



16/17 March 2019-Year C Second 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: Of You my heart has spoken, Seek His face. It is Your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not Your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son,
hear Him. **Glory and Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to Him

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

1. Righteousness

In the First Reading, God promised Abraham that his descendants would be innumerable, and Abraham trusted him and believed the promise. God counted that trust as an act of righteousness on Abraham's part.

Then God promised to give Abraham the land around him. In response, Abraham asked, "How am I to know that I will possess it?"

That doesn't sound like a trusting response, does it? If you promised me that you would give me some CDs, and I said, "How do I know that you will give them to me?" you would be insulted, wouldn't you?

Trust in God came hard to Abraham. No sooner had he managed it, and gotten credit with God for it, then he lost it again.

If you were actually willing to honor my question, then you might try to allay my skepticism in some way. But here is what God did. He had Abraham sacrifice some animals, and then he sent Abraham a terrifying darkness and a vision of fire over the sacrifice. While Abraham was having that vision, God reiterated his promise to Abraham and developed it: God promised to give Abraham the land and told Abraham that his descendants would live in it.

How is this response supposed to allay Abraham's skepticism? It consists just in a repetition of the original promise together with some fireworks—a fearful darkness and a display of power over Abraham's sacrifice.

It is as if, in answer to my skepticism about your promise of CDs, you were to say to me, "I promise you that you will really get them! And I am powerful enough to make things happen." But what was in doubt was my reliability to keep my promises, not my power to do so.

God's response to Abraham's doubt is like this. Even with the fireworks in the vision, it still requires Abraham to trust God in just the way he wasn't willing to do when he asked, "How do I know that you will give them to me?"

What is the point of God's response then? In fact, what is the point of God's making the promise of the land in the first place? If God wants Abraham to have this land, why doesn't God just give it to him *now*?

The answer to all the questions is implicit in the answer to that last question. God wasn't trying to be Abraham's real estate agent. He was trying to develop a relationship with Abraham. But that relationship required trust in God on Abraham's part.

And trust in God came hard to Abraham. No sooner had he managed it, and gotten credit with God for it, then he lost it again, as the story makes clear.

Notice, though, how precious Abraham's trust was to God when Abraham finally did manage it: God counted it for righteousness. When we lament our sins and long for righteousness, this is a good story to remember.

2. Archbishop Valerian Maduka Okeke visits Australia

I hope you will join me in welcoming my home Archbishop on his first visit to Australia. Archbishop Val hails from Umudioka – Dunukofia (my hometown as well) in Anambra State of Nigeria and was ordained a priest on July 11 1981. He was ordained an Archbishop on February 9 2002 and has been the Archbishop of Onitsha Nigeria since September 1 2003.



Archbishop Val will arrive Australia through Sydney airport on Thursday 28th March and will visit Lismore diocese before coming down to Sydney on Saturday 30th March. Arrangements are being made to see if he could celebrate the vigil Mass for us on that day (I will confirm this later). Thank you.

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. 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.

5. Easter Ceremonies



There are sign up sheets for the Easter Ceremonies on the table at the back of the Church, please sign up for what you can.

6. Season of Lent

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.

May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

18-23 March

Brianna, Raquel, Olivia

25-30 March

L Pecotich, A Mamone,
M Gimallero. M DeVries



READERS ROSTER

16/17 March

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

23/24 March (Third Sunday of Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 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: Mica Mastroeni

Readers:

Mica Mastroeni: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

16/17 March

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

23/24 March

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

16/17 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Peter Grizelj

23/24 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

16 March

Sarah & V Casha

23 March

Suzanne Sanchez & R Micallef



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext

NURSING HOME ROSTER

24 March

Sister Rosa & Jayann

29 March

Mass

“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 are: October 16, 23,30.

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

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

Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Catiras Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Her two youngest children go to school nearby while her 19 year old son lives in a rented room close to his school 60 kilometers away. The family pays for his living-away-from-home expenses, in addition to providing for school expenses.

Tati has increased her family income ten times over by cooking for tourists and making souvenirs. Her community is also developing a strong financial base so that it can manage its own land.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Carmen Xerri

Anniversaries: Danika Blazincic

Also for: Charlie Vella

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

