



## 2/3 November 2019-Year C Thirty-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:** Forsake me not, O Lord, My God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son, that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **1. True Greatness**

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus comes to Zacchaeus's house for dinner, and it is an enormous honour for Zacchaeus that he does.

Great honours come to great people. If you are a great scientist, you might win the Nobel prize. If you are a great athlete, you might win an Olympic gold medal. The people who get these honours seem amazing to us. And yet these are not the big honours. They pale in comparison to having God incarnate come to dinner.

How are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

So what is it about Zacchaeus that makes him win an honour bigger than the Nobel prize or the Olympic gold medal? What are the standards of greatness on God's standards of value?

The Second Reading explains it. As Paul tells them, he prays for the Thessalonians that they might be made worthy of the calling of God. And how are they made worthy? By living in such a way that the name of Jesus is glorified in their lives.

How does a life glorify the name of Jesus? Well, people looking at you will not think the God you worship is great if you humiliate your wife in public, neglect your children, spend most of your free time on TV, gossip maliciously about others, and try hard to get as much attention for yourself as you can, will they? Who would want to be like you? Who would want to worship the God you say you worship?

So to be great by God's standards of value is to live in such a way that others looking at you can see and admire the greatness of the Lord.

Now look at Zacchaeus. He didn't attract anyone's admiration. He was a tax collector, and he got rich from the oppression of his own people. He didn't care much for his own dignity either. Short as he was, he climbed a tree to see Jesus.

But this is the point of the story and the answer to the question about greatness, isn't it?

A person's winning human prizes (and being tall) isn't what glorifies the Lord. What glorifies the Lord is a person's seeking the Lord first, above all other prizes.

Zacchaeus doesn't care what happens to him as long as he can get to the Lord. That is what makes Zacchaeus great. And that is why Jesus came to dinner at his house.

## 2. November Masses

The Book of Maccabees reminds us that it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. During November Masses will be offered for our deceased loved ones from parishioners handing in Mass envelopes only.

November 2nd is Holy Souls Day and Mass will be at 9 am as we remember our deceased loved ones.

The Memorial Book with the names of those we want prayers for will be on display in the Church during all of November.

## 3. Sacrament of Reconciliation Programme

The candidates who have enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation programme are reminded that the lessons begin on Monday 4th November beginning at 7pm in the College school. A list of the groups is in this weeks bulletin and Leaders and Parents/Carers are asked to meet on the verandah of the first building at the main gate of the School.

All candidates need to attend all 4 sessions with a parent or carer.

## 4. Reconciliation Booklets

Children are asked to hand in their Reconciliation purple booklets after each Mass this weekend. The Reconciliation box is at the foot of the altar. Booklets will be given back next weekend.

<b>Leader</b>	Natalie
<b>Students</b>	Ariella Antonelli Ariana Abella Gabrielle Bugarija Jarryd Tyler Crescini Jonathon Djodan Sofie Carroll Mason Morizzi (public school) Reuben El- Khoury
<b>Leader</b>	Mary
<b>Students</b>	Oscar Louis Eljiz- Mifsud Charlotte Grace Eljiz-Mifsud Alysha Falzon Tiarra Fredric Savannah Chloe Graves Jasmine Grima Christlyn Palackal Levi Le-Nguyen
<b>Leader</b>	Nicole
<b>Students</b>	Lauren Grima Charlotte Hext Laila McLeod Benson El- Khoury (Trinity College) Claritta Baz Lucas Luttuga (public school) Analeise Luttuga (public school) Claudia Marie Severin (public school) Jamie Quinnell

<b>Leader</b>	Olivia
<b>Students</b>	Daniel Odisho Cosimo Piscioneri Levi Sangiuliano Lily Stivala Chiara Taranto Porscha Vitale Summer Power Leonardo Zappavigna

<b>Leader</b>	Maragret
<b>Students</b>	Marcus Zoric Andrew Cilia (St Francis Catholic College) Alexis Stivala (public school) Anthony Nad (public school) Tate Cooper (public school) Monica Montibeler Xavier Lopez Marissa Fisher

## 5. Parish Council

The PPC will have a meeting in the Presbytery on Tuesday 12 November at 7pm, not the 5th as previously advertised.

## 6. Anniversary

We congratulate Anonio & Sarah Tosello as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Due to their age they receive Holy Communion when I visit Tobruk Village, as they are part of that community as well. Ad Multos Annos!

## 7. CWF Appeal November

The Appeal for CWF is on this weekend. Please put your envelopes in the collection.

May God Bless you.



Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 4-9 November

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



### 11-16 November

Volunteers

## READERS ROSTER

### 2/3 November

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

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Maja SImat: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: James Gill

Readers:

James Gill: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

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

### 9/10 November (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Sarah Casaha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 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: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 2/3 November

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Olivia Tropea & Frances Musso

### 9/10 November

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Volunteer

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Faye Palamara

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 2/3 November

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 9/10 November

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 2 November

S Mercieca & L Camilleri

### 9 November

Pauline & Lauren Vassallo



#### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 8 November

Mass

### 29 November

Mass



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Santa Marta: Love that Plays its Last Card

#### The Love of God 'is tears of tenderness in Jesus'

The love of God is a love "always waiting", which "plays its last card ... until the end", Pope Francis affirmed during the morning Mass that he celebrated at the Holy House. Martha, October 31, 2019. And the love of God "is tears of tenderness in Jesus". On the Damascus Way, the pope emphasized in his homily, St. Paul "fell in love with Christ", a "strong love", "great", "serious", to the point of "feeling that the Lord always accompanied, in beautiful things as in bad ones.

