



15/16 June 2019-Year C Feast of St Anthony of Padua



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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: Hymn

Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Hymn

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of St Anthony of Padua our Parish Patron Saint

The Church celebrates the second of the Triduum namely the Holy Trinity but we celebrate our Patronal Feast of St Anthony of Padua.

1. The Truth

When Jesus was standing before Pilate (Jn 18:37-38), Pilate asked Jesus, with world-weary sophistication, "What is truth"?

But Pilate left without waiting for an answer. Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus actually gave this question its rightful answer (Jn 14:6): "I am the Truth," he told his apostles.

In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus explains how we ourselves come to the Truth. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, and Christ is the Truth. So the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth. And he guides Christ's people to all truth.

With that perspective, she will understand something of the great arc of creation which begins from the Lord and returns to the Lord.

When a person opens to Christ, who is the Truth, then the Spirit of Christ comes to dwell in her. And the indwelling Spirit brings with him the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge (and others). A person who loves Christ and has the Spirit of Christ within her knows the Lord. And in the light of that knowledge, she can also see a lot of things that she would have been blind to before she came to love the Lord. The knowledge of the Lord puts a lot of things into perspective.

With that perspective, she will understand something of the great arc of creation which begins from the Lord and returns to the Lord, and she will see the goodness of the Lord operative in it. And so she will be able to discern the great good things in life from the small ones. And this is wisdom.

Finally, with these gifts of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, she will also have insight into the means for finding the great good things of the Lord. This insight is the gift of counsel. So because she has opened to the Spirit of Christ and knows the Lord, she has these gifts of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, and knowledge.

But, you might think, how does any of this help me know the truth about what to do with this day's troubles? How should I deal with my son? What shall I do when I am sorrowful over the state of the church? What is the right answer to these questions? Where does the truth about these things lie?

Well, if you don't know where the truth lies and the Spirit of Truth is within you, then you can just ask him. And then the Spirit of the Lord, who is truth, will lead you to all truth, as the Lord says.

Pilate should have stayed for the answer to his question.

2. St Anthony of Padua Feast Day June 13



Last Thursday we celebrated our Parish Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua, Our Parish College School attended along with the college parents, parishioners and visitors who have a special devotion to St Anthony of Padua.

The students celebrated the Feast with great enthusiasm and their singing was wonderful as they celebrated theirs and ours Feast Day.

I thank Ms Lea De Angelis, Jenna O'Donnell our Religious Education Co-Ordinator (REC), staff and students for a wonderful celebration.

Those present I am sure will agree it was a wonderful celebration that St Anthony of Padua would be humbled by the enthusiasm shown by all. St Anthony of Padua....Pray for us all at Austral.

3. Planned Giving Envelopes



Envelopes for the New Financial are available for parishioners to take home this weekend.

Please check the table at the back of the Church. If anyone would like envelopes please contact the Parish Office on 9606 0206.

4. End of financial Year 18/19

As the FY 18/19 is only a few weeks away, I invite parishioners who give to the Parish Envelope scheme to look at their giving in order to take full advantage of the tax deductibility that is offered at present, at 25%.

If you have missed a few weeks, I invite you to catch-up during these last weeks.

Any parishioner who would like to make a one-off donation to the parish in order to receive the 25% tax deduction is most welcome to do so.

Please put your cheque or cash in a marked envelope with your name and contact details clearly marked in case we need to contact you if you are not on our parish data system.

Would you join the Parish envelope System through 19/20? Please fill in a Census Form on the back table to support our parish financially on a regular basis.

I thank all parishioners for their ongoing financial support to the Parish.

5. First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, is the Feast of Corpus Christi ie: the Body and Blood of Our Lord. It is the third of the Triduum after the Easter Season.

At a special Mass at 10.30am we will celebrate some of our young parishioners First Holy Communion, as we welcome them to the table of the Lord for the first time.

