



30 November/1 December 2019-Year A First Sunday of Advent



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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: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the First Sunday of Advent Year A

1. Left Behind

In the Gospel Reading, Christ gives a warning about his coming again. Stay awake and wait for me, he says, or else it will be for you the way it was for the people left behind in Noah's time.

Those people watched Noah build his big boat on dry land, and they must have laughed at him. *They* weren't worried. They ate their dinners and held their weddings just as always. And then the flood came. In one day, it swept them all away.

Physical death is the end of the line as far as chances for salvation go.

It will be like this when I come again, Christ says. Those who weren't waiting for me will be left behind when I return.

These are puzzling words. Are we supposed to expect Armageddon any day now, for every day of our lives? Will we be left behind if we don't? Well, look at Noah's flood. Human beings had gotten so evil that it began to look as if God had made a mistake in creating them. So, in the flood, God did something like an autologous bone marrow transplant on the human race. God sifted through the bad cancerous lump of humanity and found a few human beings who looked morally and spiritually healthy. The idea was to reproduce those spiritually healthy human beings after the flood, when the evil people were gone. By this means, the human race could have a rebirth.

The people who laughed at Noah's boat were so evil that they could be waked up to their spiritual peril only when the water rose. Their only chance of salvation came in the catastrophe of the flood when the fear of death may have prompted them to turn to the Lord for salvation. There are things much worse than physical death.

But physical death is the end of the line as far as chances for salvation go. Those who will not turn to the Lord before they die will just be left behind, without the Lord, as Christ says. They will have missed the boat permanently.

So Christ isn't directing us to keep an anxious eye out for Armageddon's advent. Any day now—who knows when—we may die. What we need to be waiting for while we live is Christ. If we live in expectation of the Lord's coming for us, we will not be left behind on that day.

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to inform you that I have put in my resignation to Archbishop Fisher as Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua Austral.

I want to let you know of this matter before you may hear it on the clerical grapevine or from a friend who knows a Priest.

I will resign on Easter Sunday 12 April 2020, and then, a new Pastor will be appointed. The incoming Pastor, I am sure, will feel as welcome and supported as I have been over my six years with you all., I hope the new Pastor will be appointed before my departure so that there can be a handover, change over, take place.

I will inform you of the new Pastor when it's announced by Archbishop Fisher. I have enjoyed my ministry with you and I am very proud of the growth of our parish and all that together we have achieved. I thank each and every parishioner for their spiritual and physical support to me and our community that I have been your Pastor.

I am moving on, although, I was considering retirement, at the end of my six years which was the 30 November, as I, Cheryl and Catherine arrived on the 30 November 2013.

What is the plan?

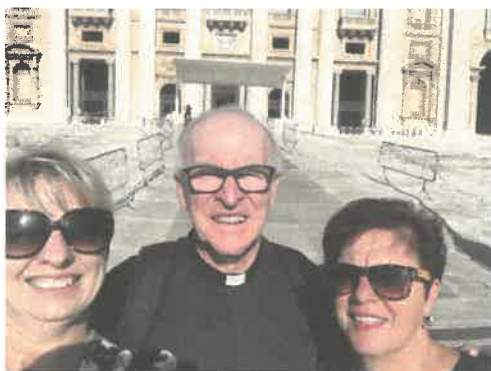
The Archbishop has asked me and appointed me as "The Rector of Domus Australia" in Italy. I will have a pastoral role of caring for the guests who book into the hotel and the hotel staff.

Domus Australa is a boutique hotel of 64 rooms, close to Termini Railway Station (10 Minutes walk) and to the Metro (5 minute walk).

The Hotel welcomes guests from all over the world and of course, from Australia, in particular. There is a beautiful renovated Chapel connected to the hotel and morning Mass is celebrated daily at 8am. I invite you to look at the website of "Domus Australia" and consider staying there when next visiting Rome.

My appointment is for 2 years.

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

2-7 December

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric

9-14 December

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko



READERS ROSTER

30 November/1 December

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Margaret DeVries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

7/8 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

30 November/1 December

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Frances Musso

7/8 December

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Olivia Tropea



ACOLYTES ROSTER

30 Nov/1 Dec

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

7/8 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

30 November

F Hockings & V Bugeja

7 December

Suzanne Sanchez & R Micallef

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

1 December

Frances & Faye

15 December

Sister Rosa & Jayann

OFFICIAL BLESSING AND OPENING OF ST ANTHONY'S COLLEGE



CELEBRATING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER DD



**CUTTING OF THE CAKE WITH SENATOR CONCETTA FIERRAVANTI-WELLS,
ARCHBISHOP FISHER, MYSELF AND OUR PRINCIPAL LEA DE ANGELIS.**

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis is in Japan from 25-26th November

Pope Confirms Japanese in Their Faith, Charity, Service
'Japan is particularly sensitive to the suffering of those less fortunate, the handicapped and the disabled'

"I have come to confirm Japanese Catholics in their faith, their charitable outreach to those in need and their service to the country of which they are proud citizens," Pope Francis said on November 25, 2019. "As a nation, Japan is particularly sensitive to the suffering of those less fortunate, the handicapped and the disabled."

