



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
320 Edmondson Ave  
AUSTRAL 2179

**Pastor:**  
Fr. Robert Hayes PP RFD VF

**Secretary:** Cheryl McKell  
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**Presbytery: Parish Office is  
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College**

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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.

**7/8 December 2019-Year A  
Second Sunday of Advent**



**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of His voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent Year A**

**1. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The First Reading is the source for the Christian tradition about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There are seven of them, but six are listed in our reading. Piety, is the spiritual virtue described in the verse for taking care of the poor and afflicted. We are all children of our beloved God. There is a version of all these virtues that you can get all by yourself. There is also a kind of courage that the Lord can put into a person. Peter, wasn't very brave at first, as we know, denying Jesus. But, Jesus gave him courage to face the Jewish authorities after the Resurrection that they marvelled at him.

But the gifts of the Holy Spirit are different from both these kind of virtues, the acquired ones and the ones the God gives. Just look at piety! In Roman times, piety, was a virtue having to do with fathers and sons. A son owed his father reverence and the father owed the son care. There is piety towards the community and country, as well. This is still a virtue having to do with fathers. The idea is that every citizen owes reverence and care towards their country.

In Christian times, piety, as a virtue given by God had to do with taking care of your own, your own parents, your own children, your community and your country. St. Paul says that if any person does not take care of his own, he is worse than an infidel (1 Tim 5:8). But that piety is still not the same as the piety which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Piety from the Holy Spirit, is the love of God and it includes the recognition that every human being who crosses our path—every one without exception—is the beloved of God. And so, every human being—the sinful, the annoyingly stupid, the derelict, the poor and afflicted—is one of our own. This is the piety that is a gift from the Holy Spirit.

All the gifts of the Holy Spirit are like this gift of piety. If we do not refuse them, they kindle in us the fire of love for God and for his people.

As the commandment reminds us—to love God and to love our neighbour, wherever we find the neighbour.

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 9-14 December

V Casha, S Arcuri,  
M Masini, M Cvetko

### 16-21 December

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,  
Lila, Beka



## READERS ROSTER

### 7/8 December

#### **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

### 14/15 December (Third Sunday of Advent)

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

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sara Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John William-Fisher: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 7/8 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Catherine Florio & Bonnie

Szafranski



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Olivia Tropea

### 14/15 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Volunteer

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 7/8 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 14/15 December

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 7 December

Suzanne Sanchez & R Micallef

### 14 December

Daniela Romeo & Volunteer

#### **9am Sunday**

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 15 December

Sister Rosa & Jayann

### 20 December

Mass

## **Dear Parishioners,**

Parishioners who were not at St Anthony's last weekend, I informed the community that I have put in my resignation to Archbishop Fisher as Parish Priest of St Anthony of Padua Austral.

I will resign on Easter Sunday 12 April, 2020 and a new Parish Priest 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 in good time for me to do a handover, change over with him. As I said last weekend, I will inform the community of the nomination as soon as I am informed.

The Archbishop has appointed me as Rector of Domus Australia in Rome, Italy and I will take up the appointment on 1<sup>st</sup> May from the present Rector at Domus Australia.

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## **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Parish Finance Committee met on Wednesday 27 November and present were Jim Gill (Chairperson), Lea DeAngelis (College Principal), Olivia Sangiuliano and myself. Apologies were from George Ajkay and Anthony Mastroeni (Parish Accountant). I thank, Olivia and Anthony for their support during their membership on the committee. In particular, we owe a debt of gratitude to George Ajkay, for his involvement in parish life over many years supporting Fr Short, I am sure in many ways, and now myself, as an acolyte at the 7.30am Sunday Mass and on the Finance Committee during my time here. As Jim has moved away, and I am moving on, I believe that the Finance Committee needs to be re-constituted under the new Pastor. So, I am letting the Finance Committee be re-constituted under the new Pastor when he arrives. The FY 30/06/18 is available on the board at the back of the church.

## **Giving for Christmas**

A reminder that your giving to St Vincent de Paul of food stuffs eg: pasta, tin foods and Longlife milk etc should be in by next Sunday so that the St V de Paul Society can distribute Christmas Hampers before Christmas.

## **John Edmondson VC Village**

We are still asking for toiletries for the residents to give as little gifts after our Christmas Mass to be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. There are boxes under the Christmas Tree for your donations. Thank you.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** We will celebrate this sacrament during the 9am Mass on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Please consider bringing any sick or frail parishioners to this Mass to receive this special grace of the sacrament before Christmas.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** A reminder to parishioners to prepare for Christmas by joining the community on Tuesday 17 December from 7-8pm for the celebration for this sacrament of the Lord's forgiveness and grace. Priest will be available during this time in the Church. If we haven't been for over 12 months this is your opportunity to prepare spiritually for the Birth of Jesus.

## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



This week, Pope Francis, visited the town of Greccio which is a Shrine of the First Nativity Scene.

He said: “May His smile, which blossomed in the night, dispel indifference and open our hearts to the joy of one who feels loved by the Father who is in Heaven.”

Pope Francis stressed this in Greccio, at the site of the First Nativity Scene, first instituted by St Francis of Assisi.

Pope Francis made a brief reflection in which he called on the faithful to be like Mary and to let Jesus transform us and our ways of thinking and living.

“Let us identify ourselves with Mary, who places her Son in the manger, because there was no room in the house, with her and St Joseph, her husband, we have our gaze turned to the Child Jesus.”

“May His smile, which blossomed in the night, dispel indifference and open our hearts to the joy of one who feels loved by the Father in Heaven.”

“In this simple and wonderful sign of the Nativity Scene”, the Pope remarked, “the great mystery is manifested of our faith: God loves us so much to such a point as to share our humanity and our life.”

“He never leaves us alone,” the Pope stressing, “He accompanies us with His hidden presence, but not invisible. In every circumstance, in joy as in sorrow, He is the Emmanuel, God with us.”

As the shepherds of Bethlehem, the Holy Father said, we accept the invitation to go to the grotto, to see Him and be filled with joy.”

The Pope left the Vatican and went by helicopter to visit the Shrine in the Diocese of Rieti. Before travelling to the Shrine, he greeted some sick people and their families who had been waiting for him on his arrival.

School children too were present and sang from the musical “Come Ye People,” which recounts the life of St Francis and some figures of the Representation of the history of the living Nativity Scene, in traditional garments in the Shrines Church. The Pope presided over a Liturgy of the Word and then, gave his Apostolic Letter Admirabile Signum, (Admirable Sign) followed by his Apostolic Blessing. At 5 pm he returned to the Vatican.



## 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 Vanessa, Sarah or Veronica for any queries.

## Calling The Catholic Youth

Sydney Catholic Youth extends an invitation to the youth in the parish who aspire to get involved in parish youth life as a leader!

The Youth Leaders Evangelisation School (YLES) will be held from 25 January - st February 2020.

YLES is a week long live-in experience that allows youth and young adults the opportunity to explore their call to get involved in parish life and assist young people in the parish to come back to faith and Jesus.

YLES builds community by engaging those attending by the talks presented, workshops, day pilgrimages, communal and personal prayer and fellowship with all attending the school.

The school will be held at Campion College Toongabbie.

Any youth interested, the parish will support your attendance for the week with the proviso you give back to the parish by trying to gather youth and young adults back to the parish.

See Fr Bob for more details or contact [elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8152.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

**Recently Deceased:** Giuseppe Cicala, Alba Casagrande

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Vella, Maria Catania

**Also for:** We pray during November for our deceased loved ones, relatives and friends.

**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

- Cathedral lights up
- Australia targets seal of Confession
- Environmental sin
- Faithful in Divorce
- Movie Review: Green Eggs and Ham
- Make it a family Advent

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 did the chicken cross the playground?

**A.** To get to the other slide.



### BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Leo Anton Lautier  
(Child of Dennis & Doris)

Lucas Valleri  
(Child of Jesse & Daniella)

Julius Samuel Noiosi  
(Child of Anthony & Gemma)



### 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.

## **A Blessing for your Home**

During this Season of Advent, I invite families, as well as parishioners living alone, to bless their homes in preparation for Christ's Birth.

The home is the place where we learn to love. It is in our homes that our children are first introduced to love; in our homes where husbands and wives most profoundly model sacramental love; in our homes where we learn and practice forgiveness, compassion, encouragement, humility, trust.

**Materials:** Holy Water (bring a container to Church and Father will give you Holy Water), Holy Family Image and Candle.

Gather as a family or single at your prayer space or crucifix. Light the candle. Make the sign of the cross.

**Leader:** Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

**All:** Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

**Leader:**

When Jesus became man, he made his home with us. Let us pray that he will enter this home and bless it with his presence. May Jesus always be among us; may he nurture our love for each other, share in our joys, and comfort us in our sorrows.

Inspired by the example of the Holy Family, let us seek to make our home a dwelling place of love.

Now visits each room of the house and with candle. Sprinkle holy water and say:

**All:** O God, give your blessing on all who use this room. Amen.

Return to your prayer space. Say the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

**Leader:**

Be our shelter, Lord, when we are at home, our companion when we are away and our welcome guest when we return. Bless our home and our family. Keep us close to each other and to you.

**All:** Amen.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and may the word of Christ dwell in us, so that whatever we do in word or action, we will do in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## 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.