



11/12 May 2019-Year C Fourth 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: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the Word of the Lord the heavens were made, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock, Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter and a Happy Mothers' Day to all



1. Walking Off a Cliff

In the First Reading, Paul is preaching in Antioch, and things are not going well for him. His audience contradicts him and shouts violent abuse at him. They find Paul's Christianity an affront to their own religion, which they do not want to give up.

What would we expect Paul's response to be to these angry people in his audience? How about this?

There is no love for him in being meek or gentle when he is about to go over the edge.

Paul: "Oh, gosh! I see that I have offended you! I am so sorry! I want you to know that I do validate your point of view too. No doubt, we all believe in the same God! I wasn't for a moment trying to suggest that there is anything wrong about your religion! I do wish that you wouldn't call me names and shout at me when I am trying to talk to you, but it's OK if you feel you need to do so. I appreciate that I upset you, though I really didn't meant to do so."

But, of course, this is not at all what Paul says. *By rejecting my preaching*, he tells the angry people, *you condemn yourselves and show yourselves unworthy of eternal life*. This is a stern condemnation both of their religious views and of their rejection of Paul's preaching. What happened to meekness, to turning the other cheek, to love of your enemies? Well, if your enemy is determined to walk off a cliff, what would you do?

Validate his point of view and tell him that all paths near the cliffs are equally good? The only way to love your enemy in this case is to tell him vehemently that he will kill himself if he doesn't alter his path. There is no love for him in being meek or gentle when he is about to go over the edge. In fact, all of us are headed for that cliff because of our post-Fall human nature. We are all unworthy of eternal life. But Christ suffered and died to save us—not from a wrathful God, but from ourselves. Our path to God lies through Christ and his cross.

And so, Paul's line to his audience is as stern as it is because, in their abusive rejection of him, they are racing towards destruction. Telling them that they are doing so is the best loving thing Paul can do for them.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



On behalf of the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan agencies that the CWF supports once again, I thank you for your contributions to the CWF appeal.

As indicated in last weeks bulletin the CWF supports either wholly or in part the following Church agencies:

- *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

The amount parishioners gave amounted to \$1990.00. This is a wonderful support to CWF when seen with the recent givings to Project Compassion and the Holy Places in Israel in Good Friday. Again, thank you and God Bless your generosity.

3. One Month Mass

The 9am Mass next weekend will be offered for the repose of the soul of Anthony "Tony" Macri. Sarina and family invite friends and parishioners to the Mass as they remember a beloved husband, father, parishioner and friend. This is his one month Mass since his death.

4. Liturgy Committee Meeting

Members are reminded of the Liturgy committee meeting on Thursday May 16 at 7pm in the Parish presbytery. Hope to see you all there.

5. 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.



6. Welcome to the Month of May

May devotion is a traditional practice held in the month of May to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary as the 'Queen of May' also known as the Month of Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us in this year's May devotion in the church with a Holy Rosary prayer. Times are as follows:

Monday: 10.30am

Tuesday – Thursday: 8.40am

Friday: after 9am Mass with exposition of the blessed Sacrament and benediction.

7. The Federal Election

Federal election takes place on Saturday, 18 May. Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney has asked us to consider especially the dignity of human person, from conception until natural death, and about the common good of the community when casting our votes. He gave three overarching areas, including Religious Freedom, Education and Care for the vulnerable as points for consideration. Details are on the Catholic Weekly and posters on the church notice boards.

8. New Rosters

New Rosters for Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers are available this week.

9. Happy Mothers' Day



Wishing all mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mothers' Day. From Fr Kene and Fr Bob (in his absence).

May God Bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr Kene'.

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

13-18 May

Brianna, Raquel, Olivia

20-25 May

L Pecotich, A Mamone,
M Gimellaro, M DeVries



READERS ROSTER

11/12 May

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Volunteer

Readers:

Volunteer: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

John-William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

18/19 May (5th Sunday of Easter)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Charlie Cilia

Readers:

Charlie Cilia: 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Pisani

Readers:

Margaret Pisani: 1st Reading

Chris Pisani: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

11/12 May

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

18/19 May

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

11/12 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

18/19 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

11 May

Rita & Chiara Moro

18 May

F Hockings & V Bugeja



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

19 May

Lina & Faye

31 May

Mass

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'One of the big problems people have today, including so many young people, is that they have lost their ability to dream.'

