



2/3 March 2019-Year C Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: The Lord became my protector, He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to You.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; You are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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

1. A Good Tree is Known by It's Fruit

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says.

But he is really talking about us.

But what are the good fruits that you have to bring forth to count as a good tree?

They are the "fruits of the Holy Spirit."

Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Long-suffering

Goodness

Benevolence

Mildness

Fidelity

Modesty

Continence

Chastity

With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace.

You'll see that I have divided the twelve into three unequal parts. The first part has five fruits that have to do with your relation to the Lord. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list too.

The next four fruits have to do with your attitude towards your neighbor. When you are inclined to wish the good for your neighbor, you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help your neighbor in good ways, you have benevolence. You have mildness when you put up with a neighbor who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on him when he has been unjust to you.

Finally, the last three fruits have to do with your attitudes about yourself. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the center of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You manage to get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

If you have all these good fruits of the Spirit, it will be easy to recognize you as the good tree that you are!

2. Season of Lent

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, with the distribution of Ashes at Mass.



Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and self-denial as we prepare for the passion, suffering and death of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Days of Penance:

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, **must** be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing **any one** of the following:
 - (a) Prayer-for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial - for example, not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping others-for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Days of Penance

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (6 March) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (19 April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

Paschal Precept

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 6 March, and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 2019 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

3. Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will follow the Friday 9am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to attend Mass and Stations of the Cross as a worthy penance to perform during this season of Lent.

4. Ash Wednesday Mass Times

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the Beginning of the Season of Lent.

Our obligations during Lent are outlined in Point 2 of my column.

Masses on Ash Wednesday 9.15am (students from St Anthony's and Clancy College's will attend) and 7.30pm

5. Catholic Mission (Propagation of the Faith) Appeal

This weekend, as you see on the pews with the envelopes is Catholic Mission Appeal. As I have mentioned each year it was known as Propagation of the Faith in days gone by.

Catholic Mission is the Church's social arm of assisting Churches in other countries with aid in development programmes.

We have heard speakers before telling stories of helping communities produce better rice crops or some other crop in order to support their family or community. We have heard how our giving has made a difference in communities health with better drinking water or medical facilities etc.

This year, our speaker is Mr Bruce Sinclair and we welcome him from Catholic Mission.

6. St Anthony of Padua Catholic College News

The college community was informed in the College Newsletter last week that our Principal Ms Lea De Angelis has been appointed the overall Principal of the college from Kindergarten through to the development of the Secondary College.

I and the Parish Community with the College Staff, Parents and Families in congratulating Lea on this appointment. As families know, Lea is a wonderful educator and gives great leadership in the College.

On Behalf of the Parish, I wish her every success and blessing for her and the future development of the College as it grows into a full K-12 College.

7. Welcome

Please welcome to Fr Kene as he joins us in ministering here at St Anthony's.



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

4-9 March

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



11-16 March

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

2/3 March

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Charlie 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

9/10 March (First Sunday in Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rito Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 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

2/3 March

Saturday Vigil

David & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Phil Gigliotti

9/10 March

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

2/3 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

9/10 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

2 March

Rita & Chiara Moro

9 March

F Hockings & V Bugeja



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

10 March

Frances & Faye

24 March

Sister Rosa & Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope at General Audience on 'Hallowed Be Thy Name'

'Prayer chases away every fear' February 27, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

It seems like winter is going away and so we have returned to the Square. Welcome to the Square! In our course of rediscovery of the "Our Father" prayer, today we will reflect further on the first of its seven invocations, namely, "hallowed be Thy Name."

There are seven requests in the "Our Father," which are easily divisible into two subgroups. The first three have at the center the "Thou" of God the Father; the other four have "us" at the center and our human needs. In the first part Jesus makes us enter in His desires, all addressed to the Father: "hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done"; in the second it's He who enters us and makes Himself interpreter of our needs: daily bread, forgiveness of sin, help in temptation and deliverance from evil.

Here is the matrix of every Christian prayer — I'd say of every human prayer —, which is always made, on one hand, of contemplation of God, of His mystery, of His beauty and goodness and, on the other, of the sincere and courageous request of what we need to live, and live well. Thus, in its simplicity and essentialness, the "Our Father" educates the one who prays it not to multiply vain words because — as Jesus Himself says — "your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8).

When we speak with God, we don't do so to reveal to Him what we have in our heart: He knows it better than we do ourselves! If God is a mystery for us, we, instead, aren't an enigma to His eyes (Cf. Psalm 139:1-4). God is like those mothers who only need one look to understand everything about their children: if they are happy or sad, if they are sincere or are hiding something...

