



20/21 April 2019-Year C Easter Sunday



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: I have risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia. You have laid your hand upon Me, Alleluia. Too wonderful for Me, this knowledge, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, Alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to St Anthony of Padua, Austral. To our parishioners and visitors as we gather to celebrate Easter and the Risen Lord in our midst.



1. Easter Joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous.

St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, "When we come to St. Mary of the Angels [our house], soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: 'Who are you?' And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!"*

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. As we sing in the much-loved hymn by Fr. John Foley, SJ, at Easter there is only "the cross and passion past; dark night is done, bright morning come at last!"** When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear the Lord say, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth" (Song of Songs 2:10-12). In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

2. Holy Communion Forms

There are still many forms not collected from us even though they have been available now for 7 weekends. Today, is the 8th weekend. Candidates who haven't collected the forms to date can collect them from Fr Kene in the sacristy.

3. ANZAC Day Mass

There will be ANZAC Day Mass in remembrance of our fallen heroes who sacrificed so much for us to have a better and peaceful country called Australia. Please come and join us as we thank God and pray for them.

Date: 25th April.

Venue: St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Austral.

Time: 9 am



4. Parish Involvement Sheet

In the Bulletin there is a Parish Involvement Sheet. Please take it home and read over it and see if you can be more involved with the Parish. Remember Many Hands Make Light Work!



5. Holy Water Bottles

Bottles of Holy Water will be available for parishioners to take home on this weekend. A donation of a Gold Coin would be appreciated to cover the cost of the bottles. Please put the coin in the container next to the Baptismal Font.



6.

6. Anzac Day Service

St Peter's Church are honoured to invite you to a very special event, our first ever **ANZAC DAY Festival of Remembrance.**

This deeply inspiring ceremony will be held on Thursday 25 April (4.30pm) at St Peter's Church, Surry Hills 235 Devonshire Street Surry Hills, with the theme: "***At the going down of the sun, we will remember them.***"

This will be a truly moving afternoon *for the whole family.* We are also delighted to announce that this event will be **FREE** or by Donation with all proceeds supporting the RSL DefenceCare assisting Veterans & their families in need.



7. Happy Easter and Thank You

He is not here. He has risen just as He said (Mat. 28:6); Alleluia!

May the celebration of Christ's passion and resurrection fill you and your families with peace and joy. And may you be the face of the risen Lord to your brothers and sisters and those you meet.

Happy Easter to you all.

Thank you all for your active support during the season of Lent and the celebration of Easter. I wish to thank our parish secretary, Cheryl, members of the Liturgy Committee, Church/Altar decorators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Acolytes, Altar servers, Members of the parish choir, Children's Sunday Liturgy coordinators, Wardens/offering collectors, Church cleaners and Lawn Mowers, etc. Our parish community have been blessed by your pastoral support and services. May God reward you and every one of us abundantly. God bless.

May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

22-26 April

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric



29 April-4 May

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

READERS ROSTER

20/21 April

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: As per programme

Readers:

As per programme: 1st Reading

As per programme: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: As per programme

Readers:

As per programme: 1st Reading

As per programme: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: As per programme

Readers:

As per programme: 1st Reading

As per programme: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

27/28 April (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

20/21 April

Saturday Vigil

As per programme

Sunday 7.30am

As per programme

Sunday 9am

As per programme

27/28 April

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara



ACOLYTES ROSTER

20/21 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

27/28 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

21 April

School Holidays

28 April

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

26 April

Mass

5 May

Sister Rosa & Jayann

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



In Remarkable Text, Pope Benedict XVI Speaks Out on the Abuse Crisis — and the Centrality of the Presence of Christ Still Today

The text below has, astonishingly, just been written and published by **Pope Benedict XVI**. With the approval of **Pope Francis**, it was published today on a German website (Benedict will turn 92 in a six days, on April 16), and now has been translated into English and published on a number of web sites, including *Catholic News Agency*.

