



16/17 November 2019-Year C Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH CHURCH**
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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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace
and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will
lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice..

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my
hope in God the Lord.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 33rd Sunday of the Year**

1. The Good News

In the Gospel Reading for this Sunday, Jesus talks about things that will
happen to his followers at some end time. The Greek word translated
"gospel" means "good news." And what good things is Jesus predicting?
Well, earthquakes, famines, plagues, wars, persecutions, betrayals,
imprisonment, and executions.

**In the final end time, everyone will be able to understand what is good
about being Christ-like.**

A person could be forgiven for wondering what happened to the good
news.

But what makes a life good for Christians? Isn't it being Christ-like?
What was Christ like?

In his infancy, he lived through the war that King Herod waged against the
children of Bethlehem. In his childhood, he lived in a country that was
conquered by the Romans. In his adulthood, he was betrayed by his
intimate friend Judas. And at the end of his life he was persecuted and put
to death by the rulers of his society. All the things—well, virtually all the
things—that Jesus predicted for his people in the end time were part of his
own life, too.

So if you were hoping for a life of ease, leisure, and video games, you
weren't hoping to be Christ-like, were you?

But what is *good* about Christ-likeness, you might think to yourself, if this is
what it turns out to be? Why isn't Jesus' prediction just depressing?

Well, look at the First Reading. It seems to be depicting an end time, too,
doesn't it? Only this end time must come after the time Jesus is describing.
In the time Jesus is talking about, the bad guys win. In the end time that
the First Reading portrays, the bad guys lose; and they lose big. They don't
manage to hang on to either their past—their roots, or their future—their
branches. Everything that goes to make them up is lost by fire.

Who would want to be them?

In the final end time that the First Reading predicts, everyone will be able
to understand what is good about being Christ-like. At that time, Christ will
come as the Sun of Justice. All those who are like him will live forever with
him; and, like him, they will shine like the sun.

So if we are like Christ in his first coming, in his suffering, we will be found
like him at his second coming, too.

2. Fr Bob's Sabbatical

As mentioned last week, the course was titled: Scripture, in the Life of the Priest."

The first lecturer was Fr John Cush (American) who is the Dean of Studies at the North American College where I was staying. It's the Americans Seminary in Rome.

Fr Cush's topic was: "Biblical and Historical Roots of the Priesthood." He talked about Models of Priesthood and their use in Theology. He warned against being a function as a priest ie going through the motions rather than understanding the spiritual role of the Priest. He said: "the relationship for the priest that has to be primary is with God. He must realise that he is a "Beloved son" of the Father and has to assure, through the formation of a "Monasticism of the heart" by becoming an active contemplative, that this relationship is primary. In the midst of a busy schedule, with all its demands. All one needs to do to be an active contemplative is to take the time daily for real, substantial prayer daily. He spoke about the role of the Diocesan Priest which is to teach, rule (instruct) and to sanctify both the people and himself. He said this is our vocation. He looked at the Priesthood in the Old Testament and New Testament. Fr Cush was very interesting as he went through various scripture passages in the New Testament relating to the Priesthood. More next week.....



3. Charitable Works Fund Appeal (CWF)

The CWF Appeal that was held two weeks ago amounted to \$1269.00. Again, my thanks to all parishioners for supporting the various agencies of the Archdiocese and their many works. Thank you.

4. Parish Liturgy Group

The Parish Liturgy Group is asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday 26 November at 7pm in the Presbytery to plan for our Christmas Services.

5. Columban Calendars

Columban Calendars are available now for 2020. Your support by buying a calendar supports the Columban Fathers missionary activities in South America, Japan and Korea.

The calendars are \$10.00 each.

Please leave monies on the plate.



6. Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are on sale on the back table, as well. A packet is \$5.00. Please leave on the plate.

7. Parish Maintenance



- A. I am still looking for a couple of men to go on a roster to look after the parish lawns both Church and Presbytery.
- B. My thanks to Gerry Bugeja for coming during the week and weeding the Church, hall and presbytery edges. Also, Kerry DeVries regularly looks after the flower box in front of the church. If a few men volunteered it would share the load rather than just one or two dads doing it all the time.
Remember, it's your community!

