



## 24/25 August 2019-Year C Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **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:** Turn your ear O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **1. Go Away**

In the Gospel Reading Jesus says that some people will come to him confidently but he will say to them, "I don't know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

This must be one of the most frightening passages in the gospels. But if we get fearful and ask, "Ok, then, what do I have to do in order not to be sent away," we are on the wrong track entirely.

If you accept God's gift of his forgiving love, then you are *in* Christ. God does not hate anything that he has made; he loves it." (John 3:16). So you don't have to rush out to bring sandwiches to the poor or do anything else whose purpose is to work your way into God's love and forgiveness. The gift of God's love and forgiveness are already there for you.

But then why are those people in the Gospel passage sent away? If the gift is already there, then why don't these people get it?

Well, no gift can be given unilaterally. Successful gift-giving takes two: one to offer the gift, and one to receive it. If you refuse the gift God offers you, the gift cannot be successfully given, can it?

So maybe the whole problem with these people who are sent away is their determination to do the right stuff in order to be part of the in-group. If you want to achieve for yourself what God is offering as a gift, you are in effect refusing the gift, aren't you?

And maybe that's why Jesus says to these people, "I don't know where you are *from*." If you accept God's gift of his forgiving love, then you are *in* Christ; and the spirit of Christ is in you. You don't have to come *from* anywhere to him. You are your beloved's, and he is yours, as the Song of Songs says (Song 6:3).

So what you have to *do* in order not to get sent away is nothing. Just receive the gift, open to the Lord, let the Holy Spirit of Christ in. Then you might bring food to the poor, or write a book, or compose a symphony. But however you share your gifts, you will do so by first having opened to God's love, which is his gift to you.

## 2. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Families who have not responded to enrol their child in the Sacrament by Tuesday will have to wait till next year, if I have not heard from them by Tuesday afternoon. All families have to attend each part of the preparation programme. There will be a parent info evening on this Wednesday 28 at 7pm for those families that have not attended the parent evening.

## 3. Last Saturday Nights Pizza Evening



Our Pizza evening last Saturday Night was well supported and my thanks to parishioners and friends who attended.

The weather was kind to us after the cold days and nights we have experienced.

I thank the Parish Council for their support to the function in setting up the hall for the evening. As the saying goes "many hands make light work." Our PPC members are Anthony Zanetic (Chairperson), Margaret Cvetko (Secretary), George and Pam Ajkay, Frances Musso, Josie Trueba, Faye Palamara, Maria Zucco and Tim Hext.

Also, to the PPC and parishioners for putting the tables and chairs away at the end of the night, and those that swept the hall. Thank you to all!

My thanks to our biscuit makers who must have spent hours and hours slaving in the kitchen to produce the amount of biscuits that were on sale on Saturday night and the Sunday morning Masses.

My thanks to Maria Zucco, Faye Palamara, Frances Musso and Pasqualina Catanzariti. Thank you ladies for a wonderful job! Well Done!!

Thanks to Volare Pizza for another wonderful night. The night produce a profit of \$1085.00, a great effort by all.

## 4. Letter Box Drop

As mentioned in last weeks bulletin, and my thanks to Teresa Carbone for her graphics on the "Information Card" that we are going to use to deliver to the new housing developments.

There is a sheet on the back table for parishioners to sign-up and volunteer to walk around and pop "the card" in letter boxes of houses that indicate people have moved in.

I thank you in advance to those that are able to "letter box drop."



## 5. Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Visit

On Friday, Bishop Randazzo will be here for a short visit to look at the changing face of the area and to visit St Anthony of Padua Catholic College. I am sorry he isn't here for the day to celebrate Mass and to meet and greet parishioners.



## 6. Welcome Kiara Grace Hext

At the 9am Mass, we welcome Nicole and Tim Hext 's third daughter Kiara Grace into the parish community.

Tim is a member of the Parish Council and Nicole was running childrens liturgy at the 9am Mass before Kiara arrived. Charlotte and Isabella attend St Anthony's College.

Welcome Kiara Grace into God's family and our parish community.



May God Bless you.