And the pope to ask, "Do I love the Lord like that? When bad times come, how many times do you want to say, "The Lord has abandoned me, he does not love me anymore" and we would like to leave the Lord? But Paul was sure that the Lord never gives up. He understood in his life the love of Christ. This is the path that Paul shows us: the path of love, always, in good and bad times, always. "

The love of Christ "can not be described", insisted the pope: "he gave his life for me and there is no greater love than to give one's life for another". He gave the example of maternal love, which "gives his life for his child, accompanies him always in his life, in difficult times ... but it is still little ... The love of Jesus is a close love from us ... from each of us, with a name and a name. "

In the Gospel of Luke, the love of Jesus is so "concrete" that he "weeps", Pope Francis observed: "The love of Christ leads him to tears, to tears for each one of us. What tenderness there is in this expression. If Jesus could "condemn Jerusalem, say harsh things" it was because he regretted that she "does not let herself be loved".

"If we can not feel, to understand the tenderness of the love of God in Jesus for each one of us, never, we will never be able to understand what is the love of Christ," he said. It is a love that is always waiting, patient, the love that plays its last card with Judas (calling it) "Friend", who gives him his exit door, until the end. He also loves great sinners with this tenderness, until the end.

In conclusion, Pope Francis invited to think "to Jesus so tender, to Jesus who weeps, as he cried in front of the tomb of Lazarus, as he cried while looking at Jerusalem".



## 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](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:** Maria Camilleri

**Also for:** Holy Souls in Purgatory,

**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.

## Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Death Online: Sydney abortion website opens for business
- 104-Patricia celebrates
- “Born that way” no more: New study is bad news for queer theory
- A Father’s love reborn for a daughter
- Movie Review: The Addams Family
- A heroic Anglican Archbishop

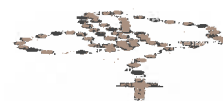
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## The Chain of Mary Association Inc

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



## 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.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

A Message from CWF:  
Appeal Date 2nd & 3rd November 2019.

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese:

**The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal**, our premier charity.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

Thank you.

## 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 kind of ant is good at maths?

A. An Accountant.



## National Pastoral Ministry Conference Alive in the Spirit Being the Community

**Christ calls us to Be** 9-11th July 2020 St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong  
Save the Date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th July 2020.  
Keynote Speaker: Leisa Anslinger from the United States of America and a National Leader in StrengthsFinder work and in Parish Engagement & Stewardship.  
The Conference, coordinated by the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Parish Workers (NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Oceania Mission Planners Network (OMPN) invites all people working in Pastoral Ministry to explore:  
• What gives life in the Spirit and renewal in our Church • Ways to invigorate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults within our parishes • Our engagement with Plenary 2020  
The Conference will be held at St Mary, Star of the Sea College, Harbour St, Wollongong.  
Spread the word and look out for more information in coming months  
More information contact: Lisa Bright [lisa.bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:lisa.bright@parracatholic.org) or 0448 652 720 NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates/Parish Workers.

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## The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at [epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://epiphanypilgrimage.org) and [facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage](https://facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage)

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## Send a Seminarian Home for Christmas

Please contact the Seminary on 9726 8114 for details on how to buy raffle tickets or visit our webpage ([seminary.org.au/raffle](http://seminary.org.au/raffle)) to help send an overseas-born Seminarian Home for Christmas with his family. The draw will take place at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, 106 Gurney Rd Chester Hill on 24th November 2019.

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## 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.

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## 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.

## ALL SOULS DAY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2



In some Christian denominations, All Souls' Day or the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, that is, of the souls of all Christians who have died, follows All Saints' Day. Observing Christians typically remember deceased relatives on the day. In Western Christianity the annual celebration is held on 2 November and is associated with the season of Allhallowtide, including All Saints' Day and its eve, Halloween.

In the Catholic Church, "the faithful" refers specifically to baptized Catholics; "all souls" commemorates the church penitent of souls in Purgatory, whereas "all saints" commemorates the church triumphant of saints in Heaven. In the liturgical books of the western Catholic Church it is called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, and is celebrated annually on 2 November.

In the ordinary form of the Roman Rite, as well as in the Personal Ordinariates established by Benedict XVI for former Anglicans, it remains on 2 November if this date falls on a Sunday; in the 1962–1969 form of the Roman Rite, use of which is still authorized, it is transferred to Monday, 3 November. On this day in particular, Catholics pray for the dead. In the Church of England it is called The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and is an optional celebration; Anglicans view All Souls' Day as an extension of the observance of All Saints' Day and it serves to "remember those who have died", in connection with the theological doctrines of the resurrection of the body and the Communion of Saints.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church and the associated Eastern Catholic Churches, it is celebrated several times during the year and is not associated with the month of November.