MAY 07, 2019 17:00JIM FAIRPAPAL TRIPS

Pope Francis had a clear message for young people on May 7, 2019: "One can never dream too much." His remarks came in a talk during an ecumenical meeting with young people at the Pastoral Center in Skopje, North Macedonia. It was a key stop during his May 5-7 ecumenical journey to Bulgaria and North Macedonia.

"Let me tell you that one can never dream too much," the Holy Father said. "One of the big problems people have today, including so many young people, is that they have lost their ability to dream. They don't dream, either much or little. When someone does not dream, when a young person does not dream, that empty space gets filled with complaints and a sense of hopelessness."

The Pope cited the example of Skopje native Saint Mother Teresa. He said she was someone who never stopped dreaming.

"She dreamed in a big way, and this is why she also loved in a big way," Francis said. "She had her feet firmly planted here, in her native land, but she didn't stand still. She wanted to be 'a pencil in the hands of God'. This was the dream she crafted. She offered it to God, she believed in it, she suffered for it, and she never gave it up. And God began to write new and amazing pages of history with that pencil."

The Holy Father encouraged the young people present to follow the saint's example. He said they should take their lives seriously and "make something beautiful."

"Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of our dreams (cf. *Christus Vivit*, 17); let us not deprive ourselves of the newness that the Lord wants to give us. You will encounter many, many unexpected twists and turns in life, but it is important to face them and find creative ways of turning them into opportunities. But never alone! No one can fight alone.

"How important it is to dream together! Just as you are doing today: everyone together, here in one place, without barriers. Please, dream together, not by yourselves! Dream with others and never against others! By yourselves, you risk seeing mirages, seeing things that are not there. Dreams are built together."





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Bishop confronts Labour leader
- She's 105? NO way! Meet Sr Eymard
- "Be my Priest"
- Remembering Les Murray
- Movie Review: Ugly Dolls

Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Lachlan Wallace Smith
(Child of Ben & Keilee)

Allie Anna Raumer
Madilyn Jane Raumer
(Children of Jarrad & Leanne)



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: Fr John Pearce CP (former Pasionist PP Marrickville)

Anniversaries: Victoria Vella, Giuseppina Musso, Raffaella Cucarro

Also for: Special Intention

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 time do ducks wake up?

A. At the quack of dawn.

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.

Mr. Robert Haddad

Head of New Evangelisation for Sydney Catholic Schools will facilitate a presentation and Discussion on the first chapters of Luke's Gospel at Mary Immaculate Catholic Primary School on:

When: Friday 24 May

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Where: Family Educator's Room at the school(Morning Tea will be provided)

All parishioners are invited to this wonderful opportunity to listen to an engaging speaker whose knowledge of the Catholic faith is inspiring! Mr Robert Haddad holds true to all the teachings of our faith and urges all to know, love and live the faith. We will gather in the church car park at 9:15am, carpool and head to Bossley Park together for 10:00am start.

RSVP is essential. Please email Veronica Leva on veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au or call on 0416277334 if you are attending before Friday 17 May.

Kind Regards

Veronica Leva | Family Educator

140 Eleventh Avenue Austral NSW 2179

p: 9606 8600



The Bishop's Blend

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Aquinas Symposium 2019

The Dominican friars of Sydney invite you to explore the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas during a day symposium to be held at Notre Dame University and St. Benedict's Church, Broadway on Sunday May 26th (10.30am-4pm). It will commence with 10.30am Mass at St. Benedict's followed by three presentations on the life and work of St. Thomas. The day will also include lunch and an interactive trivia competition. The cost is by donation though RSVP is required by Monday May 20th: aquinasevents@gmail.com.

Annual Marian Pilgrimage Sunday 19 May 2019

Annual Marian Pilgrimage at Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa
10.30 am Holy Mass, 2.00 pm Eucharistic procession from the valley
to the Shrine with Benediction. Hot food stalls available or BYO lunch.
Enquiries: 02 4773 8338