The first step of Christian prayer, therefore, is our giving ourselves to God, to His Providence, it's as if saying: "Lord, You know all, there isn't even a need to tell you my pain. I only ask You to be next to me: You are my hope." It's interesting to note that, in the discourse on the mountain, immediately after transmitting the text of the "Our Father," Jesus exhorts us not to be worried or anxious about things. It seems like a contradiction: first He teaches us to ask for our daily bread and then He says to us: "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" (Matthew 6:31). However, the contradiction is only apparent: a Christian's requests express trust in the Father, and it is precisely this trust that makes us ask for what we need without anxiety or agitation. It's because of this that we pray saying: "Hallowed be Thy Name!" Felt, in this request — the first! "Hallowed be Thy Name!" is Jesus' whole admiration for the beauty and grandeur of the Father, and the desire that all recognize Him and love Him for what He really is. And, at the same time, there is the supplication that His Name be sanctified in us, in our family, in our community, in the whole world. It is God who sanctifies, who transforms us with His love, but at the same time it is also we who, with our witness, manifest God's holiness in the world, rendering His Name present. God is holy, but if we, if our life isn't holy, there is a great incoherence! God's holiness must be mirrored in our actions, in our life. "I'm a Christian, God is holy, but I do so many awful things." No, this isn't right. This even does harm; it scandalizes and doesn't help.

God's holiness is an expanding force, and we entreat that the barriers of our world be quickly shattered. When Jesus begins to preach, the first to pay the consequences is in fact the evil that afflicts man. The evil spirits swear: "What have You to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are, the Holy One of God!" (Mark 1:24). Such holiness had never been seen before: not preoccupied with itself but turned to the external. A holiness — that of Jesus — that widens in concentric circles, as when a stone is thrown into a pond. The days of evil are counted — evil isn't eternal —, and evil can no longer hurt us: the strong man has arrived who takes possession of his house (Cf. Mark 3:23-27). And this strong man is Jesus, who gives us also the strength to take possession of our interior house. Prayer chases away every fear. The Father loves us, the Son raises His arms supporting ours <and> the Spirit works in secret for the redemption of the world. And we? We don't hesitate in uncertainty, but we have a great certainty: God loves me, Jesus gave His life for me! The Spirit is within me. This is the great certain thing. And evil? It's afraid, and this is good.





- All for the love of God: The Tyburn way
- Mary's way with knots
- What men really need
- Cardinal George Pell convicted
- Vatican Summit round up
- Movie Review: Alita: Battle Angel

Please put \$2 in the poor box

"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: Vincenzo Di Maio

Anniversaries: Bartolemeo Cascio, Giuseppe Squillacioti

Also for: Mary Vella, Holy Souls, Emmanuel & Mary Gatt

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, 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 Bob

"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

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts a broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

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.

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 key do you use to open a banana?

A. A Monkey.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Today is Project Compassion Sunday, marking the beginning of Caritas Australia's annual Lenten appeal. The readings today prepare us for the coming Lenten season, a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time for stepping away from the instinct to judge one another, be that close to home, or beyond into the human family of nations.

This year through Project Compassion, we celebrate Hope.

I'm here to represent Caritas Australia – but I'm also here in my personal capacity as your neighbour. As members of our one human family– we are called to offer hope and give Lent 100%.

In the coming weeks, we have the privilege of walking with some of our sisters and brothers from around the globe who participate in Caritas programs, and who feature in the Project Compassion stories this year. How might we learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another and for the common good of our one human family?

Each year, schools, communities and parishes across Australia join together to raise awareness and funds during Project Compassion as we work towards ending poverty. Lives change when we all give 100%. It's a reminder that together we can achieve a future full of hope.

As Pope Francis has said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope".

Through the six stories we are sharing for Project Compassion in 2019, Caritas Australia showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope. Based in the love of God, hope reminds us that we have a greater purpose and enables us to rise above fear.

Last year, with your help, Project Compassion raised around \$11 million. This amount is testament to your enormous generosity and compassion. Again this year, you can make a difference and contribute to the hope of the world's most vulnerable communities. You can make your donation in the collection box or use the donation envelopes on your seat. We can also help you run your own fundraising events. Committing to something meaningful during Lent is another way to draw closer to God, raise money and stand in solidarity with people in need.

The gospel reading tells us that 'the fully trained disciple will always be like the teacher', reminding us that our example of living is to come from Jesus and his mission of bringing good news to the poor. It is by what we say and do, that people will see the face of God in the world. This is the "good" fruit.

Project Compassion offers us a way to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. It is our opportunity to look with the heart and to respond with compassion in a practical way to give others Hope - here and around the world.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia this Lenten season and for keeping Project Compassion close to your hearts.

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.

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.



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**ANNOUNCEMENT
for**

Parents, Pastors, Staff and Students of ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC COLLEGE, AUSTRAL

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful, growing College. We are particularly delighted with the strong turnout of parents at our Year 7 (2021) information evening last night.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm that **Ms Lea De Angelis** will continue to serve as Principal to this great community as it moves into its secondary schooling phase.

Lea is an outstanding leader and as the founding principal, the person best placed to guide our College into the future. Ms De Angelis, Mrs Saab (Primary Consultant) and Dr Blowes (Secondary Consultant) will be working closely together, with the St Anthony of Padua Catholic College Steering Committee to prepare for the arrival of our first secondary students and the continued growth of our Primary school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Bob Hayes for his continued support of the College.

Warm regards

**Dr Vicki Lavorato
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
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