



## 30/31 March 2019-Year C Fourth Sunday of Lent



### **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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Praise and honour to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent C**

### **1. Trading Parched Grain for Manna**

In the First Reading, the Israelites are finally at the promised land. The Exodus is over, and they eat the parched grain from the produce of the land.

The Exodus was a tough time for the Israelites. But, almost from the start, there was one peril in the desert that the Israelites did not suffer from: lack of food.

That is because God himself fed them. A funny kind of food appeared on the ground, and the Israelites gathered it in. When that funny food first showed up on the ground, the Israelites said, "WHAT is THAT?"—"MAH NA", in their language. (And 'manna' is what it came to be called by them, and by us.)

The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus.

The Israelites learned fast what the answer to their question was. The stuff on the ground, the manna, was like Tolkien's *lembas* or Elvenbread. It was unbelievably nourishing. You could go a very long time on just a little of it. And it was delicious. It was light; it had something of the taste of coriander about it; and there was a suspicion of honey, too. It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who handfed his people in the wilderness.

Who would ever want to give up manna?

When the Exodus ended, the manna did too. One night the Israelites ate the parched grain of the promised land, and the next day there was no more manna.

I don't know what parched grain is, but it doesn't sound worth having by comparison with manna, does it? It doesn't sound delicious. It doesn't come from the hand of God; you have to get it for yourself. And you have to work to grow it. It doesn't just magically appear on the ground in the morning.

Who would ever want to trade manna for parched grain?

But the parched grain was the beginning of life in the promised land, where the Israelites found a home. The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus. Out of the sorrow of trading manna for parched grain there came the consolation of home. And here is the lesson for us. The Lord's goodness never fails. It changes in character, but it is always there for us. It just has to be waited for.

## 2. New Altar Cloth

I'm sure that over the years our Church has been erected, we observe changes (eg those I have made since coming to St Anthony's) and become used to them, so when another change, though subtle, we aren't aware of it. This is the situation in my case, last weekend.

I returned to look after the weekend Masses and celebrate a wedding, went up and around the altar, prayed before the altar, but noticed no changes. But there is one!

We have a NEW altar cloth that has a front piece to it so that the front of the altar legs are now hidden behind the altar cloth.

Once brought to my attention together with our Lenten front banner, the altar looks great for Lent.

On your behalf, I thank Pasqualina Catanzariti for the work and devotion she has given to completing this project.

So, to Pasqualina, thank you for your wonderful devotion to making the altar area very devotional and uplifting.



## 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. Holy Communion Forms

There are still many forms not collected from us even though they have been available now for 4 weekends. Today, is the 5th weekend.

Candidates who haven't collected the forms to date can collect them from Fr Kene in the sacristy.

## 5. Farewell to a 9am Acolyte

Peter Grizeli has been a faithful acolyte at the 9am Mass during my tenure at St Anthony's and before me with Fr Short.

Like other parishioners they have moved down into the Camden parish and travelling back and forward is becoming onerous.

On behalf of us all at St Anthony's I thank Peter for his ministry to us at the 9am mass.

I wish Peter and Carmen every blessing in their new home and Camden Community.

We have lost his parents, as well, and Peter's father was a warden at the 9am mass. I thank him for his service to the community. We will miss them all!

## 6. Volunteers Needed

In a changing parish, we need parishioners to volunteer to assist in the various ministries. Can you help?

Please fill in the sheet on the back table and place it in the Census box. As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work."

## 7. Thanks to Archbishop Valerian Okeke

We thank His Grace, Archbishop Valerian Maduka Okeke, the Archbishop of Onitsha Archdiocese, Nigeria on his visit to Australia and celebrating Mass in our parish. Hope he enjoys his stay with us and safe travel as you return on Tuesday.

## 8. Fr Kene Returns

We welcome Fr Kene back from his Chaplains Course held at ADFA Canberra. Completing the Chaplains course moves Fr Kene from a probation Chaplain to being fully equipped to attend to his Army Chaplaincy duties with his posting Unit, 5 Engineers Regiment.

I congratulate him on moving through his probation period.

## 9. Easter Evening Reflection

Women, Girls, Men and Boys are invited for the evening reflection as part of our preparation for the celebration of Easter. There will also be sacrament of Anointing which forgives sins.