There are 16 candidates celebrating this Sacrament together with their family, relatives and friends. We pray the Good Lord will continue to bless them in their faith journey.

6. School News



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

This year, baptised students who are in Year 2 will be able to make their First Reconciliation. If you wish for your child to receive this Sacrament, attendance will be required at Mass on Sundays as the Sacrament is organised and facilitated through the Parish. All enrolment forms and information will only be available through the Parish

Behind the scenes at Lewisham for Night Patrol



An outreach opportunity for Parishioners to join staff and parents from the school once a term to travel to Lewisham as a group and assist at the Vinnies Van Services centre between 10am-1pm. We can grab a bite to eat at a local cafe or on our way back to school for pick up time. Lewisham is a larger centre than Liverpool and provides food for the Sydney van services. Activities we will be undertake on the day could include:

- Preparing sandwiches
- Cleaning of our vehicles (inside and out)
- Preparation of toiletry gift packs for those experiencing homelessness
- Sorting of donations
- The preparation of a salad or soup
- General cleaning and sorting.

We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 people to assist each day and unfortunately, because space

is limited at the centre, no toddlers are permitted.

The three dates remaining for this year are **Thursday 20 June, Tuesday 27 August and Tuesday 26 November.**

If you are interested in attending please email me at veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au or call on 0416277334



May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

17-22 June

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric



24-29 June

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

READERS ROSTER

15/16 June

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 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: Mica Pace

Readers:

Mica Pace: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

22/23 June (Feast of Corpus Christi)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Charlie Cilia: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

15/16 June

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Cheryl McKell



Sunday 7.30am

Margaret Pisani & Virginia Romeo

Sunday 9am

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

22/23 June

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Catherine Florio

Sunday 7.30am

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Margaret Pisani

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

ACOLYTES ROSTER

15/16 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

22/23 June

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

15 June

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

22 June

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

28 June

Mass



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis Continues Journey with the Acts of the Apostles

He 'was enrolled with the eleven' Apostles June 12, 2019

Pope Francis continued his General Audience catechesis on the Acts of the Apostles on June 12, 2019, by showing how Luke's text shows how the Gospel goes "beyond, beyond, beyond" — and how the 11 were restored to 12.

"It all starts from the Resurrection of Christ," the Holy Father explained. "This, in fact, is not an event among others but is the source of the new life. The disciples know it and — obedient to Jesus' command — they remain united, in agreement and persevering in prayer. They stay close to Mary, the Mother, and they prepare to receive the power of God, not passively but consolidating the communion among them." The Pope taught about the importance of the number of 12, which represented the 12 tribes of Israel. The first Christian community had 120 brothers and sisters. And, of course, Jesus chose 12 disciples. But with the loss of Judas, the number of apostles was reduced to 11.

"Judas had received the great grace of being part of the group of Jesus' intimates and of taking part in his same ministry but, at a certain point, he claimed to save his own life by himself with the result of losing it (Cf. Luke 9:24)," Francis lamented. "He ceased to belong to Jesus with his heart and put himself outside of communion with Him and His own.

"The evangelist Luke makes us see that in face of the abandonment of one of the 12, which created a wound in the community's body, it's necessary that his task pass to another. And who could assume it? "It's necessary to reconstitute the group of the Twelve. At this point, the practice begins of community discernment, which consists in seeing the reality with the eyes of God, from the viewpoint of unity and communion."

Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias were the two candidates for the 12th spot, Francis explained. The community prayed, discerned, and voted: Matthias won.

"Thus, the body of the Twelve was reconstituted, a sign that communion wins over divisions, over isolation, over the mentality that absolutizes private space, sign that communion is the first testimony that the Apostles offer.

"In the Acts of the Apostles, the 12 manifest the Lord's style. They are accredited witnesses of Christ's work of salvation and they don't manifest to the world their presumed perfection but, through the grace of unity, they make another emerge, who now lives in a new way in the midst of His people.

