



## 29/30 December 2018-Year C Feast of the Holy Family



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

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### **St Anthony of Padua Catholic College**

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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:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**Responsorial Psalm:** How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord..

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. Alleluia

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### **Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family**

#### **1. Tempted But Without Sin**

In the Gospel Reading, when Mary finally finds her almost-adolescent son, she says to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." It is not hard to recognize her lines to him as a rebuke. She has been looking for him for *three days!* The Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human.

But here the story has to bump up against doctrine. Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in every way, except that he had no sin (Heb. 4:15).

Anyone in doubt about the moral seriousness with which Scripture takes honoring one's parents should look again at the First Reading. How is the doctrine that Jesus is without sin compatible with this story in the Gospel about his mother's having to search for him for three days?

The answer lies in the explanation Jesus gives his mother. He says to her, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

So, Jesus thought that his mother understood his relation to God and his need to be in God's temple learning at this time. He was wrong, on this score, of course. But it's a kind of wrongness that shows something sweet in him, isn't it? He is attributing to his mother more knowledge, more understanding, than she has.

Therefore he is not dishonoring her when he takes off for three days without a word to her. On the contrary, he is in fact honoring her by thinking of her as if she had Christ's own knowledge of his relation to his father.

It is true that I am showing a way in which Jesus in this story is guilty of no sin—but only by virtue of pointing out that he is guilty of a mistake. But the Scriptural line says that Jesus is like us in every respect except sin, and to err is human. Thinking more highly of your mother than is warranted is a sinless mistake if anything is.

Jesus is human enough to learn from his mistake, though. The story goes on to say that Jesus went home with his parents and was obedient to them. And so, the story finishes, Jesus advanced in wisdom as well as age.

And that is a good way to age, isn't it?

## **2. Thank You to All**

Can I thank everyone involved in our Christmas Liturgies for 2018.

The Masses were very well attended

Indicating younger families moving into the suburb and the Parish.

My thanks go to our choirs for their music which lifts our celebrations, especially at these important celebrations throughout the year.

If we don't have good music that lifts and inspires, families will not return but look elsewhere.

Thank you to our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes for their assistance.

Also, to the ladies looking after the altar and sanctuary in Fay Palamara's absence.

Also, the cleaning ladies for making the church look its best.

My appreciation goes to Mrs Vanessa Casha and children Sarah, Veronica and Anthony for organising the "Navivity Play" at the 5.30pm Family Mass.

Thank you to Frances Musso for assisting me with Mass at John Edmondson VC Gardens for the residents Christmas Mass.



## **3. New Years Day**

Mass will be celebrated on New Years Day at 9am.

If you are awake and up come and pray the Lord's blessing on the New Year, and all that lies ahead in 2019.

We all need the Lord, in order to live in His love and Grace.

## **4. St Vincent de Paul:Christmas Appeal**

St. Vincent de Paul is very grateful for the generosity of the Parishioners of St Anthony's for all the food donated over the past weeks.

They send their thanks to all involved.

## **5. Children's Liturgy**

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church for Children's Liturgy for next year, please think about helping out next year. I'm sure you will enjoy it as much as the children. Come on give it a go!

Wishing Parishioners and Visitors a very Happy and Faith-Filled New Year 2019.

Drive safely and with care.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 31 December-5 January

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



### 7-12 January 2019

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

## READERS ROSTER

### 29/30 December

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 5/6 January 2019 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 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: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 29/30 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Volunteer

### 5/6 January 2019

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Rse Crescini & Cheryl McKell

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Pam Ajkay

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 29/30 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 5/6 January 2019

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 29 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

### 30 December

Domenico Mirarchi

### 5 January 2019

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

### 6 January 2019

Domenico Mirarchi

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 29 December

School Holidays

### 5 January 2019

School Holidays

#### **9am Sunday**

School Holidays



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 28 December

Mass

### 6 January 2019

Santina & Frances

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICE NEWS

The SafeGuarding and Ministerial Integrity 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.

## 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@catholiccemetries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemetries.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.



It has been a busy year for our Principal Lea DeAngelis and her wonderful staff. The school welcomed its second year of students into Kindergarten. In 2017, we began with a cohort of 44 students and their families. This year, 2018, we welcomed another 62 students and families into the school for a total enrolment of 106 students. Our Kindergarten cohort for 2019 is 82 students, plus siblings going into years 1 and 2. Our second classroom was handed over by the builders and our children are enjoying the two buildings and a great playground. As you can see from the photos, the parish and school held a combined "Carols Evening," last Monday 17 December. The Church was packed as families and children sang their hearts out as we prepared to welcome "the Child of Bethlehem."

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Bruno Balzola, Adolfo Steimbesser

**Anniversaries:** Fortunato Crocono, Dalma Sciuto

**Also for:** Isidoro Bianchi, 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

