



## 16/17 February 2019-Year C Sixth 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:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### **Dear Parishioners, We celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

In the Second Reading, Paul says that if Christ is not raised, your faith is in vain. This is a hard saying. Faith is meant to make a person fruitful, like a tree planted by running water, as the Psalm says. Why would a person not be fruitful if he thought there was no resurrection?

Well, the fruits of a life are the fruits of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Here are the first four: love, joy, peace, and patience. If God is indwelling within you, then he is present in love to you; and love, joy, and peace come from the presence of your Lord. It is easier to wait in patience through the afflictions of this life if God is with you, too.

And here we should notice that you can lose the fruits of the Spirit and become a fruitless person whose faith is in vain in different ways.

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The First Reading says that you will be like a dried up plant if you put your trust in the things of this world. You can lose your job or your health or your spouse, for example. And then if you trusted in the things of this world, you would become bitter because your career or your life or your relationships would have failed to be what you trusted they would be. You wouldn't be fruitful in love, joy, and peace in that condition.

But you can go wrong another way too. In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that those who are hungry and weeping and hated are blessed. If you think there is no resurrection, you will think that being in so miserable a condition is the best you will ever have. And then you will certainly lack love, joy, peace, and patience. Then you will be both bitter and self-congratulatory in the mistaken view that you are spiritually advanced because you take denying yourself as a good in itself.

So for your faith to be fruitful, you do need to believe that there is a life after this one where there is no more hunger, weeping, or hatred. If you grasp that after the crucifixion of this life, there is the life of the resurrection when God himself will wipe all tears away, then and only then will you be fruitful in love, joy, peace, and patience.

## 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. School News

### A. 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

### B. Building News

At a building meeting last week, it was reported that "the big house" will be demolished in preparation for the construction of a new modular building-Stage 3A. This building will be completed before the end of the year. The large two storey classroom building-Stage 3B—will commence later in the year and will be ready

for the start of 2021, when the first intake of high school Year 7 commences.

### C. Catholic Schools Week

Monday March 4 marks the start of Catholic Schools Week NSW and opens our enrolment period for 2020.

Parishioners wishing to enrol their child into Kindergarten for 2020 should visit the school for an enrolment package from the school office. There will be an "Open Day" on Thursday March 7 for new families to inspect our school. Tours of the school will be available on the "open day".

## 5. 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.

## 6. First Holy Communion Programme

Forms are available for our First Holy Communion Programme.

Families who attended the Reconciliation Programme are now invited to apply to participate in the First Holy Communion Programme. Forms are available from Fr Bob.

## 7. Death of Mary Tulich

Mary Tulich was a parishioner at Austral in the 50's & 60's. I have been notified that she passed away last Thursday. Her Funeral is at All Saints, Liverpool, on this Monday February 18 at 11am. May she rest in peace.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

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## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 18-23 February

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



### 25 February-2 March

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

## READERS ROSTER

### 16/17 February

#### **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

### 23/24 February (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Francine Zappia

Readers:

Francine Zappia: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 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: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Mica Mastroeni: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 16/17 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Catherine Florio & Robert Gimellaro



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

### 23/24 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

#### **Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 16/17 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 23/24 February

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 16 February

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

### 23 February

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

#### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 24 February

Lina & Faye

### 1 March

Mass



### Pope Reminds Christians to Pray in Secret

“Jesus doesn’t want hypocrisy’: February 13

It may not be a secret that a Christian prays, but the best way for a Christian to pray is in secret. Pope Francis made that point on February 13, 2019, during his continuing course on the “Our Father” at his general audience in Paul VI Hall. He reminded the pilgrims present from around the world that Jesus rejects hypocrisy.

“We must pray as He taught us to do so. He said: when you pray, enter in the silence of your room, withdraw from the world, and turn to God calling Him ‘Father!’ Jesus wants His disciples not to be as the hypocrites, who pray standing upright in the Squares to be admired by the people (Cf. Matthew 6:5),” the Holy Father stressed.

“Jesus doesn’t want hypocrisy. True prayer is that which is made in the secret of the conscience, of the heart: inscrutable, visible only to God – God and me. It shuns falsehood: it’s impossible to feign with God. It’s impossible.”

