



## 2/3 February 2019-Year C Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

**Pastor:**  
*Fr. Robert Hayes PP RFD VF*  
*Dean of the Western Deanery*

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**Presbytery is closed on Mondays.**

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

**School Principal:**  
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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:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing of Your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, Alleluia!** The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:** Let Your face shine on Your servant. Save me in Your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**We celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **1. Truly Something**

The Second Reading explains that a lot of people who look as if they are truly something are really nothing.

We are accustomed to a disconnection between appearance and reality when it comes to the greatness of people. We know that someone can be very rich and yet be a complete jerk. Someone can be very famous—a great scientist or a great beauty in the movies—and be a pathetic human being. Someone can be very powerful, in a company or in a nation, and still be a totally rotten person. So we know that you can have riches, or fame, or power, and yet be a thorough-going loser.

God is a consuming fire of love.

What we are less accustomed to thinking about is the disconnection between the appearance of greatness and the reality when it comes to spiritual things. And that is what the Second Reading calls to our attention. Someone can be rich in religious experiences, prophesying or speaking in tongues, and yet just be a self-aggrandizing jerk. Someone can be famous for self-sacrificial care of the poor, and still be only a pathetically swollen ego of a person. Someone can have the power even to do miracles—healing the sick or moving mountains—and nonetheless be rotten to the core with arrogance and pride. You might look as if you were truly something, as far as your spiritual life goes. You might have spiritual riches, fame, or power. And yet you could still be just nothing, as the Second Reading says.

But if even being the powerful Donald Trump, the famous Kim Kardashian, or the brilliant Nazi physicist Wernher von Braun isn't enough to make a person great, if even those who speak in tongues or care for the poor or heal the sick can be nothing, then what on earth does it take for a person to be truly something?

The Second Reading explains it: it takes love.

No human person can be anything unless he is in the image of his Creator. But God is a consuming fire of love. And so, without love, no matter what other kind of apparent greatness you may have, in reality you are nothing. You are only something if, like God, you are on fire with love.

True love is not a warm feeling of affection that tries to please everybody and never rock the boat. Rather, it is like God's love: willing to get killed in order to bring true good to those it loves. And, like God's love, it embraces everybody. That kind of love is truly something!

And we are nothing unless we have it.

**Information for those who missed out on last week's Bulletin:**

## **2. St Anthony of Padua Catholic College News**

I hope all families have enjoyed the summer holiday break and are ready for 2019 and all that entails. Our school expands to 195 pupils for this year. In Kindergarten we welcomed 84 children and their families who began last Thursday. Years 1 & 2 total 111 students.

As the schools grows so does our teaching staff number 22 members.

The full list of staff is below for 2019:

Leadership Team: Ms Lea De Angelis (Principal), Mrs Naomi Crowley (Assistant Prinvipal), Miss Jenna O'Donnell (Religious Education Coordinator Terms 1-2) Mrs Karina Ianni (Religious Eduucation Coordinator Term 3 onwards), Mr John Barton (Head: Innovation and Development).

K Green-Mrs Veronica Bonorchis,

K Purple-Miss Bonnie Lachowicz,

K White-Miss Emily Follan,

1 Green-Mrs Carolina Gomez,

1 Purple-Miss Jenny Thornton,

1 White-Miss Marisa Jackson,

2 Green-Miss Jenna O'Donnell / Mrs Naomi Crowley,

2 Purple-Mrs Simone Edouard,

STEM-Mrs jessica Vincent, RFF Mrs Kairlyn Welsh,

Mrs Kirsten Mitchell-Bacon, Mrs Sandra Di Betetto,

Reading Recovery-Mrs Caroline Vassarotti,

Office Manager Mrs Evelyn Fernandez,

Administration Officer-Mrs Marijana Ticac,

School Support Officer-Mrs Lina De Santis,

Learning Support Officer-Mrs Angela Callipari &

Mrs leisa Rodoreda,

Family Educator-Mrs Veronica Leva.

**Opening School Mass** will be held on Thursday 14 February at 9.15 am in the Church.

All families welcome.