8. Official Blessing of St Anthony's College

On Friday, 22 November, our St Anthony of Padua Catholic College will be officially blessed and opened by the Archbishop of Sydney, Archbishop Fisher.

Parishioners are invited to join the College community and official guests to the opening and walk through the College to discover what education looks like in the 21st Century. A light morning tea will follow the opening liturgy and blessing of the facilities.

9. New Readers Rosters

New Rosters are available for Readers on the back table, please take one home.

10. Drought Relief

In the Catholic Weekly, last weekend, there was an article asking us to support our country cousins.

So, if you're thinking about Christmas shopping why not do it in a way that helps those suffering in the bush, asked the caption.

Check ou the campaign at:

www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/regional-nsw/buy-regional-this-christmas/.

May God Bless you.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

18-23 November

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri

25-30 November

L Simat, Y Refalo



READERS ROSTER

16/17 November

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 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: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

23/24 November (Feast of Christ the King)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Massimo Sofi

Readers:

Massimo Sofi: 1st Reading

Sam Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

16/17 November

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Margaret De Vries & Pam Ajkay

23/24 November

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

16/17 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

23/24 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

16 November

Rita & Chiara Moro

23 November

Sarah & V Casha

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

29 November

Mass

1 December

Frances & Faye

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



NOVEMBER 12, 2019 POPE'S MORNING HOMILY

The devil is envious of human nature; he “can’t tolerate” the Incarnation: it’s “the root of our evils, of our temptations; it’s the root of wars, of famine, of all the calamities in the world,” said Pope Francis during the morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta.

In his homily, the Holy Father reflected on the First Reading (Wisdom 2:23-3, 9): “God created man for in corruption, and made him in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil’s envy death entered the world.”

“The envy of this proud angel who did not want to accept the Incarnation,” stressed the Pontiff, led him to “destroy humanity” by having “jealousy, envy, and concurrence “ enter it, instead of “all living as brothers, in peace.”

“‘But Father, I don’t destroy anyone.’ No? What about your malicious gossip? When you speak badly of someone, you destroy him . . . malicious gossip kills, slander kills. “‘But Father, I was baptized; I’m a practicing Christian, how can I become a murderer?’” The Pope answered, because “there is war in us,” since Cain and Abel.

On the occasion of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Holy Father referred to Nazism and “the tortures against all those who were not of ‘pure race.’” Behind these horrors, there is “someone who knocks at your heart to make you go on the evil path. Someone who sows destruction in our heart; who sows hatred.”

“And today we must say it clearly: there are so many sowers of hatred in the world, who destroy,” lamented the Pope, mentioning the temptation of politicians to “dirty the other, to destroy the other.” Pope Francis added that the news is a recitation of hatred to destroy: attacks, wars . . . so many children die of hunger, of diseases . . . because the money that should be dedicated to that is used to make arms.”

“What does the devil envy?” asked the Pontiff. “our human nature . . . because the Son of God made Himself one of us. The devil can’t tolerate that. It’s “the root of the devil’s envy, it’s the roots of our evils, of our temptations; it’s the root of wars, of famine, of all the calamities in the world.”

“Why has so much hatred been sown in the world today? — he continued. “In families, who sometimes can’t be reconciled, in neighbourhoods, at work, in politics . . . some say: ‘But Father, the devil doesn’t exist; it’s evil, an ethereal evil.’ But the Word of God is clear . . . read the Gospel: it’s clear, whether or not we have the faith.”

In order not to “enter the game of this great envious being, of the great liar,” Pope Francis recommends growing in one’s faith in Jesus, who took human nature “to fight against our flesh and overcome in our flesh.”



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 on the pews 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 or call on 0416277334



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Yvonne Mary Nugent

Anniversaries: Maria Catania, Mario Torrisi

Also for: We pray during November for our deceased loved ones. Charlie Vella, Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary.

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

Ian & Shirley Farrell, 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.

Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Fighting Fire with Faith
- Fragmenting motherhood? 3-parent babies
- Losing faith-Labor election review
- Monica Doumit: Twisting the truth
- Movie Review: The King
- A third Aussie Saint?

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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. Why do bees have sticky hair?

