



23/24 February 2019-Year C Seventh 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 Lord, I trust in Your merciful love, My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Love your Enemies

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands us to love our enemies. Everyone is commanded to love each person who counts as his enemy. Many people suppose that no one except a saint could fulfill this command. Other people think that this command is only an encouragement to connive with evil, because if you love your enemy instead of clobbering him, you enable him to continue his wrongdoing.

If you want union with your enemy, you won't want him to go to hell because he has hurt you.

But consider what love is. As Aquinas explains it, it consists in two desires: (1) a desire for the good for the beloved person, and (2) a desire for union with that person. So a person Paula loves her enemy Jerome only if she desires the good for Jerome and union with Jerome.

Now notice that what the good for Jerome is will depend on Jerome.

Desiring Jerome's good requires Paula's foregoing punishment for him if that would be for his good—or insisting on punishment for him if *that* would be for his good. What is best for Jerome is whatever it takes to bring him to a morally good condition in mind and will; and that might include Paula's calling the police to arrest him.

For this same reason, Paula's desire for union with Jerome need not include a desire for companionship with him. If Jerome is entirely unrepentant, then Paula's desire for union with him should not involve a willingness to be in his company. In that worst case, Paula's desire for union with Jerome can appropriately come to no more than the desire that Jerome will repent and reform, so that companionship becomes a possibility for them.

To love your enemy then is not to enable him to continue to do morally wrong acts against you or anybody else either. If you want what is good for your enemy, you will want for him what you want for yourself: to be a person who has love for the Lord and obedience to him. And if you want union with your enemy, you won't want him to go to hell because he has hurt you. You will be glad if in love and obedience to the Lord, he finds his way to heaven too.

So that is what it is to love your enemy. Each one of us can do this, can't we?

2. Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)

Parishioners have been reading in the parish bulletin the requirement now after the Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse for a Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO).

The role of the PSSO has been outlined and consists in:

- The PSSO supports and assists the Parish Priest in fulfilling his role and responsibilities set out in the Archdiocese safeguarding and child protection policies and protocols.
- The PSSO is to conduct training for ALL volunteers who work with children in the Church.
- PSSO is to conduct risk assessments on any parish activity
- PSSO is to assist the Parish Priest with self-assessment reviews and audits. The PSSO is to raise the profile of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in the parish
- The PSSO is to report to the Parish Priest any concerns or issues that come to the PSSO's attention.

I am happy to inform the Parish that Mrs Natasha Steimbeisser (a reader at the Vigil Mass with husband Marcelo and children Sabrina and Leo, who serves the Vigil Mass) has volunteered to take on the PSSO for the next 12 months.

I thank Natasha for her support to the community and ask that we support her endeavours as she conducts training and in raising "safeguarding" awareness in our community.

3. Maintenance Work



My thanks to Joe Vella (Kelly Street) for looking after the lawns on the property two Sundays ago.

Also to John Camilleri (12 Ave) for volunteering to assist, as well.

As the saying goes "many hands make light work."

4. Catechists Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday.

Our Catechists are a very committed group of women and men who bring the Good News of the Gospel to the Catholic children at Austral Public School.

Our Catechists are looking for assistance in this vital work of evangelisation. Can you help? Can you be a helper in the classroom or become a Catechist?

Our Catechist Secretary is Margaret Cvetko. If you can help (in any way) talk to our catechists after Mass or ring the Parish Office 9606 0206 with your details and Margaret will contact you.



Our Catechists are:

Margaret Cvetko (Secretary), Margaret DeVries, Frances Musso, Julie Dimech, Margaret Pisani, Natalie Valenzisi, Faye Hoskings, Joe Cilia, John Camilleri (helper), Josie Garzaniti (helper).

I thank all our Catechists for this ministry and their support.

5. Liturgy meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting to prepare for the coming season of Lent and Easter to be held on:

Date: Wednesday 27 February

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Presbytery

Members are asked to attend.

6. Long Service Leave (LSL)

I have been given permission for Long Service Leave from the parish. Over the years of my Priesthood I have taken it only once. The reason being because of school building projects at St Dominic's Flemington, St Francis Xavier Lurnea, St Catherine of Siena Prestons, All Hallows Five Dock and St Anthony of Padua Austral.

As well as schools, the building of the Church at St Francis Xavier Lurnea.

My other involvement in the Army and its demands prohibited me from taking leave.

Now that I have been retired from the Army and basically Sydney Catholics Schools run the school projects at St Anthony's College, I applied to the Archbishop for LSL and it has been granted.

My apologies for the short notice, but the Archbishop has been away with World Youth Day in Panama and a suitable replacement needed to be found to minister to the community in my absence and who could not be appointed until the Archbishop's return and approved by the Council of Deans at their meeting. I am happy to announce that Father Kene Onwukwe, at present the assistant at St Luke's Revesby has been appointed Administrator of St Anthony's while I am on LSL.

Fr Kene is a young, energetic Priest from Nigeria who has been in the Archdiocese for 4 years. He is a part-time Army Reserve Chaplain who I recruited about 2 years ago.

I welcome Fr Kene as I know all parishioners will during his ministry amongst us.