As the School is catering for K to Year 12 SCS has renamed the School to

**St Anthony of Padua Catholic College.**



## **3. Result of the Christmas Raffle**



1st Prize: The Microsoft Xbox—Mrs Christine Modolo

2nd prize: Christmas Ham-Kerry DeVries

3rd Prize: Fruit Hamper-Mary Grima

4th Prize: IGA Hamper– Lea DeAngelis

5th Prize: Sweet n Savoury Voucher-Mary Farrugia

6th Prize: Perfume Box (assorted)-Anthony Casha Snr

7th Prize: Chocolate Hamper-Rita Hamori

My thanks to all parishioners for supporting the raffle.

Money raised totalled: \$965.00

My thanks to the businesses and parishioners who provided the prizes:

Frank Zammit, IGA Austral, Melina Macri,

Faye Palamara Family, Maria Zucco, Minto Mall Fruit Market.

I would like to sincerely thank these people and their businesses for their ongoing support that they give to St Anthony's on so many occasions over the five years, I have been here.

I hope parishioners support them, as well.

## **4. Anointing Within Mass**

Next Thursday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing within the 9am Mass.

Any Parishioner wishing to be anointed who is 60+ or anyone sick or infirmed and would like to receive this Sacrament to be strengthened in their journey are welcome to attend the 9am Mass this Thursday 7 February.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 4-9 February

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



### 11-16 February

Volunteers

## READERS ROSTER

### 2/3 February

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

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 9/10 February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Francine Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 2/3 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Phil Gigliotti

### 9/10 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Margaret DeVries

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 2/3 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 9/10 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

### 2 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Sabrina & Leo  
Steimbesser

### 3 February

Domenico Mirarchi

### 9 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzaniti  
Mark Vassallo

### 10 February

Domenico Mirarchi

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 2 February

Suzanne Sanchez &  
R Micallef

### 9 February

Maria Zucco &  
Daniela Romeo

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 10 February

Sister Rosa &  
Jayann

### 24 February

Frances & Volunteer



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### 'The demographic winter, without children, is hard!'

Pope Francis on January 30, 2019, devoted his catechesis during his General Audience in Paul VI Hall to recalling his participation in last week's 34th World Youth Day (WYD) in Panama. He mentioned many highlights, but perhaps most appropriate to a pilgrimage to WYD, he recalled seeing so many children – and the joy of their parents.

"Something that struck me very much: the people lifted the children with their arms as if saying: 'Here is my pride, here is my future!' And they made us see the children, but there were so many!" Pope Francis said. "And the fathers and mothers were proud of that child.

"I thought: how much dignity there is in this gesture, and how eloquent it is for the demographic winter that we are living in Europe! The children are the pride of the family. The children are the security for the future. The demographic winter, without children, is hard!"

However, he reminded listeners that the purpose of the trip was to meet with young people, as well as various others: government officials, church leaders, consecrated, families – all infused with the "joyful presence of the young people." He also noted the meeting of indigenous youth that took place in the days before WYD.

"The meeting of young people of native and Afro-American peoples preceded this World Youth Day.," Francis recalled. "A beautiful gesture: native young people and Afro-descendent young people had five days of encounter. There are so many in that region. They opened the door of the World Day. And this was an important initiative, which manifested still better the multi-form face of the Church in Latin America: Latin America is mestiza [mixed blood]."

The Holy Father pointed to the "Marian imprint" of WYD, proclaimed by the theme for the event: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). And he shared his love of the Way of the Cross.

"I will share a confidence with you: I like very much to do the Via Crucis because it is to go with Mary behind Jesus.," Francis said. "And I always carry with me a pocket Via Crucis, which was given to me by a very apostolic person in Buenos Aires, to do it at any moment. And when I have time, I take it and follow the Via Crucis. You, too, do the Via Crucis, because it is to follow Jesus with Mary on the way of the cross, where he gave His life for us, for our Redemption."

The Holy Father also recalled the Vigil and Mass with young people, which he said for him was the culmination of WYD. He noted the thousands of young people who participated in the Vigil, then remained present all night until Mass in the morning.

"They passed from enthusiasm to listening to silent prayer," Francis said. "I proposed Mary to them as she who, in her littleness, 'influenced' more than any other the history of the world: we called her the 'influencer of God.'