It is *absolutely the most important text Benedict has published since his resignation of the papacy in February 2013*, more than six years ago.

Here are two essential passages from the text.

(1) The first is a defense of the eternal presence of the Church in the affairs of humanity. Despite all appearances, despite all the sins of Christians, the Church bears God's saving message, and we must realize this, and become aware of the many "witnesses" who make this truth visible. Benedict writes:

"It is very important to oppose the lies and half-truths of the devil with the whole truth: Yes, there is sin in the Church and evil. But even today there is the Holy Church, which is indestructible. Today there are many people who humbly believe, suffer and love, in whom the real God, the loving God, shows Himself to us. Today God also has His witnesses (martyres) in the world. We just have to be vigilant in order to see and hear them.

(2) The second is the centrality of Christ.

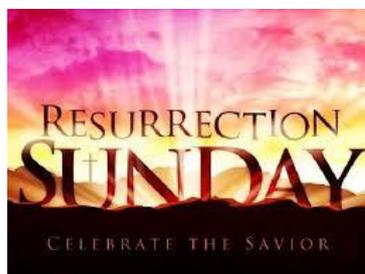
We must not focus on the sins of persons, but on the reality of Christ, who came among us, in the flesh, stayed among us, is among us, and will always be among us. So there is no need for despair, no need to abandon our faith, only a need to reach out to touch the hem of His robe, to remain in contact with Him, in His presence. Benedict writes:

"When thinking about what action is required first and foremost, it is rather obvious that we do not need another Church of our own design. Rather, what is required first and foremost is the renewal of the Faith in the Reality of Jesus Christ given to us in the Blessed Sacrament."

The sacramental life of the Church may seem to some an archaic, outmoded way of living the reality of this fallen world, where there is "so much to be done" to comfort the suffering and heal the wounded. But the sacramental life of the Church is a spiritual fountain which offers to men and women true life, true healing, since it offers communion with Christ himself.

Pope Benedict is reminding us to turn toward Christ where He may be found — in the Eucharist, in the sacramental life of His Church.

These are the two great messages of this astonishing, unexpected, profoundly important document.





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- A NEW LIFE: Former politician with Parkinson finds a new lease on life
- A Crossroads for religious freedom?
- Pro-lifers slam Court decision
- How Christ died....A doctor's view
- Why seminary life appeals
- Movie Review: Shazam

Please put \$2 in the poor box

PARISH PLANNED GIVING:

We thank most sincerely all parishioners who contribute through the Planned Giving Envelope Program. Your pledge and commitment assist not only in forward financial planning, but the financial contribution goes a long way towards funding the operating expenses associated with running this parish.

Your Giving is Tax deductible.

If you do not presently contribute through the envelope system, we would welcome your pledge and ongoing contribution, please contact the parish Office

On 9606 0206.



Prepare to reach beyond...

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. **Overseas Catholic communities** are inviting you to **immerse yourself** for 1 to 2 years.

If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by **sharing them with our global family!**



Palms Australia
Reach Beyond

**Come for Global Mission Info:
Sunday May 26th @ 10:30am
Aquinas Academy
141 Harrington Street,
The Rocks, SYDNEY**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Anthony Macri, Antonio Sangiuliano

Anniversaries: August Najdek, Regina Jasenko, Caterina Kairuz, 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, Antoinette Grotto



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. The retreats for 2019 will be held at Varroville, NSW on Oct 25-27. Brochures are in the church or see the website: 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

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

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One Decade Rosary Booklets

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and 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 the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life.

Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:
Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

Sessions held: Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.



KID'S CORNER

Q. What did the Easter Bunny rate the Easter Parade?

A. Eggs-cellent..



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Safeguarding Office appreciates all of the support that you provide to ensure those who have suffered abuse are able to receive the correct help and support they need.

Kind regards

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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.

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

Acolytes

Altar Servers

Church Cleaning

Lawn Mowing

Name:.....

Phone/Mobile.....

Email Address.....

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