



27/28 April 2019-Year C Second Sunday of Easter



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: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter

1. Trust After Heartbreak

In the Gospel Reading, the risen Jesus appears to ten of his apostles. Thomas is missing. The ten are convinced; but when Thomas rejoins them after Jesus has vanished, Thomas is highly skeptical.

A week later, Jesus appears to all eleven of them and invites Thomas to make good on his skeptical challenge. Jesus tells him, Put your finger in my wounds and believe! And then, without so much as touching Jesus, Thomas believes.

Actually, then, all Thomas did was see Jesus and his wounds, and then he believed. But, of course, that is just what the other ten apostles did in the first appearance of Christ, when Thomas was absent.

So why didn't Christ make his first appearance to the apostles at a time when Thomas was there too? Why did Christ first appear when Thomas was absent? Why single Thomas out in this way?

When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe.

Thomas had trusted Jesus and believed he was the Messiah. But then the Romans killed Jesus; and when they did, they also killed the hope in Jesus that Thomas had. How much Thomas trusted before the crucifixion can be understood by the way Thomas hardened his heart against trust in the aftermath. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall," we say. And the bigness of Thomas' heart and the greatness of his trust in Jesus can be seen by how hard Thomas fell when he thought his trust was betrayed.

Thomas thought he had made a fool of himself by believing in Jesus, and he was not going to let his heart be broken again. And so when he heard the other apostles express their belief, he scoffed. In scoffing, Thomas protected himself against further heartbreak by turning his back on Jesus and all that Jesus meant to him.

And maybe that is why Jesus left Thomas out of his first appearance to the apostles. When heartbreak is so powerful, it can need space to breathe, to let its pain come to fruition. Maybe if Thomas had not been able to move all the way from heartbreak to skepticism, he would not have been able to move back to Jesus so powerfully either.

Without any more evidence than any of the other apostles had, Thomas says to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

2. Easter Ceremonies at St Anthony's

Attending our Easter Ceremonies, the comment was made of new faces, young faces and families attending. So, the face and people of the community is changing as we observe from the many housing estates mushrooming in the area.

The numbers at our ceremonies were well attended with standing room at Good Friday and our Easter Sunday Masses.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your prayers, participation in the Easter Liturgies and support to me while Fr Bob is on Long Service Leave.

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.

3. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Next Sunday, the CWF's last collection for this financial year will be taken up at all weekend Masses.

The Archdiocese supports the Church agencies that are assisted by YOUR support to CWF. They are:

- *Catholic Care-supporting families, couples & singles
- *Confraternity of Christine Doctrine (CCD)-supporting our Catechists in sharing faith with the Catholic Children at Austral Public School
- *Ephpheta Centre-assisting those impaired
- *Aboriginal Catholic Community
- *The Seminaries-there are two in the Archdiocese with over 50 young men in training
- *Chaplains-both hospital and prison chaplains

On behalf of the Archdiocese, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, I thank you for your ongoing support to the CWF and its works to bring Christ's love and compassion to many in need.

4. Preparing for First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, at our Masses, we begin our preparation with our candidates for their First Holy Communion. Candidate and parents are to present themselves at the Mass they attend in the enrolment ceremony that will take place during Mass.

Please bring along your application sheet that you have picked up from the Church earlier this year.

Please Note: Do not hand any monies in with the

Enrolment sheet.

Please hand in the monies during the instruction period in the hall to Sister Rosa or Jayann.

5. Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

A reminder to members of the Parish Council of our meeting in the presbytery Monday night (May 6 at 7pm. Any suggestions/comments etc should be emailed to the presbytery email address in time for the meeting.

6. Project Compassion

Thank you to all who donated their Lenten penances by contributing to the needs and support of Project Compassion, as we know a very worthy cause of the Church through many years.

The amount given to date is: \$5410.00

Anyone with boxes at home can return them to the back table, next weekend.

7. Church Toilets

Once again we have had a blockage in the toilets, we had to have an emergency plumber come out and **AGAIN** he found nappies caused the blockage.

PLEASE DO NOT dispose of nappies in the toilets. The cost to the Parish is enormous. Surely you don't put them down your toilets at home so PLEASE don't do it here.

Otherwise, the toilets will have to be locked during masses as this is the third time it has happened.

8. Lawn Mowing

The Parish grounds over the past 5 years have been looked after by John Bonanno. John has had a medical procedure and is unable to do the mowing of the parish grounds for several months. The mowing consists of the Church/Presbytery area, the grass strip along Eleventh Avenue to the parish hall, the grass strip running down Edmondson Avenue and the presbytery (front and back) lawns at 320 Edmondson.