"And who is this? It is the Lord Jesus. The Apostles chose to live under the lordship of the Risen One in unity among brothers, which becomes the only atmosphere possible for the genuine gift of self."



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

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL:

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament.

Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990.

The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more.

For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615** or **1300721561** or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Francis Kenwright-Dennis

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Morizzi, Frano Banicevic, Anka Banicevic

Also for: Intentions of the Dimech Family. Charlie Vella, Dec'd members of the Vartuli Family, Vincent & Josephine Bonnici, Emmanuel & Mary Gatt.

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, John (Jock) Mikosic, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary).



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Reluctant doctors: Victoria experiences difficulty finding doctors who will end patient's lives
- God the Mother? Fr Flader explains
- Sanctity of the Seal: Why confession matters
- Gallery Hanging: Student makes it into the Young Archibald Prize
- Movie Review: Godzilla: King of the monsters
- Why I'm giving up Netflix

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.

KID'S CORNER

Q. What has hands but doesn't clap?

A. A Clock.



CHOSEN CONFERENCE

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the 4th - 7th July 2019 at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please

visit www.chosenconference.org.au.

For further information, queries or group registration please contact info@chosenconference.org.au or call us at 0491 002 081

"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

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.

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

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.

Please use the bags provided and the bin.

Please **DO NOT** throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.

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.

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua, Anthony also spelled Antony, Italian Sant'Antonio da Padova, original name Fernando Martins de Bulhões, (born 1195, Lisbon, Portugal—died June 13, 1231, Arcella, Verona [now in Italy]; canonized 1232; feast day June 13), Franciscan friar, doctor of the church, and patron of the poor. Padua and Portugal claim him as their patron saint, and he is invoked for the return of lost property. Anthony was born into a wealthy family and was raised in the church. He joined the Augustinian canons in 1210 and probably became a priest. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan order, hoping to preach to the Saracens (Muslims) and be martyred. On his way to Morocco, he became seriously ill and was forced to return home. However, his ship back to Portugal was blown off course and eventually landed in Sicily. Because of his continuing poor health, he was not allowed to pursue his missionary work among the Saracens. Instead, he taught theology at Bologna, Italy, and at Montpellier, Toulouse, and Puy-en-Velay in southern France, winning great admiration as a preacher. He died en route to Padua, Italy, where he is buried.

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints. Saint Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. He's typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. Many people give alms to St. Anthony Bread in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony. St. Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God. St Anthony is beloved throughout the world and is responsive to all people and all needs. His intercessory powers before our God are awesome.

After two years he was sent to Coimbra. There he began nine years of intense study, learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with the Franciscan vision. Fernando was probably ordained a priest during this time.

His quiet life of prayer and penance at the hermitage was exchanged for that of a public preacher. St Francis of Assisi heard of Anthony's previously hidden gifts, and Anthony was assigned to preach in northern Italy.

Despite his efforts, not everyone listened. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears; Anthony went to the river and preached to the fishes. That, reads the traditional tale, got everyone's attention.

Padua, Italy is a short distance west of Venice. At the time of Anthony, it was one of the most important cities in the country, with an important university for the study of civil and canon law. Sometimes Anthony left Padua for greater solitude. He went to a place loved by Francis—La Verna, where St. Francis received the wounds of Jesus. He also found a grotto near the friary where he could pray in solitude. The great energy he had expended during the Lent of 1231 left him exhausted. He went to a little town near Padua, but seeing death coming close, he wanted to return to the city that he loved. The journey in a wagon weakened him so much, however, that he had to stop at Arcella. He had to bless Padua from a distance, as Francis had blessed Assisi.

At Arcella, he received the last sacraments, sang and prayed with the friars there. When one of them asked Anthony what he was staring at so intently, he answered, "I see my Lord!" He died in peace a short time after that. He was only 36 and had been a Franciscan but 10 years. Wishing all Parishioners a Happy Feast Day.

St Anthony of Padua, Pray For Us.

