



17/18 August 2019-Year C Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. On Fire

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that he has come to set the world on fire. This fire, he says, will destroy peace. It will produce divisions even within a family.

Is this nice? Is this loving? Aren't we supposed to live in peace with everybody? How can Jesus say he came on purpose to set things on fire? Well, what is peace anyway?

If you love the Lord's goodness and your neighbour's, then you will hate the evil your neighbour is doing.

Peace is a kind of order and unity, isn't it? We have peace with other people when we are at one with each other and when our oneness unites us around goodness. That last condition matters. A mother who is at one with her toddler because she does everything he wants does not have peace. She just has capitulation to his baby-will, and her knuckling under to him might be destructive to him. Peace results only when she and her toddler at one with each other in what is good for both of them, for her as mother and for him as baby.

And, of course, the same point applies to adults. If you hear your neighbour's wife screaming because he is beating her, then there is no peace in your trying to be at one with him. If you try to see things from the point of view of that wife-beater and just accept what he is doing, you are not at peace with him. You are just complicit in his crime. Even if you only try not to get involved, turning up the TV louder so you can't hear her cries, you are not at peace with him. You are only conniving at his evil and adding your own cowardice to the list of your sins.

So there is no peace for you in your failure to confront a wrongdoer. And notice that your failure to confront him doesn't result in peace for him either. We have it on the authority of Scripture that there is no peace for the wicked (Isaiah 48:22, 57:21)

So if you hear your neighbor beating his wife, call 911, or grab your baseball bat and go next door. Do what it takes to stop him. If you love the Lord's goodness and your neighbor's, then you will hate the evil your neighbor is doing.

Here is the lesson for us then: be on fire for goodness. Our God is a consuming fire of love, and there is peace for us only if we are at one with him in that fire.

2. One Month Mass

The family of Maria Campisi invite parishioners and friends to remember Maria on Monday Evening at Mass beginning at 7pm. May she rest in peace.

3. Sacrament of Reconciliation



Families who did not attend the Parent Reconciliation evening that was held in the Church, last Monday evening **DO NEED** to make an appointment with me before their child will be accepted into the Programme.

The various nights are necessary and families cannot absent themselves without beforehand speaking with me. Please ring the presbytery 9606 0206 for an appointment.

4. Charitable Works Fund (CWF)



As mentioned, last weekend, the CWF collection amounted to \$2222.00.

Our quota for the collection is \$2200.00.

I thank all parishioners on behalf of Archbishop Fisher for your support to the Church agencies that CWF supports.

5. Farewell and Thank You

Chris and Margaret Pisani have been life-long parishioners of St Anthony's. However, they have sold their property and are moving to Grasmere, so this is their last Sunday with our Community. Margaret & Chris have been very involved in our community in my time here, but also, with Fr Short. They attended the Sunday 7.30am Mass where both were readers and Margaret is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. Margaret is one of our great band of Catechists attending Austral School, each week.

They would assist in setting up the hall for our pizza nights and Chris' company installed our air-conditioners and continues to service them. On behalf of the community and especially, the 7.30am Mass community I thank them for their ministry of service and their involvement in parish life. Thank you Margaret & Chris and may the good Lord bless you in your new home. You will be sadly missed!

The questions is - who will step in and take their place? Any Volunteers????

6. Letter Box Drop

The Parish Council agreed to do a letter box drop, welcoming new families and couples into the area and parish.

Anthony Alafaci of "Remembrance Stationery" has offered to run off the flyer as a donation from his family to the parish. I thanked Anthony for his donation and generosity.

They will be ready next week. So, we are looking for volunteers to do the "hard work" of walking around and dropping them in letter boxes. We will work out a map and call for volunteers next week. Keep watching this space.



Welcome on behalf of the Catholic Community of St Anthony of Padua.

We invite you to share your faith and to join our Eucharistic community.

Make your spiritual home with us.
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This gives you an idea of the card that is being printed for the Letter Box Drop. The exact card can be found on the notice board outside the church.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

19-24 August

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini. M Cvetko



26-31 August

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

READERS ROSTER

17/18 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Naria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

24/25 August (21st) Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 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

17/18 August

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Volunteer



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualine Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

24/25 August

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

ACOLYTES ROSTER

17/18 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

24/25 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

17 August

Volunteers

24 August

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

18 August

Sister Rosa & Jayann

29 August

Mass



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Letter for One-Year Anniversary of Morandi Bridge Collapse in Genoa, Italy

'I want to tell you that I have not forgotten you, that I have prayed and prayed for the victims, for their families, for the wounded, for the displaced, for all of you, for Genoa'

Dear brothers and sisters, dear friends.

Almost a year has passed since the collapse of the Morandi Bridge which killed 43 people. Families who left or returned from vacation, men and women who were traveling for work. It was a wound inflicted on the heart of your city, a tragedy for those who lost their relatives, a tragedy for the wounded, a shocking event for those who were forced to leave their homes living displaced.

