



## 5/6 October 2019-Year C Twenty Seventh 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:** Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Word of the Lord stands for ever: is it the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### 1. A Little is a Lot

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that if you have faith even as big as a mustard seed, you could command trees and they would obey you. A mustard seed is very small. But none of us can get trees to obey our commands. And so, from this, it is clear that the faith any of us has is not even a very small amount.

It doesn't take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. That's not the only disheartening thought in the Gospel Reading. It gets worse. No matter how much faith you have, as the Gospel Reading makes plain, you are still highly unsatisfactory. Jesus says that, however hard you work in the service of the Lord, at the end of the day, recognizing all your sins in the day, you should say to yourself, I am an unprofitable servant of the Lord's.

This isn't a good thought to have before going to bed, is it? And it does make it hard to get out of bed in the morning, too. Who wants to wake up with this thought: "Oh boy, another day for me to be my sinful self! At the end of this day, I will be inadequate, unsatisfactory, and unprofitable!" You can see why the prophet in the First Reading would say to the Lord, "How long, O Lord!" The prophet thinks it is hard to wait for the Lord to do something about the sins of other people. But it can be hard to wait for the Lord to take care of our own sins too. How long indeed! But the First Reading also says that the just will live by faith. Now real living is joyous, not depressive. And here's another thing to see. The First Reading doesn't mention *how much* faith you need in order to live. So, apparently, any amount is enough. Your faith doesn't have to be even mustard seed size. You will still live, really *live*, as long as you have any faith at all.

And so we can wait for the Lord to do something about our sins. It doesn't take even as much faith as a mustard seed for us to live. And if we live in the Lord, then we can also rejoice in the Lord, even if we are also still unprofitable servants.

And if it brings a life of joy in the Lord, then however little our faith is, it is a lot, isn't it? And that is itself a joyful thought.

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

**7-12 October**

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,  
T Gimellaro, K Puric



**14-19 October**

V Casha, S Arcuri,  
M Masini, M Cvetko

## READERS ROSTER

**5/6 October**

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 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

**12/13 October** (28th 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: 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

**5/6 October**

**Saturday Vigil**

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech



**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Frances Musso & Olivia Tropea

**12/13 October**

**Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Volunteer

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualine Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

**5/6 October**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

**12/13 October**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**5 October**

School Holidays

**12 October**

School Holidays



**9am Sunday**

School Holidays

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

**6 October**

Lina & Faye

**20 October**

Santina & Lina



## Church Cross

Anyone noticing a cherry picker at the Church over the last week, will hopefully have also seen that the Church Cross has been cleaned and is looking like new. Thanks to Frank Iorfino for his hard work.

## NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS



"November is the month of the Holy Souls. It's a time for us to pray for our dead that they may be loosed of their sins and enjoy life with God. The Book of Maccabees in the Old Testament reminds us: "that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our dead that they may be loosed from their sins."

Many today die perhaps not in fully God's love and so Purgatory is a cleansing in order for them to attain life with God. By having Mass offered we assist loved ones to be cleansed of sin and so enter Heaven. November Mass envelopes can be found at the holy water fonts and on the back table. The Archdiocese stipulates that Masses during November the offering is \$20 per envelope for Masses offered for the intention of those whose names are mentioned in the November envelopes.

## 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**.

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:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Also for:** All Souls,

**We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:**

Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, David Angeles, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Paul Galea, Herb Herman, Michael Jasenko, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci, Romeo San Jose & Veronica Sese.



*Speaking the truth in love*  
*Eph 4:15*

**26 September 2019**

## **PASSAGE OF ABORTION LAW REFORM ACT 2019**

Today is a very dark day for New South Wales. The new abortion law is a defeat for humanity.

The Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 may be the worst law passed in New South Wales in modern times, because it represents such a dramatic abdication of responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of our community. Since the abolition of capital punishment in New South Wales in 1955, this is the only deliberate killing ever legalised in our state.

The Act, as passed by both Houses of Parliament was subject to a number of amendments debated over many days, but the amendments allowed do not make women or their unborn babies any safer, nor protect the conscience rights of medical professionals, nor provide distressed pregnant women with any support or alternatives to abortion.

I thank those Members of Parliament who spoke so eloquently in favour of women and children and against this law and the process that led to it, and who worked tirelessly on amendments to make this bad law a little better. I also thank the tens of thousands of people who attended rallies, maintained a vigil outside Parliament House even in heavy rain, contacted their local members, made submissions to the committee inquiry, or prayed that this law might not pass.

Your efforts have not been in vain, nor can they come to an end. None of us will forget what has happened this month.

Even though abortion on demand right up to birth has now been formally legalised in this state, our commitment to life continues. Care for pregnant women, new mothers and their babies will still be available through Church agencies and pro-life organisations. The Catholic Church, other Christian churches, people of other faiths and women and men of goodwill will continue to work together to turn our culture around, so that every vulnerable woman and baby is supported and abortion becomes unthinkable. We can still put an end to the scourge of abortion in this state by making it unnecessary, no matter what the law says.

Please pray for the conversion particularly of those parliamentarians who claim to be of Catholic or other Christian faith and yet supported this appalling law. Pray and work for better leaders. Pray for our state as it enters this deadly new territory. Pray above all for the safety of unborn babies and their mothers in NSW — for we “Love Them Both”.

Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB BTheol DPhil  
Archbishop of Sydney