



## 6/7 April 2019-Year C Fifth 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:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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

### **1. Caught and Shamed**

In the Gospel Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors. Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to themselves keep it. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her.

And so, by his justice for her and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

## 2. 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.



## 3. Holy Communion Forms

There are still many forms not collected from us even though they have been available now for 5 weekends. Today, is the 6th weekend.



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

## 4. Blessing of the Holy Oils

Mass for the blessing of oils on Holy Thursday will be at 10.30am at St. Mary's Cathedral Sydney on April 18.



## 5. Reconciliation for Easter

Easter Confessions/Reconciliation is on Wednesday April 17 with first rite starting at 7pm. There is also Easter Mass Schedule on the table at the back of the Church, please take one home.

## 6. Parish Involvement Sheet

In this weeks 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!



## 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. He has safely returned back to Nigeria.



## 8. Easter Evening Reflection

Thanks to the women and girls who attended the Women's reflection evening last Wednesday'



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 men and boys:

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

Time: 7.30pm

## 9. Holy Week Rehearsal

There will be rehearsal for Holy week ceremonies. All the ministers participating in the Holy week liturgies are encouraged to come.

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

Time: Following Men and Boys Evening Reflection

## 10. Holy Week Ceremonies

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

Please fill in the sheet on the back table for the various ceremonies for Holy Week.



May God Bless you.

Fr Kene



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

**8-12 April**

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri

**15-20 April**

L Lopez, L Simat, Y Refalo



## READERS ROSTER

**6/7 April**

**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

**13/14 (Palm Sunday)**

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John William Fisher: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

**6/7 April**

**Saturday Vigil**

Bonnie Szafranski & Victoria Bugeja



**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Margaret De Vries

**13/14 April**

**Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romao & Margaret Pisani

**Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

**6/7 April**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

**13/14 April**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**6 April**

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

**13 April**

Holidays



**9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

**7 April**

Frances & Faye

**26 April**

Mass



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- We won't budge on confession
- What's with Ringgate?
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**BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

John Stephen Vella  
(Child of Anthony & Kayla)



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

You may remember Salma, who featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, she was sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Caterina Kairuz

**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