For women and girls

Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Time: 7.30pm

For men and boys:

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 7.30pm

## 10. Holy Week Rehearsal

There will be rehearsal for Holy week ceremonies. Acolytes, senior servers, altar servers, commentators and those who have something to do in the Holy week liturgy/Mass are encouraged to attend.

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Time: Following Men and Boys Evening Reflection

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 1-6 April

D Giubega, L Vitale,  
M Garzaniti, R Khattar



### 8-12 April

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri

## READERS ROSTER

### 30/31 March

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

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 6/7 April (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

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

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 30/31 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Julie Dimech & Catherine Florio



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

#### **Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

### 6/7 April

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Bonnie Szafranski & Victoria Bugeja

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 30/31 March

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

### 6/7 April

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 30 March

Daniela Romeo

### 6 April

S Mercieca & L Camilleri



#### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 7 April

Frances & Faye

### 26 April

Mass

## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope Francis on Our Need for Daily Bread

'This prayer comes from evidence that we often forget, that is, that we aren't self-sufficient creatures...'  
March 27, 2019 15:08 Jim Fair General Audience

"Give us this day our daily bread" begins the second part of the "Our Father," which was the focus of Pope Francis during his March 27, 2019, General Audience commentary in St. Peter's Square.

"We pass today to analyze the second part of the 'Our Father,' in which we present our needs to God," the Pope said. "This second part begins with a word that smells daily: bread.

"Jesus' prayer begins with a pressing demand, which is very similar to the entreaty of a beggar: 'Give us our daily bread!' This prayer comes from evidence that we often forget, that is, that we aren't self-sufficient creatures, and that every day we need to eat."

Thus, the Holy Father explained, the prayer reminds us of our need for God each day in our lives. But he continued by urging the faithful to be reminded by the prayer of the needs of others.

"And now it will do us good to pause a bit and to think of starving children," Francis said. "Let us think of children that are in countries at war: the starving children of Yemen, the starving children in Syria, the starving children in so many countries where there isn't bread, in South Sudan. Let us think of these children and, thinking of them, let us say together in a loud voice the prayer: 'Father, give us this day our daily bread' — altogether.

"The bread that we ask of the Lord in prayer is the same that one day will accuse us. It will reprove our little habit of breaking it with one who is close to us, our little habit of sharing it. It was bread given for humanity and, instead, only someone ate it: love can't endure this. Our love can't endure this; nor can the love of God endure this egoism of not sharing the bread."

The Holy Father concluded by referring to the miracle of the loaves and fishes, noting that it was a true miracle – and also a lesson about the importance of sharing:

"The true miracle wrought by Jesus that day was not so much the multiplication — which is true —, but the sharing: give what you have and I will do the miracle. He Himself, by multiplying that bread offered, anticipated the offering of Himself in the Eucharistic Bread. In fact, only the Eucharist is able to satiate the hunger for the infinite and the desire for God that animates every man, also in the search for daily bread."





**Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00**

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- The Coptic way
- Vatican Says vaccinations are OK
- Jesuit finds Jesus on the streets
- Movie Review: Captive State

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Kurt Wade McKell  
(Child of Wade & Ponsie)



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

Michaela is a 21 year old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease.  
 With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.  
 Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential care, employment and training for First Australians.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**



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

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Isidoro Bianchi, Sam Marino, Bruno Negroni, Carmen Xerri

**Also for:** Holy Souls

**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

## 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.

## Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts 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](mailto: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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org.au)

## "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](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

## Marriage Congratulations

Last weekend at St Anthony's we celebrated the marriage of

Daniel Ramirez

and

Lauren Mercuri

We congratulate them on their marriage and wish them a wonderful life together.



## The Chain of Mary Association Inc

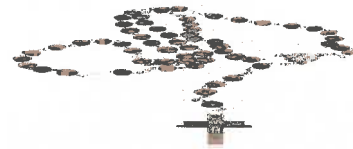
One Decade Rosary Booklet.

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 was the first animal in space?

