



9/10 March 2019-Year C First Sunday of Lent



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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: When He calls on me, I will answer Him; I will deliver Him and give Him glory, I will grant Him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the First Sunday of Lent**

1. Bread and Stones

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus has not eaten for forty days in the desert and he feels the whole forty days' worth of hunger. That's a lot of hunger! Satan comes to him in the desert and urges him to turn stones into bread so that Jesus has something to eat.

Now there's nothing good about hunger, and there's nothing bad about bread. On the contrary, Jesus himself *commands* us to pray for bread daily.

Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives.

And there is no question about the fact that Jesus has the power to provide bread for himself. He can turn water into wine, and he can stop being hungry by turning stones into bread. As far as that goes, Jesus himself tells us that if a son asks his father for bread, no good father will give him a stone (Lk11:11). So Jesus could get bread from stones just by asking his Father, who is God and good, to give him bread.

Why doesn't Jesus do so? And what are we to make of the line with which Jesus refuses Satan's suggestion: "people do not live by bread alone?" If I suggest that you might like some ham, what sense does it make for you to tell me that people do not live by ham alone?

Notice, though, that that line does make sense if what you are telling me is that you are full. In another Gospel, Jesus says, "Man does not live by bread alone, *but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*" (Matt 4:4) Jesus himself is the Word of God, and he came into the desert filled with the Spirit of God (Lk 4:1). Even though he is hungry after so long a fast, then, there is another sense in which he really is full.

Jesus' rejection of Satan's urging gives us a pattern for our lives. In our suffering, when those things we think we need in order to live are denied us, we do not have to be desperate. When we are hungry for what we do not have because our Father God has not given it, we still have the Word of God, which comes into us and can fill us. Jesus, who is the cornerstone of the Church, is our bread at the same time. And so we can be like him: full—even when, in the stony parts of our lives, we are hungry, too.

2. Season of Lent



The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, with the distribution of Ashes at the 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. Catholic Mission (Propagation of the Faith)

Appeal

Thanks to you all for your generosity towards Catholic Mission appeal project. Together, we raised the sum of One thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$1880.00). May God reward you abundantly.

5. Liturgy Meeting

There will be a Liturgy committee meeting this Wednesday March 13th. Discussion will be on Lenten programs, Reflection days, Holy week and Easter celebrations. Members of the committee as well as representatives of Acolytes/Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Choir groups and etc. are encouraged to join in the meeting.

Venue: Parish presbytery, 320 Edmonson Avenue, Austral

Time: 7.30pm



6. St Anthony of Padua Catholic College News

Throughout Lent staff, students, families and parishioners of St Anthony's are invited to take part in the initiative, Snapshots: Discovering God in our Day. This initiative will provide many opportunities at home, at school and in the parish community to become more aware of God's presence in our daily lives. Each day God blesses us with many gifts. In the busyness of life, sometimes these gifts can be missed. Living in the moment makes us better people. It allows us to enjoy and appreciate what we have, and even more importantly, be thankful to our God for it. Becoming more aware of the wonderful gifts from God fills us with hope and encourages us to share that hope through project compassion. Each Family can collect a Snap Shots Lenten Pack which is in a small calico bag when they collect their project Compassion box.

7. Thank You

I wish to thank you all for your individual welcome and acceptance as I celebrated my first Mass in St Anthony's Parish last weekend. I could sense a presence of community spirit in the parish owing to the number of people that stayed behind after Mass for a chat and greetings. As we begin our Lenten season may I encourage all to keep supporting our parish community by your presence, suggestions and prayers. God bless you all.

May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

11-16 March

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



18-23 March

L Pecotich, A Mammone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries

READERS ROSTER

9/10 March

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

16/17 March (Second Sunday of Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Chris Pisani

Readers:

Chris Pisani: 1st Reading

Margaret Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret DeVries

Readers:

Margaret DeVries: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

9/10 March

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

16/17 March

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

9/10 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

16/17 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

9 March

F Hockings & V Bugeja

16 March

Sarah & V Casha



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

10 March

Frances & Faye

24 March

Sister Rosa & Jayann

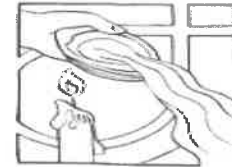


- The School with no exams
- New ACU campus for Blacktown
- The Pell verdict: Monica Doumit, Peter Westmore, Greg Craven, Fr Flader, George Weigel
- Called to be a Knight
- Movie review: How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World
- What Francis's Summit meant

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Isla Mae Ghassibe
(Child of Christopher & Amy)



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: Gina San Jose, Antoninno Raiti

Anniversaries: Antoinette Sultana, Biaggio Gimellaro, Michele Stanco, Vincenza Mulluso, Isidoro Bianchi

Also for: Dec'd Members of the Vartuli Family, All souls in Purgatory

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, Michael Jasenko and Special Intention