



# 31 August / 1 September 2019-Year C Twenty Second 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:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**Responsorial Psalm:** God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
**Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **1. True Humility**

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus censures people who take the seats of honor at a feast. Take the least honorable places, he tells them, and then the host can invite you to a more honorable place.

The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that he had God's gifts and that the publican didn't.

Jesus is rebuking the pride of those people who go for the honorable seats. But what is the solution to the problem of pride? If you race your friends to the least honorable seat because the reward for doing so is that you get one of the best seats, isn't this pride too?

So what is true humility?

Well, think about pride.

There is a childish kind of pride, of course, where you brag about your accomplishments while everybody else tries to be polite enough not to roll their eyes while you are talking.

And then there is also the grown-up version of that childish pride, the pride of the self-made man. A multi-millionaire who explains that he has gotten where he is all by himself has this kind of pride. He has failed to notice all the gifts he has been given that have helped him get where he is. He thinks he himself is responsible for the good he has.

A more complicated kind of pride can be found in a person who knows that all his good comes from the grace of God. But he is sure that God has given such grace to him and not to his neighbors, because God knew that *he*, unlike his stupid worldly neighbors, would make good use of God's gifts. This is the pride of a prig.

Finally, the worst and most sophisticated kind of pride is found in the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men, especially not like that sinner, the publican, praying next to him in the Temple. The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that *he* had God's gifts and that the publican didn't. The Pharisee liked looking down on the publican.

Here is what humility is, then. It is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from God and is meant to be given back to the Lord by being shared with others.

So you can't get true humility by racing for the least honorable seat. If the least honorable seat is, in the Lord's view, the best place to be seated, then true humility requires your sharing it with others in gratitude to the Lord who gave it.

## 2. Christ's Presence in the Eucharist

A new study has revealed that many Catholics believe the bread and wine at Mass to be symbolic. Apparently, Catholics from high school onwards are less likely to believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

If this study is factual surely it's a wake-up call for all of us in the Church and can explain why Catholics do not attend Mass regularly.

Some in the study said that this belief that the bread and wine are only symbolic of Christ present reflects the position of the Church.

The study said that those who attend Sunday Mass regularly believe in the real presence, namely, that the bread and wine at the consecration in the Mass are changed into the very person of Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity.

Can I say that as Catholics, the Doctrine of Transubstantiation is a central teaching of the Church to explain this mystery. Transubstantiation was first coined by Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, and it was the Church especially St Thomas Aquinas who took up Aristotle's term to explain how the bread and wine is changed into the very person of Jesus. The teaching is a basic tenet of Catholicism.

Do we care? Some see the emphasis on social justice and the poor as more important.

But, it is Christ in the Eucharist who gives us the reason to go out to the poor etc.

Take away the Eucharist and who would worry about the poor or social justice.

Even Mother St Teresa of Calcutta said she held the dying of Calcutta in her arms, for they were Jesus to her.

As Catholics, we need to watch what we say as we talk about the Eucharist and its reception at Mass. We need to acknowledge that it is Jesus we are receiving, that is why we say "Amen" after the Priest or Minister says to us "the Body of Christ." It's a reason why we need to be in the state of grace to receive the Eucharist. If we haven't been to Mass for weeks, months etc we DO NEED to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before we approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.

As a faith Catholic community, we pray that the Lord will increase our faith in His presence in the Eucharist.



## 3. A Fathers Day Prayer

God, Our Father  
Bless these men  
That they will find strength as fathers.  
May the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their spouses and sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

We wish all fathers and grandfathers a wonderful Fathers' Day.



May God Bless you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bob". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

**2-7 September**

Brianna, Raquel & Olivia



**9-14 September**

L Pecotich, M Gimellaro,  
M DeVries, S Taoum, V Laferla

## READERS ROSTER

**31 August/1 September**

**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

**7/8 September** (23rd) Sunday in Ordinary Time)

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 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

**31 August / 1 September**

**Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha



**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualine Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

**7/8 September**

**Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Volunteer

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Frances Musso

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

**31 August /1 September**    **7/8 September**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

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Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**31 August**

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo

**7 September**

Rita & Chiara Moro



**9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

**8 September**

Frances & Faye

**22 September**

Sister Rosa & Jayann





## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### POPE'S GENERAL AUDIENCE (FULL TEXT): On the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5: 12,15-16)