"Reflected in her 'fiat' were the beautiful and strong testimonies of some young people. On Sunday morning, in the great final Eucharistic celebration, Christ Risen, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, spoke again to the world's young people, calling them to live the Gospel today, because young people aren't the 'tomorrow'; no, they are the 'today' for the 'tomorrow.'





- Panama unites the world at WYD
- Framing the Covington kids
- SRE-Why we need to keep it
- Is this the real face of Jesus?
- How you can live your Lent?
- Movie Review: Mary Queen of Scots

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY’S**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Max Matosin  
(Child of Joseph and Kristina Matosin)



**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:** Ryan Anderson, Maria Rosa Mercuri

**Anniversaries:** Anunziata Vella, Isidoro Bianchi

**Also for:** Holy Souls

**We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:**

Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, Paul Galea



## 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.

## NOTICE FOR PARISH BULLETINS – EARLY FEBRUARY PLEASE

**Join us for an Important Seminar:** 10-4pm on Saturday, 23 February 2019 at the Grail Centre, 22 Mc Hatton Street, North Sydney, when **Professor Lindon Coombes**, from Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at UTS, will examine and discuss **the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart'** (May, 2017). How have governments and the wider community responded to this statement? What issues and concerns are holding back progress? **Register now:** 0408291429 or 9955 3053. Contribution \$20 or what you can afford.

## Volunteering with CatholicCare

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?  
Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

Interested in volunteering to help children?  
Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

## 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 sort of fish performs operations?

**A.** A sturgeon!

## CHURCH CLEANING AFTERNOON TEA



Teresa Gimellaro who organises the Church Cleaning Roster is having an Afternoon Tea in the Hall on Saturday 16 February 2019 at 1pm. All ladies invited to join her for a chat and a cupper.

It will be a chance to catch up with friends and meet new ladies. Please come and join her. RSVP ASAP to Teresa on 0433773705 or the Parish Office 9606 0206.



All Most Welcome



AQUINAS ACADEMY  
*Freedom of the spirit in the Spirit*

### DEALING with ADDICTIONS: Introduction to the Twelve Steps Programme

Presenter: James and John

**3 Friday mornings, 10am – 12noon, Feb 8, 15, 22**

Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

**Cost: \$120/person** (including class notes)

### RIDING OUT THE STORM

Presenter: Catherine Hammond BS in Ed, MA, MPh

**4 Tuesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney

### 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.



On the 31 December 2018, the Army retired me from Army Chaplaincy due to my age, turning 70 last November.

I began my Army Chaplaincy career being Commissioned on 6 June 1975, and was a Chaplain for 43 years and 6 months.

Over that period of time there have been many changes, the most noticeable being women in the military in all three services.

Why did I join?

I joined because Fr Terry Duggan who had just come out of full-time Army Chaplaincy wanted a few young Catholic Priests to be involved.

Not knowing what was before me, in those days if a brother Priest asked for help, you helped. I began in Cadets with the other three priests and, after cadets were shutdown by the Whitlam Government, I moved to an Army Reserve Unit, 21 Construction Regiment whose HQ's was at Haberfield (now modern Units occupy the site).

In 2000, I went full-time for a period when our military went to bring peace and stability to East Timor.

I was made up to the rank of Lt Colonel in 1996 (as high as you can go in the Reserve) the rank I hold now still.

For the past 9 years I have been the Staff Chaplain Eastern Region (ie NSW) looking after all Army Reserve Chaplains throughout the state and responsible for recruiting clergy into the Army.

Chaplains come from the main religious denominations: Catholic, Anglican, Uniting, Presbterian, Baptist, Church of Christ, Australian Christian Churches (Pentecostal), Salvation Army and Jewish. During my tenure, I recruited from all denominations.

In the past 3 years I have been able to recruit a few Catholic Priests. So, we are represented, as well, to care for the sacramental needs of Catholic families in the Military. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the military sharing faith with so many Chaplains of the various denominations in an Ecumenical setting, keeping reasonably fit and seeing a lot of Australia in my various postings, especially as the 2nd Division (Reserve Division) chaplain.

Unfortunately, Army indicated that at 70 years young it was time to pass on the role to someone else.

However I will still have a role to play in Army Cadets, but on a more "ad hoc" basis during school holidays when Cadets go to Singleton Barracks for their annual field exercises.