



9/10 February 2019-Year C Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH 320 Edmondson Ave AUSTRAL 2179

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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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Come follow Me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Life After Death

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: "... in the year that King Uzziah died."

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: "in the year my wife died"; "in the year we lost our mom"; "in the year the hurricane devastated the town." An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into *before* and *after*: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together. If you can stand under your sorrow rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the centre doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before *your* time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying "Woe is me! I am doomed!"

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal! And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, "whom shall I send?" Isaiah said, "here I am. Send me." All his most important service for the Lord came *after* the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived *after* King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you *before*. If you can stand and live into the period of your life *after* the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

2. Liturgy News

As you are aware as families move away, we need others to take their place in our liturgical celebrations.

Acolytes:

We are in need of a few more men to offer themselves for this ministry. At present, shortly, we will be down to three, one acolyte at each Mass. We can say, "I am not worthy," which is true, none of us are worthy, but the Good Lord gives us the grace to be worthy.

The requisites are:

- A) That you are a man who attends Mass weekly
- B) That you have a love for the Mass and what it means
- C) That you would be prepared to attend an Acolytes course in order to understand the Ministry.
- D) That you want to be more involved in parish life

If so, see Fr Bob

Altar Servers

Our servers have dwindled away, so we need young people (boys & girls) to assist in serving at our Masses—See Fr Bob

3. Maintenance Work



The Parish grounds over the past 5 years have been looked after by John Bonanno. John has had a medical procedure and is unable to do the mowing of the parish grounds for several months.

The mowing consists of the Church/Presbytery area, the grass strip along Eleventh Avenue to the parish hall, the grass strip running down Edmondson Avenue and the presbytery (front and back) lawns at 320 Edmondson.

Is there a couple of "dads" with ride-on mowers who would volunteer to keep the parish plant looking good as John has done over the past 5 years.

See Fr Bob



4. Catechist's Meeting

There will be a Catechist's Meeting for our Catechists this Tuesday 12 February after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

All Catechists are asked to attend.

Would you consider being a catechist and share your love of Jesus to the children at Austral Public School? Would you consider being a "Catechist Helper" assisting the catechist in the classroom—handing out materials or helping a student?

If you are interested in either Ministry please come along to the meeting in the hall, Tuesday at 9.30am.

5. School News

A. Opening School Mass-Thursday 9.15am

St Anthony of Padua Catholic College opening school Mass will be held this Thursday in the Church at 9.15pm.

Parents, Carers and Parishioners are invited to join with the School Community as they pray God's blessing for the staff, students and families for the year ahead.

B. Year 7 Enrolments for 2021

There will be an "Information Enrolment Night" for Year 7 students starting in 2021.

The information details are:

When: Wednesday 20 February

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Where: Liverpool Catholic Club

6. The Sacrament of Reconciliation

I encourage parishioners to think more about the grace and strength that we receive from all Sacraments, but especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This Sacrament is given to us to live out our faith in fidelity to Jesus and the Church.

Today, many Catholics receive Holy Communion when they have missed Mass not just for a week, but maybe weeks and weeks. The law of the Church reminds us that if we are not regularly attending weekend Mass then, we need to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before we approach the Altar to receive Holy Communion.

7. Anniversary Mass for Agata Grasso

The family invite those who knew & loved Agata to attend her 1 month Mass at St Anthony's.

Date: Wednesday 13 February

Time: 7pm at St Anthony's

May she rest in the peace of Christ.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

11-16 February

Volunteers

18-23 February

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READERS ROSTER

9/10 February

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

16/17 February (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: 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: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

9/10 February

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret DeVries

16/17 February

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

9/10 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

16/17 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

9 February

Maria Zucco & Daniela Romeo

16 February

S Mercieca & L Camilleri



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

10 February

Sister Rosa & Jayann

24 February

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Abu Dhabi: Historic Document Signed by Pope Francis and Grand Imam of Al-Azhar

'Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together'

February 04, 2019 air Ecumenism and Interreligious dialogue, Papal Trips

Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar on February 4, 2019, signed the Document on "Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together." The signing following the Holy Father's speech to the Global Conference on Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi, a key element in the Holy Father's February 3-5 apostolic visit to the United Arab Emirates.

"The document represents an important step forward in the dialogue between Christians and Muslims and is a powerful sign of peace and hope for the future of humanity," said a statement from Alessandro Gisotti, Interim Director of the Vatican's Press Office.

Earlier today, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin told journalists, including Zenit's Deborah Lubov, that the importance of this day is dialogue among religions, especially Christianity and Islam, promoting peace and combatting fundamentalism.