'Let us also ask the Holy Spirit for the strength not to get scared before those that ask us to be silent, who slander us and even attempt against our life.' **AUGUST 28, 2019**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

The ecclesial community described in the Acts if the Apostles lives of such richness, which the Lord puts at its disposition — the Lord is generous! —, that it experiences numerical growth and a great ferment, despite outside attacks. To show us this vitality, Luke points out to us also significant places, such as Solomon's Portico (Cf. Acts 5:12), meeting point for believers. The Portico (stoa) is an open gallery that acts as a shelter, but also as a place of meeting and of witness. It's a place where Jesus went during the great feasts (Cf. John 10:23); where the healed lame man walks next to Peter and John and where Peter evangelizes the people, explaining that faith in Jesus' name made that healing possible (Cf. Acts 3:11). Therefore, this Portico is a place where the Christ event is communicated through the word, which moves hearts and which can also touch and heal bodies. In fact, Luke insists on the signs and prodigies that accompany the Apostles' word and on the special care of the sick to which they dedicate themselves. In Chapter 5 of the Acts, the nascent Church shows herself as a "field hospital," which receives the weakest people, namely, the sick. Their suffering attracts the Apostles, who have "no silver and gold" (Acts 3:6) — so says Peter to the lame man — but they are strong in Jesus' name. To their eyes, as to the eyes of Christians of all times, the sick are the privileged recipients of the happy proclamation of the Kingdom; they are brothers in whom Christ is present in a particular way, to let themselves be sought and found by all of us (Cf. Matthew 25:36.40). The sick are the privileged of the Church, of the priestly heart, of all the faithful. They are not to be rejected; on the contrary, they are to be taken care of and looked after. They are the object of the Christian concern.

Among the Apostles, Peter emerges, who has pre-eminence in the apostolic group given his primacy (Cf. Matthew 16:18) and the mission received from the Risen One (Cf. John 21:15-17). It is he who opens the way for the preaching of the kerygma on the day of Pentecost (Cf. Acts 2:14-41) and who at the Council of Jerusalem, carries out a directive function (Cf. Acts 15 and Galatians 2:1-10).

Peter approaches the stretchers and passes among the sick, as Jesus did, taking on Himself their infirmities and sicknesses (Cf. Matthew 8:17; Isaiah 53:4). The fisherman of Galilee, called to gather no longer the nets but the hearts of those that receive Christ's life; he isn't the protagonist. He passes, but he lets Another manifest Himself: the living and operating Christ! In fact, a witness is one who manifests Christ, be it with words, be it with corporal presence, which enables him to relate and to be prolongation of the Word made flesh in history. Peter is he who carries out the Master's works (Cf. John 14:12: looking at him with faith, Christ Himself is seen. Filled with the Spirit of his Lord, Peter passes and, without his doing anything, his shadow becomes healing "caress," communication of health, effusion of the tenderness of the Risen One, who bends over the sick and restores life, salvation, dignity. Thus, God manifests His closeness and makes of His children's wounds "the theological place of His tenderness" (Morning meditation, St. Martha's, 14.12.2017). In the wounds of the sick, in illnesses that are impediments to go forward in life, there is always Jesus' presence, Jesus' wound. It is Jesus who calls each one of us to attend to them, to support them, to cure them. Peter's healing action arouses the hatred and envy of the Sadducees, who imprisoned the Apostles and, distraught by their mysterious liberation, prohibit them to teach. These people saw the miracles that the Apostles did not by magic, but in Jesus' name, but they didn't want to accept it and put them in prison; they beat them. Then they were freed miraculously, but the Sadducees' heart was so hard that they didn't want to believe what they saw. Then Peter responds, offering a key of Christian life: "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29), because they — the Sadducees — said: "You must not go ahead with these things; you must not cure." "I obey God before I do men," which is the great Christian answer. This means to listen to God without reservations, without delays, without calculations; to adhere to Him to become capable of alliance with Him and with those we meet on our way.

Let us also ask the Holy Spirit for the strength not to get scared before those that ask us to be silent, who slander us and even attempt against our life. Let us ask Him to reinforce us interiorly to be certain of the loving and consoling presence of the Lord by our side.



## NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

### **IGNITE CONFERENCE IS A BOLD VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH**

A Church passionate about discovering a real, present God and gathering a generation to be on fire for Jesus.

SYDNEY 3-6 OCTOBER 2019  
[www.igniteyouth.com/conference19](http://www.igniteyouth.com/conference19)

Whether you are just discovering your faith for the first time or wanting to hit 'refresh' on something you've known all your life, an **Ignite Grow** faith series is perfect for you. Easy to follow and with engaging content, you can walk through the blogs and videos in a group or by yourself.



### **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 date remaining for this year is **Tuesday 26 November**.

### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Mark Spora (former PP South Auburn)

**Anniversaries:** Isidore Bianchi, Joseph and Christine Grixti, Vince Camilleri, Percival Abella.

**Also for:** Holy Souls, 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 Jassenko, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci.



**Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00**

- Where to from here? Cardinal Pell appeal
- Dear Premier, we feel betrayed
- Anna Krohn: Yes He is really there!
- Fr Flader: Rogue Catholic politicians
- Movie Review: Brian Banks
- Cronulla Installation

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Kiara Grace Hext  
(Child of Tim & Nicole)



**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.** Why did the cookie go to hospital?

**A.** Because he felt crummy.



## **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.

## **Book Launch: Hidden in the Shadow of Love**

Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor invites friends of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God, to the office launch of the book: "Hidden in the Shadow of Love: The Story of Mother Theresa McLaughlin and our Lady's Nurses for the Poor" by Jocelyn Hedley. The book will be launched by Most Rev. Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

When: 11am Saturday 28 September

Where: Our Lady's Home, 35 Dudley St, Coogee

Followed by a light luncheon. RSVP by 13 September at [olnp@ourladysnurses.org.au](mailto:olnp@ourladysnurses.org.au) or call (02) 9665 6331

## **Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar**

Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's annual Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14th September, 9am-5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. There will be rides, stalls, auctions and more. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 13 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/926093744402699/>

## **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.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Gregory the Great

Tuesday September 3

Pope Gregory I (Latin: *Gregorius I*; c. 540 – 12 March 604), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great,<sup>[1]</sup> was Pope from 3 September 590 to 12 March 604 AD. He is famous for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then-pagan Anglo-Saxons in England to Christianity.<sup>[2]</sup> Gregory is also well known for his writings, which were more prolific than those of any of his predecessors as Pope.<sup>[3]</sup> The epithet Saint Gregory the Dialogist has been attached to him in Eastern Christianity because of his *Dialogues*. English translations of Eastern texts sometimes list him as Gregory "Dialogos", or the Anglo-Latinate equivalent "Dialogus".<sup>[4]</sup>

A Roman senator's son and himself the Prefect of Rome at 30, Gregory tried the monastery but soon returned to active public life, ending his life and the century as pope. Although he was the first pope from a monastic background, his prior political experiences may have helped him to be a talented administrator, who successfully established papal supremacy. During his papacy, he greatly surpassed with his administration the emperors in improving the welfare of the people of Rome, and he successfully challenged the theological views of Patriarch Eutychius of Constantinople before the emperor Tiberius II. Gregory regained papal authority in Spain and France and sent missionaries to England, including Augustine of Canterbury and Paulinus of York. The realignment of barbarian allegiance to Rome from their Arian Christian alliances shaped medieval Europe. Gregory saw Franks, Lombards, and Visigoths align with Rome in religion. He also combated against the Donatist heresy, popular particularly in North Africa at the time.<sup>[4]</sup>

Throughout the Middle Ages, he was known as "the Father of Christian Worship" because of his exceptional efforts in revising the Roman worship of his day.<sup>[5]</sup> His contributions to the development of the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, still in use in the Byzantine Rite, were so significant that he is generally recognized as its *de facto* author.

Gregory is a Doctor of the Church and one of the Latin Fathers.<sup>[6]</sup> He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, and some Lutheran denominations.

Immediately after his death, Gregory was canonized by popular acclaim.<sup>[7]</sup> The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory greatly, and declared in his *Institutes* that Gregory was the last good Pope.<sup>[8]</sup> He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.<sup>[9]</sup>

