



## 8/9 December 2018-Year C Second Sunday of Advent



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

**Pastor:**  
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Dean of the Western Deanery

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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:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent Year C**

### **1. The End of the Story**

Each person has a life story. It begins when a person is born, helpless and naked, infinitely valuable to his mother maybe but not of much account in the world at large. From that beginning on, each person is trying to get somewhere, to be something. At every stage, he is hoping that if he could *only*—only what? Well, only ride the bike, win the girl, finish the degree, land the job, buy the house, get the raise—then, oh, then, he would have gotten what he wanted to have. He would be what he wanted to be. But what is it we *really* want to have and to be? What is the point of anything we strive for in our lives? When all is said and done, none of us is getting out of this world alive. And when we face that fact, what difference does anything make? Each chapter of a person's life leads inexorably to the next, until it leads to death. As we face death, will we care at all anymore about all those things that we struggled to have and to be during any of the earlier chapters of our lives?

Even if a person ended the earthly story of his life with only seeds of faith, hope, and love, he will reap the fruit of those seeds with rejoicing in the world to come.

It can be that we will. A person can write the story of his life in such a way that the main theme is the Lord and the things of the Lord. Those things last through death, into the world that is the everlasting last chapter for the lives of the Lord's people.

This week's Psalm illuminates that last chapter brilliantly. In that world, on the other side of death, all the failures, all the sins, all the pains—everything that caused tears in earthly life, will be redeemed into joy. Even if a person ended the earthly story of his life with only seeds of faith, hope, and love, he will reap the fruit of those seeds with rejoicing in the world to come. At that time, each of the Lord's people will look at what he has gotten and think he must be dreaming. He will look at what he himself has become and find it so hard to believe and so good that he bursts into laughter of joy.

This end of the story is what is worth living for.

## 2. Parish/School Christmas Carols



A reminder of our combined Parish/School Christmas Carols to be held on Monday Night 17 December 6-7pm.

The School Children will entertain us with various renditions of carols and our Parish Choir will sing some that we all know so well.

So, come along and prepare for Christmas and the birth of Jesus with our combined parish/school caroling.

## 3. 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—8pm (or until it concludes).

(Fr Graham McIntyre and myself will be available).

## 4. Christmas Pageant

Children who want to participate in the Christmas Pageant for Christmas Eve Vigil Mass are invited to attend the sessions on Tuesday December 11 and 18, at 3.30pm and the final one is Thursday 20 at 10am in the Church.

All primary school children are welcome.

## 5. Raffle for Christmas

The Parish Council decided to hold a Christmas raffle for funds to fix-up the choir area.

There are a few prizes in time for Christmas.

They are: Microsoft Voucher, Ham Hamper, Fruit Hamper. IGA Hamper in the form of a voucher, Melina Cake Shop Voucher, Perfume box assortment  
Tickets are: \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 9am Parish/School Mass

The 9am Mass, welcomes the families from St Anthony of Padua school as, as well as, those families coming into the school in 2019.

As mentioned previously, there are 82 children coming into Kindergarten, next year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated next year for our Year 2 cohorts who are our inaugural group that started in 2017. Parents are reminded that all information for the Sacrament are flagged through the Church and there is NO information through the school, as Austral Public School families are involved too.

Sacraments are Parish based as mentioned at the Orientation Evening.

So, families in Year 2 (2019) need to be attending Mass regularly, just as all families should be giving an hour to God. We need to be examples of faith to our child/children. Come! Celebrate with our community.

## 8. St Vincent de Paul:Christmas Appeal

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is looking for "tin foods" as many of our Catholic Schools are supporting Vinnies with toys.

The Manager Krystina Whittaker is asking parishes if they could donate "tin Foods" as food etc will be in demand after Christmas. Please bring your donation and place it in the boxes provided at the back of the Church.

We welcome Krystina to St Anthony's at the 9am Mass as she thanks the children of St Anthony's for their support this Christmas.

## 9 Fr Bob's 70th

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us on Sunday, we had a wonderful day and I'm sure everyone enjoyed themselves.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 10-15 December

L Pecotich, A Mamome,  
M Gimellero, M DeVries



### 17-22 December

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

## READERS ROSTER

### 8/9 December

#### **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

### 15/16 December (Third Sunday of Advent)

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

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah 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



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 8/9 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Margaret De Vries & Jayann Montemayor

### 15/16 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Margaret De Vries & Pam Ajkay

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 8/9 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 15/16 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 8 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Sabrina & Leo  
Steimbesser

### 9 December

Domenico Mirarchi

### 15 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzanit  
Mark Vassallo

### 16 December

Domenico Mirarchi

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 8 December

Sarah & V Casha

### 15 December

Sr Jenieth & R Micallef

### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 9 December

Lina & Faye

### 23 December

Sister Rosa &  
Jayann



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope at Mass: Advent Is a Time of Pacification

If we all did only that — not slander others — peace would advance,” said Pope Francis during the Mass he celebrated this December 4, 2018, in the chapel of Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican.