I want to tell you that I have not forgotten you, that I have prayed and prayed for the victims, for their families, for the wounded, for the displaced, for you all, for Genoa. Faced with events of this kind, the pain caused by the losses suffered is excruciating and not easy to alleviate, just as the feeling of non-resignation in the face of a disaster that could have been avoided, is understandable.

I do not have ready-made answers to give you, because in the face of certain situations, our poor human words are inadequate. I have no answers, because after these tragedies there is crying, remaining silent, asking ourselves about the reason for the fragility of what we build, and above all, praying. But I have a message that flows from my heart as a father and a brother, and that I would like to convey to you. Don't let the vicissitudes of life break the bonds that weave your community, in a way that they erase the memory of what made your history so important and meaningful. I always think of Genoa when I think of the port. I think of the place where my father left. I think of the daily toil, the stubborn will and hopes of the people of Genoa.

Today I want to tell you one thing first of all: know that you are not alone. Know that you are never alone. Know that God our Father has answered our cry and our question not with words, but with a presence that accompanies us, that of His Son. Jesus passed before us through suffering and death. He has taken upon us all our sufferings. He was despised, humiliated, beaten, nailed to the cross and brutally killed. God's response to our pain was a closeness, a presence that accompanies us, that does not leave us alone. Jesus made Himself equal to us and for this reason, we have Him next to us, to cry with us in the most difficult moments of our lives. We look to Him, we entrust our questions to Him, our pain, our anger. But I would also like to tell you that Jesus on the Cross was not alone. Under that scaffold, there was his mother, Maria. Stabat Mater, Mary was under the Cross, to share the suffering of the Son. We are not alone, we have a Mother who from Heaven looks at us with love and is close to us. Let us cling to her and say to her: "Mother!" as a child does when he is afraid and wants to be comforted and reassured. How the humble farmer Benedetto Pareto was reassured in 1490, on Monte Figogna, when he saw a Lady with a beautiful and very sweet face, who presented herself to him as the Mother of Jesus asking for the construction of a chapel. Raise your eyes to the Madonna della Guardia and trust in her help, as Mother.

We are men and women full of defects and weaknesses, but we have a Merciful Father to turn to, a Crucified and Risen Son who walks with us, the Holy Spirit who assists us and helps us. He accompanies. We have a Mother in Heaven who continues to spread her mantle over us without ever abandoning us. Don't lose hope, don't let it be stolen! Continue to stand by those most affected. I pray for you and please do not forget to pray for me.



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 Masses. The programme begins shortly. Please see Fr Bob's column regarding this Sacrament.

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 **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



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fr Michael Sullivan, Charlie Bowers, Antonio Vellantoni.

Anniversaries: Fr Michael "Mick" O'Byrne, Giuseppe Carbone, Giuseppe Siciliano, Caterina Cicaldo, Oscar Morales, Maria Campisi.

Also for: Charlie Vella, Charlotte Vella, Holy Souls, Filomena Visamanos, Eugenia Bequiso.

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), Doris Gauci.



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Thank you to all the NSW politicians who voted for life
- How millennials are connecting with the Church
- Berala celebrates
- Francis’s letter to priests
- Movie Review: Unplanned
- Spring Reading Guide

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Magi Pilgrimages

Take a walk through history as this pilgrimage unfolds experiences, stirring faith with the little gems studded across Germany & Austria in this 14-day pilgrimage for an All-inclusive Price of AUD \$7700.

This pilgrimage features Cologne, Mainz, Heidelberg, Munich, Vienna and more. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade in the village of Oberammergau that has been creating history for over 400 years.

Limited Seats Only! Book Now with \$1500 Deposit. Contact Magi Pilgrimages 03 8839 6615 for further details. Email info@magiholidays.com.au for day-by-day itinerary.

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.

“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.

KID’S CORNER

Q. What was the first animal in space?

A. The cow that jumped over the moon..



The Lion King: A Reflection on Fatherhood

I wonder if this reflection is true for us today as when we saw this movie so many years ago? Remember the wonder, emotion and excitement of watching The Lion King on the big screen. Similar feelings were rekindled with the recent remake of this film. While the remake didn't quite reach the emotional peaks of the original, the cinematography is incredible and it stays true to the key themes and messages. One such theme that permeates the original film and is further highlighted in the remake is that of masculine identity.

Of all the movies I have seen, The Lion King has one of the best examples of a father figure. While many fathers in film are portrayed as being ignorant, absent, incompetent, abusive, fearful or unloving, the character of Mufasa offers a beautiful example of a just, wise, virtuous and loving father. What's more, in this film we notice an explicit link between masculine identity and fatherhood.