This isn’t to suggest, the Pope continued, that prayer is just about the individual. Prayer in secret doesn’t mean focusing prayer on oneself.

“Yet, despite the disciple’s prayer being wholly confidential, it never falls into ‘intimism’.” the Pope said. “In the secret of his conscience, a Christian doesn’t leave the world outside the door of his room but carries persons and situations in his heart, their problems, so many things, all are taken to prayer.”

The Holy Father also pointed out that there is a word that doesn’t appear in the “Our Father,” although it is a word used constantly these days. In fact, he called the omission of this word “an impressive absence.”

“Think what is missing. A word, a word that in our times — but perhaps always — everyone holds in great consideration. What is the word that is lacking in the ‘Our Father’ that we pray every day? To save time, I’ll say it: the word ‘I’ is lacking. ‘I’ is never said.”

The Holy Father noted that “you” is very much present in the prayer: your name, your will, your kingdom. “Why? — because in the dialogue with God there is no room for individualism,” the Pope answered.

“There is no ostentation of our own problems as if we were the only ones suffering in the world. There is no prayer elevated to God that isn’t the prayer of a community of brothers and sisters, the ‘us’: we are in community; we are brothers and sisters; we are a people that prays, ‘we’.”

Francis recalled a lesson he once learned from a prison chaplain who asked the Pope what is the opposite of “I”. The Pope (confessing today he was naive) said it was “you”. But the priest corrected him, noting that the opposite of “I” is “we”.

“We can ask ourselves: when I pray, do I open myself to the cry of so many close and distant persons? Or do I think of prayer as a sort of anesthesia, to be able to be more tranquil? I throw out the question there; each one answer to himself. In this case, I would be a victim of a terrible mistake. My prayer would certainly no longer be a Christian prayer, because that “us,” which Jesus taught us, impedes me from being in peace on my own, and makes me feel responsible for my brothers and sisters.”





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"I will never forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49.  
 The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sunday 24 March. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion.  
 Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life!  
 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Tony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St Mary's Cathedral.

**Project Compassion 2019**

I write to thank you for your support in our Project Compassion 2018 appeal, which proved to be very successful, and I invite you to join with us in our preparations for Project Compassion 2019. The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around hope and giving Lent 100% in the name of hope.  
 Hope is one of the three pillars of Christian virtue. The other two being faith and charity. It is a powerful force for good and often helps to transform lives.  
 Hope helps us to face life's challenges and sustains us as we work alongside the most marginalised and vulnerable communities to achieve better lives.  
 Pope Francis said that: "Jesus has given us a light that shines in the darkness; defend it, protect it. This unique light is the greatest richness entrusted to your life." This light, is the light of hope.  
 Based on God's love for all, hope enables us to rise above our fears and helps those in great need to shape a better future for their communities.  
 For Project Compassion 2019, we will be focusing on six stories which show the power of hope and the work of Caritas Australia in communities in Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Australia, Bangladesh and Vietnam. I am sure you will find these stories inspiring, as I do.  
 We greatly appreciate your support during Project Compassion 2019

A Message from Bishop Greg O'Kelly

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**



**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Beryl Shaw, Mary Tulich

**Anniversaries:** Charlei Vella

**Also for:** Raji Azzi

**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](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org)

## Work Wanted

One of our Parishioners is seeking work. He is an accountant. If you know of a business seeking an accountant please direct them to me or let me know the name. I am happy to be a referee for this gentleman who is of good character etc. Fr ob

## 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 did one plate say to the other plate?

A. Dinner is on me!

## 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](mailto:secretary@aquinas-academy.com); I [www.aquinas-academy.com](http://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.



## **2019 LENTEN PROGRAMME**

**Lent begins on Wednesday March 6 2019**

We should prepare ourselves for the seasons of Lent and the Easter Triduum by reflecting on the mysteries of our salvation.

There is a Lenten Programme available called "Trust" produced by the Wollongong Diocese.

Trust has a 76 page full-colour book that includes daily reflections, Gospel reflections for each Sunday and a spiritual reflection.

The cost of the book is \$5.00 per copy but there is a triple CD to accompany the group reflection.

I invite parishioners to put their name down to participate in a group reflection during Lent.

Please see the sheet on the table as you enter the Church.