In his homily, reported by “Vatican News,” the Holy Father reflected on the First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10), who talks about the reign of the “Prince of Peace.” “The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.”

The Season of Advent, he explained, is “a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace. It’s a time to be pacified”: first of all, to be at peace with ourselves, to pacify our soul.” “If we are often not at peace,” but “in anxiety,” “in anguish, without hope. . . .” And the Pontiff asked: “how is your soul today? Is it in peace?”

Then, to be “architects of peace,” it’s necessary to “pacify oneself.” “There is so much sadness in families, so many quarrels, so many small wars, so much disunion sometimes” or “walls that separate.”

In fine, it’s necessary to pacify the world where “there are more wars than peace . . . there are so many wars, <there is> so much disunion, so much hatred, so much abuse. There is no peace.” “What do I do to aid peace in the world?” “But the word is too far, Father.” “But what do I do to aid peace in my neighbourhood, in my school, in my place of work? Do you always find an excuse to begin to war, to hate, to bad-mouth others? It’s to make war! Am I gentle? Do I seek to make bridges? I don’t condemn?”

Pope Francis addressed to all this appeal for pacification, including children. “What do you do at school? When you have a schoolmate that you don’t like, who is a bit vicious or weak, do you harass him or make peace <with him>?. Do you try to make peace? Do you forgive everything?”

“To make peace is somewhat to imitate God when He willed to make peace with us and forgave us; when He sent His Son to make peace, to be the Prince of Peace,” he continued.

The Pontiff also answered some objections. “Someone might say: ‘But, Father, I haven’t studied how to make peace, I’m not a cultured person, I don’t know how to do it, I’m young.’ Jesus gives us, in the Gospel, the attitude to have: ‘Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, I proclaim your praise: what you have hidden from the wise and the learned, You have revealed to little ones.’ You haven’t studied, you’re not wise . . . Make yourself little, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others. Make yourself little and the Lord will give you the capacity to understand how to make peace and the strength to do it.”

“And every time we see that there is a possibility of a small war, at home, in one’s heart or at school or work, it’s necessary to stop and make peace,” concluded the Holy Father. Never, never wound another — never; . . . don’t bad-mouth others, don’t fire the first cannon shot. If we all did only that — not slander others — peace would advance. May the Lord prepare our heart for the Birth of the Prince of Peace . . . let us do everything, let us do our part to pacify: to pacify our heart, our soul, to pacify our family, our school, our neighbourhood, our place of work. <Let us be> men and women of peace,” he pleaded.





**A Choral Christmas Celebration Concert**

- Second Newman miracle
- Red is for suffering: Focus on religious freedom
- Mean streets: A day in the life of the Matt Talbot Hostel
- Horsley Park Church lights up for Christmas
- Croatian Youth absorb Theology of the Body
- Movie review: Fantastic Beasts: Creed II

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](http://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:** Concetta Gismondo

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Zanetic

**Also for:** Souls in Purgatory, 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

Pasquale Thomas Multari  
and  
Georgio Niall Multari  
(Children of Vincenzo & Samantha Multari)



## **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 do Santa's elves learn at school?

**A.** The elfabet!

## THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

Join us at the lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral Square, in the heart of Sydney's CBD, for a spectacular sound and light show every night from Wednesday 5 December to Tuesday 25 December. Starting each evening at 7.30pm with a choir performance, the free sound and light show will commence at 8.30pm and continue until midnight.

St Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney  
lightsofchristmas.com.au  
Presented by Paynter Dixon

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROSALIA

Our Saturday Vigil parishioner Rosalia, celebrates her 80th birthday this weekend. Rosalia comes in the wheelchair taxi every Saturday night around 5pm.

She never misses Mass! Well done Rosalia and God Bless you on your 80th birthday.  
Ad Multos Annos.



Catholic Cemeteries  
& Crematoria  
Care, Compassion, Choice

You are warmly invited to the second Carols by Candlelight at Kemps Creek Cemetery on Friday 14 December 2018, starting at 6.30pm.

There will be a variety of entertainment and attractions this year including a live band, horse and carriage rides, pony and donkey rides, jumping castle, animal nursery, face-painting, food stalls & a visit by Santa Claus on a sleigh!

A huge fireworks display will close the event at 9pm.

We would love to have your parishioners participate in what should be a most enjoyable community event.

**Jo Davenport**

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## 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.



9.00am—Mass in the Morning

7.30am—Mass in the Morning

**Christmas Day Tuesday December 25**

**Midnight:** Midnight Mass

11.30pm: Caroling before Mass

5.30pm: Family Mass

**Christmas Eve—Monday December 24**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARISH/SCHOOL EVENING**

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

**Come back and be reconciled to God!**

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).

**CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**ST ANTHONY'S AUSTRAL 2018**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT**