From a very young age Simba wants to be like his dad and looks up to him both as a father and king. One of the most striking scenes in the film highlights this dynamic. After Simba disobeys his father while trying to prove his bravery, Mufasa takes Simba aside and educates him on what it truly means to be brave. As Mufasa reprimands Simba for his disobedience, he doesn't withdraw his love, but rather turns the moment into a teaching and bonding opportunity. Mufasa draws Simba's attention to the stars, explaining how his own father had taught him that the stars represent all the kings of the past looking down upon them, ready to guide them in their earthly journey, and that one day he too will be there to guide Simba. This moment of fatherly love also shows a spiritual maturity and leadership that all fathers are called to for the sake of their family.

Simba's journey in masculinity is significantly influenced by the heroic and wise example that Mufasa sets for him as father and king. Earlier, Mufasa teaches his son what virtue and genuine self-sacrifice look like; "while others search for what they can take, a true king searches for what he can give." The lesson doesn't end there as we see this self-sacrificial love in action in the most famous scene of the movie where Mufasa saves Simba's life at the expense of his own.

In the wake of Mufasa's death we see that Simba quickly loses his own sense of identity. After running away from the kingdom at the advice of his evil uncle Scar, he is saved by the comic duo, Timon and Pumbaa. The pair establish themselves as new father figures for the lion cub and proceed to give Simba some terrible advice: "when the world turns its back on you, you turn your back on the world." This is when we're introduced to those famous words "Hakuna Matata (no worries)."

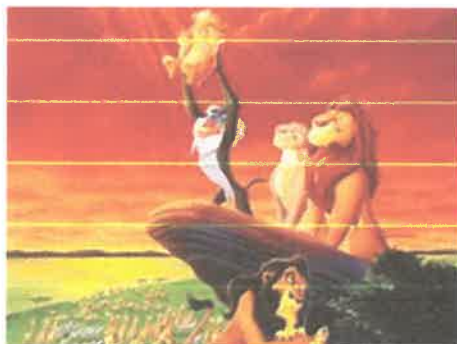
Timon and Pumbaa's way of life highlights a mentality that forms part of the crisis of masculinity in our world: forget your problems, just enjoy yourself and live the "great life" with "no rules and no responsibilities." "Hakuna Matata" is so appealing precisely for this reason; it's fun, easy and comes with no strings attached. In direct contrast to the lessons Mufasa tried to ingrain in his son, Timon declares that "life is meaningless." Indeed it is when we adopt this "problem-free philosophy."

As Simba is ushered into his new way of life, his diet change from meat to grubs acts as a symbol of what happens to him as a man; he forgets who he is and starts to live as someone less than who he is called to be. We can see this in our own lives when we choose to forgo responsibility for the "care-free" lifestyle. We forget the greatness we are called to and settle for a life of mediocrity.

In a later scene it becomes obvious that Timon and Pumbaa's way of life is underpinned by a materialist philosophy. As the trio reflect on the stars together, Simba shares what his father once taught him about the great kings of the past. His friends ridicule the idea, refusing the call to look beyond their physical nature. Simba, however, begins once more to see through to the spiritual reality his father revealed to him, and as his memory of his father is stirred up, so is his sense of his true identity and calling. Simba, through the guidance of his father's old friend Rafiki, is led to a place where he has an experience of his father, Mufasa, speaking to him. Mufasa, recognising Simba's condition, says to Simba "you have forgotten who you are, therefore, you have forgotten me." Mufasa implores Simba, "Remember who you are," and calls him out of himself to become the man he was destined to be: the one true king. Simba is reminded powerfully of his own identity by reference to himself as the "son" and "rightful king." This point is emphasized when Rafiki asks Simba, "Who are you?" Simba's initial response is "I'm nobody".

However, following the exchange between Mufasa and Simba, the remake adds new dialogue where Rafiki poses the question to Simba again, who now replies "I am Simba, son of Mufasa." This moment hits Simba at his core. His father has stirred something hidden deep inside him, which is common to every man: the desire to be great, to give of oneself and fulfil one's call. From there, Simba embarks on the journey back to his homeland to reclaim his identity as son of Mufasa and rightful king. Embracing his call to greatness means Simba must abandon the "problem-free" life in order to face his past, fight for his kingdom and take on the mantle of leadership. In returning to challenge his evil uncle Scar, Simba follows the example of self-sacrifice his father gave him. All is not lost with Timon and Pumbaa, either; they decide to follow Simba and fight at his side. That is what the witness of true masculinity does: it calls forth other men to embrace their call to greatness.

Don't we all have a desire for greatness? To live and die for something much bigger than ourselves? Simba realized this by reclaiming his identity as the son of his father. He gives the rest of us the key to do the same. We need to reclaim our identity as sons of God the Father and open our ears to hear God's call when He says to each man made in His image and likeness: "Remember who you are."



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.