Fr Bob

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 26-31 August

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,  
Lila, Beka



### 2-7 September

Brianna, Raquel & Olivia

## READERS ROSTER

### 24/25 August

#### **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

### 31 August/1 September(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Volunteers

Readers:

Volunteers: 1st Reading

Volunteers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

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

## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 24/25 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Margaret de Vries

### 31 August / 1 September

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualine Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 24/25 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 31 August /1 September

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 24 August

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

### 31 August

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo



#### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 29 August

Mass

### 8 September

Frances & Faye



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope Francis decried hypocrisy and self-interest Wednesday, saying that Christian community should always be characterized by generosity and solidarity.

"A life set only on profiting and taking advantage of situations at the expense of others inevitably causes interior death," Pope Francis said Aug. 21 in Paul VI Hall.

"And how many people say they are close to the Church, friends of priests, bishops, while they are only looking for their own interest. These are the hypocrisies that destroy the Church," he added in a departure from his prepared remarks.

Pope Francis said he asks the Lord to "pour over us His Spirit of tenderness, which overcomes all hypocrisy and puts into circulation that truth which nourishes Christian solidarity."

The pope said that solidarity is "the inalienable expression of the nature of the Church," which he called the "tender mother of all, especially the poorest."

"Being members of the body of Christ makes believers co-responsible for each other. Being believers in Jesus makes us all co-responsible for each other," he said.

"Among Christians we cannot say: 'Poor person, he has a problem at home, he is going through this family difficulty'. But, I must pray. I carry it with me. I am not be indifferent. This is being a Christian," Francis explained.

Throughout Pope Francis' general audience, a young girl who appeared to have a mental disability, danced across the stage clapping her hands in front of the pope in Paul VI Hall.

"We have all seen this beautiful girl - she is beautiful ... victim of an illness and does not know what she is doing," he said.

Pope Francis asked the audience if they had prayed for this young girl and her family. "Whenever we see someone suffering we must pray," he said.

The pope stressed the importance of concrete acts of generosity in the life of a Christian, particularly with one's time and money.

"The sign that your heart has converted is when conversion reaches your pockets," he said. "There is where we see if one is generous with others, if one helps the weakest, the poorest."

In the life of the Church, there have always been Christians who stripped themselves of unnecessary things to give them to those who needed them, Pope Francis said.

He pointed to the example of the early Christians described in the Acts of the Apostles.

"A concrete example of sharing and communion of goods comes to us from the testimony of Barnabas: he owns a field and sells it to deliver the proceeds to the Apostles," Francis said.

"The Christian community is born from the overabundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit and grows thanks to the leaven of sharing between brothers and sisters in Christ. There is a dynamism of solidarity that builds the Church as the family of God," he said.

Pope Francis also pointed out that there were negative examples of hypocrisy and selfishness among this same community. He described the story of Ananias and his wife Sapphira described in chapter 5 of the Acts of the Apostles.

Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of property to give the proceeds to the apostles, but retained for themselves a portion of the purchase price.

To which St. Peter responded, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart so that you lied to the Holy Spirit and retained part of the price of the land? ... Why did you contrive this deed? You have lied not to human beings, but to God."

Upon hearing these words from Peter, Ananias fell down and died. "This cheating interrupts the chain of free sharing... and the consequences are tragic, are fatal," Pope Francis said.

"We could say that Ananias lied to God because of an isolated conscience," he said. "Hypocrisy is the worst enemy of this Christian community, of this Christian love: that of pretending to love each other, but only looking for one's own interest."

"To fail in the sincerity of sharing ... in the sincerity of love, means to cultivate hypocrisy, move away from the truth, to become selfish, to extinguish the fire of communion and turn to the frost of interior death," the pope said.



## 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.

### **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](mailto: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:** Robert Allan Bidner, John (Jock) Mikosic, Tim Fisher (Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia).

**Anniversaries:** Ian Bert Stedman, Maxmilliano Pesce, Oscar Spiro Morales, Charlotte Vella.

**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, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci.



### **Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00**

- Thousands march for life
- MPs stand up for faith
- \$30,000 scholarships on offer
- Mary: Full of grace
- Movie Review: The Angry Birds Movie 2
- Trouble in Rome

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 room can no one enter?

