man destroys himself and his neighbour, spoiling his relationship with God. If you go beyond, you destroy yourself; you also destroy the relationship with God and the relationship with others. The Commandments point this out.”

The Holy Father pointed out that all sin springs from “evil desires...all sins are born from a wicked desire — all. The heart begins to move there, and one enters that wave and ends up in a transgression.”

The danger in the resulting transgression isn’t just that it may be a “legal” violation. It harms oneself and others. The commandments are designed to free the heart.

“This is the challenge: to free the heart from all these wicked and awful things,” Francis said. “God’s precepts can be reduced to being only the beautiful facade of a life, which in any case remains an existence of slaves and not of children. Often, behind the Pharisaic mask of asphyxiating correctness, something awful and unresolved hides.

“Instead, we must let ourselves be unmasked by these Commandments on desire because they show us our poverty, in order to lead us to a holy humiliation. Each one of us can ask him/herself: but what ugly desires come often to me? Envy, greed, gossip? — all these things that come to me from within. Each one can ask him/herself and it will do him/her good.

“Man is in need of this blessed humiliation, that humiliation by which he discovers that he cannot free himself on his own; that humiliation by which he cries to God to be saved. Saint Paul explains it in an insuperable way, precisely in referring to the Commandment not to covet (Cf. Romans 7:7-24).”

The Pope emphasized that the purpose of the Law is not to force man into “literal obedience” but to lead many to truth. For this, we need an open heart.

“The task of the Law is to lead man to his truth, namely, to his poverty, which becomes a genuine opening and personal opening to God’s mercy, which transforms us and renews us,” Francis concluded. “God is the only one able to renew our heart, on the condition that we open our heart to Him: it’s the only condition. He does everything, but we must open our heart to Him.”





A Choral Christmas Celebration Concert

- Mum's the word
- Awards honour Women's supporters
- Monica Doumit: The fight for freedom.
- Faith based schools under fire
- A fabulous life. Mons Kerry Bayada
- Movie review: Instant Family
- Fire on the court

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/accc for more information.

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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: Domenico Catanzariti

Anniversaries:

Also for: We pray for the Holy Souls during this month of November, Mary Vella, Maurice Patrick Flynn.

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

SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWS

The SafeGuarding and Ministerial Intergrity Office was established in the Archdiocese in November 2015. The role is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Church and to respond swiftly and compassionately in circumstances in which children are harmed or at risk of being harmed.

The focus is the prevention of abuse and harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults. The office has developed and delivered training programmes to this end. They embody the inherent values of the Catholic Church.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:

Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

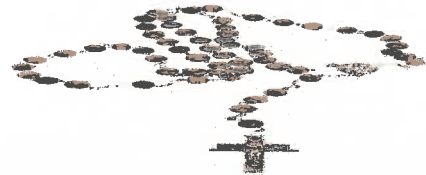
One Decade Rosary Booklet.

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 did the clock do when it was hungry?

A. It went back four seconds.

Liverpool Catholic Club: Carols Evening



The Club is holding their 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 will conclude the evening. Enjoy dinner at the Club and then, stay for Carols.

Let us put Jesus back into our Christmas celebrations.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE – Advent Festival of Readings and Songs

The Advent Season recalls the coming on earth of the Incarnate Word, deepens our awareness of Christ's presence in the church today and heightens our hope and longing for his return.

This festival of readings and songs gives expression to the Advent themes of watching and waiting, expectancy and hope, helping us to ponder the coming of Christ in history, in mystery and in glory.

Date: Sunday 2 December
3.30pm Afternoon Tea
4.30pm-5.30pm Advent Festival

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 87525390 by Monday 26 November. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019.

Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

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