A. Because they use a honeycomb.



Carols By Candlelight-Liverpool Catholic Club

Free Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Liverpool Catholic Club on Sunday December 1 2019. Program starts at 6.45pm, Carols commence 7.30pm.

Also, live nativity scene and a pen with nursery animals for the children.

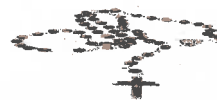
Fireworks display to conclude the evening. All Welcome.

The Chain of Mary Association Inc

The Chain of Mary Association Inc One Decade Rosary Booklets.

Please feel free to take the Chain of Mary one decade Rosary booklet and pray it each day with faith and devotion. Ask for any grace you need and Mother Mary will listen to you. Write your name and intentions in the book provided on the table at the back of the church and once a week Mass will be offered for you and your intentions.

For any enquiries please call
Sr-in-Christ Rosa
Ph: 96067571



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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



The Parish Council met last Tuesday evening and our councilors have been meeting and working to create community for us over the past six years!

The members, most of them, have been on the Council since I arrived in the parish. Our main community builder has been the pizza/pasta nights that were a great success.

At Tuesday nights meeting, I shared with them St Francis Xavier Lurnea's constitution where members are on for a term of three years and six years being the maximum. So, I believe for the good of our community and for good governance it was decided that all members would step down and a call for parishioners to nominate for the Parish Council in 2020.

In calling for nominations, this allows other parishioners to be involved and to share their gifts and talents with our community.

A constitution will be needed as we form a new council in 2020.

On your behalf, I thank the members of the Council for their involvement and commitment to the Council and to our community over the past 6 years.

The Council Members are:

Anthony Zanetic (Chairperson), Margaret Cvetko (Secretary) and members Faye Palamara, Frances Musso, George & Pam Ajkay, Tim Hext, Josie Trueba, Maria Zucco. I thank them for their years of service.

I ask parishioners to consider offering themselves to joining the Council in the New Year.
Fr Bob

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT JOHN EDMONDSON VC GARDENS

On Monday Fr Bob and children from St Anthony of Padua College attended St John Edmondson VC Gardens Nursing Home Remembrance Day.

This was the first time that students from our college have been able to attend. The children did themselves proud in the way they attended and mixed with the residents during morning tea. Fr Bob gave the occasional address at the service.



The Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO)



I am very happy to commence the role as the parish Safeguarding Support Officer, together you, Father Bob and I will help to bring our parish forward, with the directives from the archdiocese and support from the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office.

I have recently completed the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer 'Spreading the Message in Your Parish' safeguarding training. I have been trained by the safe guarding office in a full day level one Safeguarding and Child Protection session as well as a train the trainer session to deliver this training and provide Father Bob with safe guarding support.

About me

My husband, Marcelo, our two children, Sabrina and Leo and I moved to Rossmore in 2012. I chose to take on this role as I hope that years of working in Hospitals and Community Health as a Social Worker will contribute positively to the role of PSSO. I take the role very seriously as I believe that we all have a responsibility to ensure that our parish is safe for ourselves, our children, our young people and our most vulnerable.

What does the Parish Safeguarding Support Officer do?

My role is to provide safeguarding induction and training to volunteers within the parish based on the resources provided by the Safeguarding Office at the Spreading the Message training

My role is a volunteer/supportive role only

I will assist Father Bob with proactive measures to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults in the Parish environment.

I will support the Parish and Father Bob in coordinating safeguarding self-assessment reviews and audits within the parish as and when requested by the Archdiocese or on behalf of the Archdiocese.

Report on any issues or concerns that come to my attention.

Assist Father Bob with Safe guarding Induction of all staff and volunteers, training policy, protocol and code of conduct

Assist Father Bob to ensure Safeguarding with current legislation, policy and protocols within the archdiocese

Training of staff and volunteers

Assist Father Bob with the signing of the Code of Conduct for all staff and volunteers

We can certainly have more than one person doing this role within the parish, let me know if you are interested in assisting with Safeguarding and you too can do the training required and help to create and maintain safe environments for everyone in the parish.

Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions or call the parish office for my contact information.

Thank you,
Natasha Steimbeisser.