A. The cow that jumped over the moon.

## **Parish Community Preparations for Easter**

Advent passed and Lent is in its fourth and final weeks. With Fr Bob away on long service and Fr Kene attending his Army Chaplaincy course in Canberra till this weekend. This insert provides information for the coming Easter Triduum and there is need to inform you of a few changes for the coming Holy Week celebrations and to remind you of our reflection nights for both Ladies and Daughters and Fathers and Sons.

First up is this Wednesday night being the Women's reflection evening commencing at 7.30pm. The feedback sheet that the women and men filled in from Advent last Christmas revealed appreciation and encouragement. The Liturgy committee invites and encourages all women of the parish, mothers and grandmothers to bring their daughters and granddaughters of high school age with them this Wednesday night to participate. Fr Kene is following Fr Bob our parish priest's practice and will administer the Sacrament of Anointing, that as you are aware forgives all the sins of the penitent. [the soul gets a clean bill of health in preparation for Easter so come and take advantage of the Sacrament].

As Catholics we are all obliged to attend confession once a year and receiving the sacrament of anointing forgives all sin. This makes reconciliation easier for those who have not been to confession for quite some time or have other difficulties in encountering this sacrament.

The Men's evening is the following week, Wednesday 10th April and we will repeat the invitation the following Sunday to remind the men and their sons to attend and support this evening reflection.

### **A Major Change**

The Altar of Repose that is set up for adoration at the end of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper will be moved from the back room [the children's crying room] and set up over the Baptismal Font area in the church. This move will allow more parishioners to stay awhile in adoration of Jesus in His coming Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection. Our reason for the change is that the small chapel does not accommodate the numbers wishing to spend some quite time in adoration.

After Benediction on Holy Thursday night, a quite time in adoration will take place for ten minutes or so. This respects those wishing to spend some private time with Our Lord in silence. All are asked to respect this quite time. Evening Prayer as is the custom will follow the period of quiet. The committee also agreed to invite cultural community groups if they wish to pray together as a community in their language and custom to have five to ten minutes slots for their group in adoration. If a group wishes to do so, please arrange and inform Fr Kene or myself to arrange a time slot. Following such groups, the usual prayer group will commence their adoration and close the church when they finish.

From the Easter Vigil Saturday night and at all the Easter Sunday Masses, small beakers of newly blessed Holy Water will be available at the Baptismal font for Families to take home with them and bless their homes. The liturgy committee is asking for a gold coin donation to cover cost of the beaker.

Easter Vigil Saturday Night. O H & S has put a stop to individual lighted candles. Please respect this OH&S restriction and if finances allow the parish may purchase little lanterns for next Easter. If parishioners have such please bring and use on Saturday night, but lighted candles are an OH&S restriction.

Finally, the committee still needs volunteers for parts of the Easter Triduum services. Fr Kene together with the Acolytes, senior servers and Altar servers will be holding a rehearsal after the men's reflection night on the 10th. It is envisaged that it will only take 30 minutes or a bit more.

This is an opportunity for the men and younger men of the parish considering active involvement in the liturgy of the parish to attend and be encouraged to participate not only during the Easter Vigil visual but in the parish Eucharist's throughout the year. Liturgy Committee (Edward Mamo)

## **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.

## PARISH INVOLVEMENT SHEET

A Parish is because of the community and its willingness to give a little time to the needs of the community. As the saying goes "many hands make light work" of things.

Below are areas of involvement that parishioners could assist in and be involved in within the parish community.

Please tick the Ministry and give your name and phone number and place in the "Census Box" on the back table.

Thank you in advance, you will be contact in due course with further information.

.....Tear off form.....

Yes, I would like to be involved in:- (Please Tick)

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Altar Society
- Liturgy Committee
- Making Banners for the Church
- Eucharistic Minister
- Reader at      Sat Vigil Mass      Sunday 7.30am      Sunday 9am      (Please Circle)
- Parish Choir    Vigil      7.30am      9am
- Youth Committee (Years 7-10) establish a Youth Group
- Children's Sunday Liturgy      Vigil      9am
- RCIA Involvement-Preparing Christians to enter the Catholic Church
- Establish a Monthly Family Mass at the 9am Mass
- Wardens—assist in the two collections at weekend Masses
- Liturgical Decorations in the Church

Name:.....

Phone/Mobile.....

Email Address.....

If you have any enquiries in regards to the above please speak to Fr Bob or Fr Kene.