I am taking LSL from March 1 to May 31.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

25 February-2 March

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



4-9 March

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Masini,
M Cvetko, M Pisani

READERS ROSTER

23/24 February

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Francine Zappie

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

2/3 March (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Charlei Cilia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

23/24 February

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & Bonnie Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Faye Palamara

2/3 March

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

23/24 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

2/3 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

23 February

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

2 March

Rita & Chiara Moro



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

24 February

Lina & Faye

1 March

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis Morning Homily at Santa Marta: 'Our God has Feelings'

The Weak Pay the Price of War: 19 February, 2019

"Our God has feelings," said Pope Francis at the morning Mass on February 19, 2019, in Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican. At a time that is no better than that of the Flood, he denounced: "it is the weak, the poor, the children ... who pay the price."

God "is not abstract," and he "suffers," Pope Francis said in his homily reported by Vatican News. He stopped on "the feelings of God, God's father who loves us – and love is a relationship – but is able to get angry, to get angry ... Our God has feelings."

"Our God loves us with his heart, he does not love us with his ideas, he loves us with his heart," the pope insisted. And when he caresses us, he caresses us with his heart and when he reprimands us, he does it with the heart, he suffers more than us ... It's not sentimentalism, it's the truth. "

"I do not think our times are better than at the time of the Flood," he said, referring to "people who die in war because bombs are thrown like sweets ... it's the weak, the poor, the children, those who have no resources to live, who pay the price. The calamities are more or less the same, the victims are more or less the same. For example, think of the weakest children. The number of hungry children, children without education: they can not grow up in peace. Without parents, because they were slaughtered by wars ... child soldiers ... just think of these children. "

Pope Francis invited listeners to ask "a heart like the heart of God ... a brother's heart with his brothers, a father with his children, children with their father. A human heart, like that of Jesus, is a divine heart ". If God "is able to have trouble, we, too, will be able to have trouble before Him," he added.

And he encouraged: "Let us think that the Lord is afflicted in his heart and approach us of the Lord and speak him, speak: Lord, look at this, I understand you. Let us console the Lord: I understand you and I accompany you, I accompany you in prayer, in intercession for all those calamities that are the fruit of the devil who wants to destroy the work of God. "

Rome: The Pope Will Go to the Capitoline Hill to Meet with the Municipal Council

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Pope Francis has accepted an invitation of the Mayor of Rome, Virginia Raggi, to go to the Capitoline Hill on Tuesday, March 26, to meet with the Municipal Council, confirmed Alessandro Gisotti, Director ad interim of the Holy See Press Office, on Monday, February 18, 2019.

The Capitolinus Mons was the location of the religious and political center of the ancient Roman Republic. At present, it's known by the Italian name "Campidoglio." Michelangelo designed the Square where it is located.

At present, on the right and the left of the Capitoline Square are two twin buildings: the Capitoline Museums as well as the headquarters of the Municipality of Rome, which is at the back.

It was at the headquarters of the Municipality that, in 1957, the Treaties of Rome were signed, which created the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community. The Capitoline Museums house the Capitoline she-wolf.





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Please put \$2 in the poor box

Day of the Unborn Child

“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 peaceul 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 thanks you for yiour support in our Project Compassion 2018 appeal, which proved to be very successful, an 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 darkenss; 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 suppor 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: Fr Graham Kings (former PP Berala), Gina San Jose

Anniversaries: Rosario “Ross” Cavallaro, Teresa Carmel Brassil

Also for: Joseph Sukar, Souls in Purgatory

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

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



Parish Hall for Hire

The Parish Hall has had a make-over, as those who have worked in it can testify.

The room has been painted, splash tiles around the sink area, a new oven and the cupboards have been repaired.

Parishioners are welcome to hire the hall for family celebrations, baptism parties, wedding anniversaries and birthday parties for children up to age 10.

Teenage parties may be an issue so the parish will NOT hire out to these events.

The cost of hire is:\$450 plus a bond of \$100 that will be returned as long as the Hall is left clean & tidy with no damages.

Anyone interested in hiring the hall should contact the parish secretary for the rental agreement and the hirer's responsibility using the hall.

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

"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

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Xavier Spencer
(Child of Simon & Jessica)



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. How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?

A. You Rocket.

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 5th March 2019, 5:30pm-8pm CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham NSW 2049 Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

World Day of Prayer – All Saints Parish Liverpool

All Saints Parish Liverpool invites parishioners and friends to the World Day of Prayer Service at 7pm on **Friday, 1 March 2019** in All Saints church, and to supper following in Loreto Place. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement, led by Christian women from different denominations in over 170 countries. They gather on the first Friday of March each year to pray for justice and peace for a specific country. This year, it is Slovenia. World Day of Prayer is a practical way of joining with our local Christian sisters and brothers in a witness of ecumenical spirit. Enquiries and RSVPs: Kim Mannix: 9602 8466 (office hours); kim.allsaints@gmail.com.

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia

Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org www.domusaustralia.org

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.

Ph: 03 8839 6615

26A Kingsway, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150

Men's Ministry Network Meeting

On Saturday morning 16 March we will be holding a men's breakfast gathering. At 8am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8.30am Mass with Bishop Anthony Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast, 10am presentation from Robert Haddad on how he stayed connected with his faith as a young man and benefits of brotherhood with other good men. Venue is St Christophers's Parish, Panania.
\$10 per head to cover the food.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAACH>



AQUINAS ACADEMY
Freedom of the spirit in the Spirit

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)

FILM LECTIO I: ROMERO

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)