**A.** A mushroom.



## Parish Renewal Workshop Day with Sherry Weddell

World-renowned author of Forming Intentional Disciples, Sherry Weddell, will come to Sydney in September. Sherry will bring with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of conversion, discipleship and transformation within parish life. Please come along to a Parish Renewal Workshop Day with Sherry Weddell on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at Dooleys in Regents Park. Register online via <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/forming-parishes-of-intentional-disciples/> Tickets are \$20.

### Solemn Mass (Ordinariate Form)

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross was established on the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 15<sup>th</sup>), 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI by those of the Anglican Tradition in Australia who had petitioned the Holy See to enter into full Catholic Communion while maintaining some elements of their Patrimony, including a distinctive liturgical form of the Western Rite Mass.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7-00 pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Monsignor Carl Reid will be installed as the second Ordinary of the Ordinariate during a Solemn Mass in the Ordinariate Form. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

All interested are welcome to attend and to welcome Monsignor Reid and his wife Barbara who have just moved to Australia from the west coast of Canada.

### Men's Retreat Weekend:

**30 Aug – 1 Sept 2019 - \$230 Mr Paul White**

Join other men of faith reflecting on select scripture passages and exploring how, the power of "Yes!" changed circumstances in dark times; how we can live in the light of God's truth which can bring much joy to our lives and much needed peace and harmony. Through a series of meditations, there will be an exploration into the many different facets of God being with us and always loving us. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 OR Email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

### 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.

## Cardinal considers High Court challenge

Published: 22 August 2019 in CathNews

Cardinal George Pell may launch a High Court challenge to his child sexual abuse convictions after the Victorian Court of Appeal yesterday rejected his bid for freedom. Source: The Australian. The legal team for the cardinal is examining whether there are grounds for appealing against the decision in the High Court, their last chance to stop Cardinal Pell serving a minimum three years and eight months in jail.

Cardinal Pell, 78, failed yesterday in his bid to overturn his convictions for sexually assaulting two teenage choirboys, when the Victorian Court of Appeal split 2-1, the majority decision keeping the cardinal in jail.

Two senior judges believed the evidence of Cardinal Pell's sole surviving victim, whom a jury found was sexually assaulted in a sacristy at St Patrick's Cathedral in 1996 and again at the cathedral the next year while a choirboy.

Chief judge Anne Ferguson said she and Court of Appeal president Chris Maxwell found there was nothing in the victim's account of Cardinal Pell's offending that meant the jury must have had a doubt as to the cardinal's guilt.

"Throughout his evidence (he) came across as someone who was telling the truth," Chief Justice Ferguson said.

The third appeal judge, Mark Weinberg, disagreed, believing Cardinal Pell should have been acquitted of all charges. Justice Weinberg couldn't exclude the possibility that some of what the man, now in his 30s, had said was concocted.

The Vatican offered qualified support for Cardinal Pell, declaring late yesterday that it would review its position on Australia's most senior Catholic once all avenues of appeal were exhausted.

A spokeswoman for Cardinal Pell said he was "obviously disappointed" with the decision and his legal team would thoroughly examine the judgment to determine whether to make a special leave application to the High Court.

"While noting the 2-1 split decision, Cardinal Pell maintains his innocence. We thank his many supporters," she said.

Meanwhile, Australia's bishops issued statements following the ruling.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Mark Coleridge said the bishops "believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept [yesterday's] judgment accordingly".

"The bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them," Archbishop Coleridge said. "We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgment will be distressing to many people."

Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said the judges' split decision was "consistent with the differing views of the juries in the first and second trials, as well as the divided opinion amongst legal commentators and the general public. Reasonable people have taken different views when presented with the same evidence and I urge everyone to maintain calm and civility."

Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli offered prayers for Cardinal Pell's accuser. "I humbly acknowledge it has been a challenging time for him, and I stand ready to offer pastoral and spiritual help, should he seek it," he said. "In Christian charity, I will ensure that Cardinal Pell is provided pastoral and spiritual support while he serves the remainder of his sentence, according to the teaching and example of Jesus to visit those in prison."