The Holy Father's remarks came at a meeting with Authorities and the diplomatic corps in Sakura-no-ma Hall, Prime Minister's Office, Tokyo. The Pope was introduced by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who noted Francis' desire as a youth to be a missionary in Japan and the desire to end nuclear weapons.

An Address to Pope Francis by Miki Kobayashi a Young Adult Catholic

I am very honoured to speak on behalf of Japanese Catholic Youth.

Your Holiness, Japanese society emphasises productivity, so I feel Japan is a very busy country. So, people do not pause and reflect on themselves and pray. However, I think it is necessary in modern life to make round trips between daily life and time apart, in order to reflect on the past week and to pray. When I went to Timor, the students went to Mass every night. They prayed quietly and their singing spread throughout the Church. I felt the beauty of their lives naturally spent with God. This daily trip enriches ones life. Japanese society is well developed and many live their lives without believing in something. In such an environment, how can young people meet God?

Is there some place where they can have that encounter?

I said that Japan is a rich country, but there are a lot of problems to be solved.

Globalisation is bringing more and more people of various backgrounds to live together. I would like to ask what role the Church can play and how can young people find God within Japanese society? Thank you.

Pope Francis meets victims of the 2011 triple disaster in Tokyo.

Pope Francis said: "it is important at times like this to pause and reflect upon who we are and, perhaps more critically, who we want to be. In 2011 it was a triple disaster: a powerful earthquake triggered a tsunami that flooded the nuclear plant, leading to a meltdown. 18,000 people died and eight years later, 50,000 are still living in temporary accommodation. Pope said: "As we think about the future of our common home, we need to realise that we cannot make purely selfish decisions and that we have a great responsibility to future generations. Consequently, we must choose a humble and sober way of life that recognises the urgent realities we are called to face."



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME

Dear Parishioners,

The parish based programme has finished the four weeks of preparation for our Candidates who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament on Wednesday night, 4th December.

I thank the candidates and their parents for participating in the programme with enthusiasm and attending the four sessions.

In particular, I thank the five group leaders namely: Natalie Valenzisi, Olivia Sangiuliano, Nicole Hext, Margaret De Vries and Mary Grima.

Also, I thank our College Family educator, Mrs Veronica Leva for her tutoring and preparing the leaders to lead each session. We have a practise evening this Monday and then, Wednesday is the celebration of the Sacrament with four Priests attending.

Christmas Pageant

Practice for the Christmas Pageant is on every Tuesday until Christmas Eve.

Children from 5 years of age and above are welcome to participate.

Parents/Guardians need to be present for all practices. Children must be available from the first week as there needs to be ample time for the children to be very comfortable and familiar with their roles.

Please see Fr Bob, Vanessa, Sarah or Veronica Casha for any queries.

Fr Bob: 9606 0206

Donations to our two Christmas Appeals to St Vincent de Paul and to our Christmas Mass at John Edmondson VC Gardens can be given over the next few Sundays finishing on Sunday 15th December. Boxes are under the Parish Christmas Tree at the front of the Church. Boxes are marked for your donations. Thank you.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Jocelyn Pereira

Anniversaries: Isidoro Bianchi, Vince Camilleri.

Also for: We pray during November for our deceased loved ones, relatives and friends, Mary Vella,

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 Jassenko, Antoinette Grotto, Tomislav Juric, Fr David Coffey (Former Lecturer in the Seminary), Doris Gauci, Romeo San Jose & Veronica Sese.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT
ST ANTHONY'S AUSTRAL 2019

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are invited to gather and prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus by a sincere conversion of mind and heart through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Come back and be reconciled to God!

Tuesday 17th December 7.00pm-8.00pm
Saturday 21 December 4.30pm -5.15pm
Tuesday 24 December 9.30-10.30am (after Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve– Tuesday December 24

5.00pm Carols before Family Mass
5.30pm: Family Mass

11.30pm: Carolling before Mass

Midnight: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday December 25

7.30am—Mass in the Morning

9.00am—Mass in the Morning



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.