Is there a couple of "dads" with ride-on mowers who would volunteer to keep the parish plant looking good as John has done over the past 5 years. At the moment we only have 2 volunteers.

May God Bless you.



Fr Kene

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

29 April-4 May

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



6-11 May

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

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

4/5 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Margaret de Vries

Readers:

Margaret de Vries: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

27/28 April

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

4/5 May

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

27/28 April

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

4/5 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

28 April

School Holidays

4 May

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo



9am Sunday

NURSING HOME ROSTER

5 May

Sister Rosa & Jayann

19 May

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'The Resurrection of Christ is the most shocking event in human history'

Pope Francis prayed the Regina Coeli on Easter Monday with the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square. He offered a reflection, recalling the Easter joy that continues this week.

Here is a Vatican News translation of the full text of the Pope's reflection.

Today and throughout this week, the Easter joy of the Resurrection of Jesus, the wonderful event we commemorated yesterday, will continue.

During the Easter Vigil, the words spoken by the Angels at the empty tomb of Christ resounded. To the women who had gone to the tomb at dawn on the first day after the Sabbath, they said: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen". The Resurrection of Christ is the most shocking event in human history, attesting to the victory of God's Love over sin and death and giving our hope of life a rock-solid foundation. What was humanly unthinkable happened: "Jesus of Nazareth...God raised Him up, freeing Him from the pains of death".

On this Easter Monday (in Italian "Monday of the Angel"), the liturgy, with the Gospel of Matthew, takes us back to the empty tomb of Jesus. The women, full of awe and joy, are leaving in a hurry to go and bring the news to the disciples; and at that moment Jesus presents Himself before them. They "came up to Him and, falling down before Him, clasped His feet". Jesus drives fear out of their hearts and encourages them, even more, to announce to their brothers and sisters what has happened. All the Gospels emphasize the role of women, Mary of Magdala and the others, as the first witnesses of the resurrection. The men were frightened, they were closed in the Upper Room. Peter and John, advised by Mary Magdalene, only went out briefly and saw that the tomb was open and empty. But it was the women who were the first to meet the Risen One and to bring the message that He was alive.

Today, dear brothers and sisters, the words of Jesus addressed to the women resound for us too: "Do not be afraid; go and proclaim...". After the liturgies of the Easter Triduum, which allowed us to relive the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection, now with the eyes of faith, we contemplate Him risen and alive. We too are called to meet Him personally and to become His heralds and witnesses.

With the ancient Easter Sequence, we repeat during these days: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". In Him we too have risen, passing from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love. Let us, therefore, allow ourselves to be touched by the consoling message of Easter and be enveloped by its glorious light, which dispels the darkness of fear and sadness. The risen Jesus walks beside us. He manifests Himself to those who call on Him and who love Him. First of all, in prayer, but also in simple joys lived with faith and gratitude. We can also feel His presence when we share moments of cordiality, welcome, and friendship, or when we contemplate nature. May this feast day, on which it is traditional to enjoy some leisure and free time, help us to experience the presence of Jesus.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary to help us draw with full hands the gifts of peace and serenity of the Risen One, and to share them with our brothers and sisters, especially with those who most need comfort and hope.





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.



**Friday 26 & Saturday 27 July 2019
University of Notre Dame, Sydney**

Keynote Speakers

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
Kevin Donnelly

Monica Doumit | Author at the Catholic Weekly

Archbishop Julian Porteous | Archdiocese of Hobart

Matthew & Julie McDonald | Life Marriage and Family Office, Melbourne

Katrina Zeno | St John Paul II Resource Centre, Phoenix ,Arizona

John Shay | Natural Fertility Services, Cairns

Simon & Madeleine Carrington | Fire Up Ministries, Sydney

Bishop Michael Kennedy | Bishop of Armidale

Derek & Karen Boylen | Life Marriage and Family Office, Perth

Noel Mifsud | Catholic Schools Education, NT & SA

Dr Byron & Francine Pirola | Marriage Resource Centre

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Anthony Macri, Antonio Sangiuciano, Leo Ryan, Caterina Lorizzio (the sister of Fr John Iacono who is resident at Rosary Village, Yennora)

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, Caterina Kairuz

Also for: Vince Camilleri, 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 one plate say to the other plate?

A. Dinner is on me.

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.