The press office statement continued:

"The Document is a vibrant appeal to respond with good to evil, to reinforce interreligious dialogue and to promote mutual respect in order to block the road to those who add fuel to the fire of the clashes between civilizations. At Abu Dhabi, Francis and Al-Tayyib have together indicated a way of peace and reconciliation on which not only Christians and Muslims can walk, but all people of good will.

"The Document is courageous and prophetic because it confronts, and calls by name, the most urgent issues of our day on which those who believe in God are encouraged to question their own conscience and to confidently assume their own responsibility so as to give life to a more just and united world.

"With unambiguous words, the Pope and the Grand Imam declare that no one is ever authorized to exploit God's name to justify war, terrorism or any other form of violence. In addition, they affirm that life must always be safeguarded and, at the same time, that the rights of women are to be fully recognized, and every discriminatory practice in their regard rejected.

"Before humanity, wounded by so many divisions and ideological fanaticism, the Pontiff and the Grand Imam Al-Azhar demonstrate that promoting a culture of encounter is not a utopia, but is the necessary condition for living in peace and leaving for future generations a better world than the one in which we live."

The theme of the February visit is "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" – and that's the Pope's intention in going to the United Arab Emirates, according to Greg Burke, director of the Vatican Press Office.

Although the UAE is a majority-Muslim country, about 10 percent of the population is Catholic, many of those faithful being foreign workers from Catholic nations such as the Philippines.

Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan greeted the Pope as he stepped off the plane and onto Emirati soil.

As they entered the airport, children in traditional garb presented the Holy Father with a bouquet of flowers and welcomed him to the UAE in his native Spanish.

Pope Francis then greeted his old friend and ally in his quest to strengthen dialogue between East and West, the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb.





- Marie Kondo’s gift to Vinnies
- Bishop slams Teacher’s Union
- Legendary Port Macquarie Priest passes away
- Charismatic leader visits Sydney
- To excommunicate Or not
- Movie Review: Roma

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY’S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Antonio Lentini
(Child of Domenic & Laura)



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: Maria Rosa Mercuri

Anniversaries: Tessie Bonanno

Also for: Dec'd members of the Vartuli Family

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.

“Of life and Love” Marriage Preparation Courses

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of marriage.

Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates include: March 13, 20, 27 and October 16,23,30.

To book online visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

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 do you call a row of men waiting for a hair cut?

A. A barbercue

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



WALKING HOME

Ailsa Piper is a story-teller, having worked for over thirty-five years as a writer, director, actor, teacher, speaker and broadcaster.

As a writer, she works across many mediums. Highlights include being named co-winner of the Patrick White Playwright's Award for her script *Small Mercies* in 2001 and publishing her first book *Sinning Across Spain* in 2012. Her most recent book, co-authored with Monsignor Tony Doherty, is *The Attachment: Letters From A Most Unlikely Friendship*. It is a collection of letters between them, and to the reader, exploring spirituality, friendship, difference - and the right time of day to eat rhubarb! Ailsa is an accomplished moderator of conversations and panels, and writes journalism and opinion pieces for newspapers and magazines. She also writes and performs *Wordwalks* – monologues celebrating poetry, walking and landscape, which she performs in all weathers, as you'd expect! As a teacher, she illuminates dark corners and aims to surprise with delight.

The Course will lead a three week mini-pilgrimage of the mind and spirit. Using simple writing exercises, as well as processes devised over decades of walking and teaching, she will invite participants to examine resilience, grief, relationships with self and others, and the art of paying attention - to the world and to self. For one session, she will be joined by Monsignor Tony Doherty.

WHERE: Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney

WHEN: 3 Wednesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, March 6, 13, 20 2019

COST: \$120 per person

For information & enrolment: T: 02 9247 4651;

E: secretary@aquinas-academy.com; I www.aquinas-academy.com

PLEASE register before the course starts so that notes will be available.

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.

Magi Pilgrimages

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL :

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more.

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AQUINAS ACADEMY
Freedom of the spirit in the Spirit

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
Cost: \$150/person (Including summary notes)

DEVELOPING YOUR OWN SPIRITUALITY III

Presenters: Michael Whelan SM, PhD & Marie Biddle, RSJ, MA, MTh
4 Wednesday evening, 6pm – 8pm, March 6, 13, 20, 27
Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney
Cost: \$150/person (Including summary notes)

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Presenter: Marie Biddle RSJ, MA, MTh & Michael Whelan SM, PhD
3 Wednesday mornings, 10am – 12noon, March 27, April 3, 10
REPEATED 3 Thursday evenings, 6pm – 8pm, March 28, April 4, 11
Level 5, 141 Harrington Street, Sydney
Cost: \$40/person (Including summary notes)