



4/5 May 2019-Year C Third 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: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the
glory of His name, O render Him glorious praise, Alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise You, Lord, for you have rescued me

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; He has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: Come and eat, And
He took bread and gave it to them, Alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter**

1. Judas and Peter

The Gospel Reading describes the meeting between Peter and Jesus after
the resurrection.* In the previous recorded exchange between Peter and
Jesus, when Jesus was captured and bound before his crucifixion, Peter
betrayed Jesus three times.

In his betrayal of Jesus, Peter is no different from Judas. But Peter is the
rock on which Jesus founded his church, and Judas is the villain of the
Christian story. How does Peter differ from Judas?

Finding himself sinful, Peter cleaved to Christ.

You might suppose that the difference lies in the fact that Peter repented
his betrayal of Jesus and Judas didn't. But the Gospel of Matthew says
that Judas confessed his sin and repented. (Matt.27:3-4) So then what
exactly is the difference between Judas and Peter?

The answer is shown beautifully in this Gospel Reading.

If you had been writing the story of this meeting between Peter and Jesus
after the resurrection, what would you have had Jesus say to Peter—
maybe something like this?

Jesus: "Peter, you know, don't you, that I love you anyway, even though
you betrayed me? Nothing you do, however sinful, can stop my love for
you, which is boundless."

Peter: "Yes, Lord, and I am so grateful that you can somehow still love me,
when I am as much a traitor as Judas was."

But that is not at all the way the Gospel Reading goes. What Jesus actually
asks Peter—and asks him *three times*—is this: "*Peter, do you love me?*"

If you had been in Peter's shoes, what would you have said? Maybe
something like this:

Peter: "Lord, I don't know what to say. You know that I love you, or else
maybe I should say that I want to love you. I don't know, I don't know.

What I did is so terrible! How could I have the shamelessness to say I love
you after what I did?"

But what Peter actually says is "Yes, Lord, I do love you"—and he says it
three times, once for each betrayal of his.

Finding himself sinful, Judas killed himself. Finding himself similarly sinful,
Peter cleaved to Christ. Peter let nothing, not even his own sins, introduce
any distance between him and the Lord he loved. And *that* is the difference
between Peter and Judas.

That is why Peter is the rock on which the church is founded.

2. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

This 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.

3. Preparing for First Holy Communion

This weekend, 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.

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. 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. 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 by Church \$5650.00 and School \$1,242.00 with a total of \$6,892.00. Anyone with boxes at home can return them to the back table, next weekend.

9. 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.

May God Bless you.


Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

6-11 May

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



29 April-4 May

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

READERS ROSTER

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

27/28 April (4th 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

4/5 May

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie
Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

27/28 April

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

4/5 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

11/12 May

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

4 May

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

28 April

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

5 May

Sister Rosa & Jayann

19 May

Lina & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope at Mass: 'may the Holy Spirit be the protagonist of our lives'

Pope Francis celebrated Mass on Tuesday morning inviting the faithful to make room for the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Speaking during the homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta, **Pope Francis** said we can be reborn from "our sinful existence" only with "the help of the same power that raised the Lord: the power of God". That's why, he continued, "the Lord sent us the Holy Spirit", because alone, we cannot do it. He was reflecting on the Gospel of the day in which Jesus tells Nicodemus "You must be born from above".

Linking this message to Easter and the Lord's Resurrection, the Pope recalled the fact that in the first apparition of Jesus to the apostles, on the Sunday of the Resurrection, the Lord breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit".

The Holy Spirit is our strength

"This is our strength! We cannot do anything without the Spirit", he said.

Reminding those present that a Christian life is not only about behaving well and doing the right things, the Pope said we can write our lives in "flourishing penmanship" but we are reborn only from the Spirit, therefore we must make room for it:

"It is the Spirit that allows us to rise from our limitations, from our deaths, because there are so many necroses in our life and in our soul", he said.

The Pope explained that "a life, that may call itself Christian, but that leaves no room for the Spirit and does not allow itself to be carried forward by the Spirit, is a pagan life, disguised as Christian".

"The Spirit" he said, "is the protagonist of Christian life".

It is the Holy Spirit, he said, who accompanies us, transforms us, and overcomes sin with us.

"No one has ever ascended to heaven except He who descended from heaven: Jesus. He came down from heaven, and at the moment of the resurrection, he said to us 'Receive the Holy Spirit', the companion of Christian life".

"One cannot walk the path of a Christian life without the Holy Spirit", he said.

The Holy Spirit is our daily companion

There cannot be a Christian life without the Holy Spirit, who is "our daily companion", the Pope continued: "a gift from the Father, a gift from Jesus".

"Let us ask the Lord" the Pope said, "to give us this awareness that we cannot be Christians without walking with the Holy Spirit, without acting with the Holy Spirit, without letting the Holy Spirit be the protagonist of our lives".

We must ask ourselves, therefore – he concluded – what place does the Spirit have in our lives, and we must ask the Lord for the grace to understand this message: "Our companion on our way is the Holy Spirit".





Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- We stand by Sri Lanka
- 2019 Federal Election Guide
- A drought of Catholic bachelors
- The Assault on Christianity
- Movie Review: Avengers: Endgame

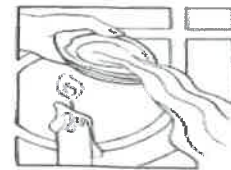
Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Genevieve Connie Cavafinni
(Child of Agostino & Nicole)

Alessio Cruz Novella
(Child of Giovanni & Amanda)



**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:

Anniversaries: Carmen Xerri

Also for:

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@rachelvineyard.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.rachelvineyard.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.