



1/2 February 2020-Year A The Presentation of the Lord



**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 Mass and Adoration till 10am.

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: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of Your people, Israel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in the sight of all peoples.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

1. Freedom

The Second Reading says that Christ freed those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their lives. But what is that slavery? And how does fear of death produce it? For that matter, what is it to be free?

To be united to Christ is to become your own true self.

Well, if I lock you in the basement, you aren't free to go where you want to go. Freedom is a matter of doing what *you yourself* want to do.

But then there has to be just *one* of you if you are to be free. If you want desperately to stop smoking and you also really want to smoke, then whether you smoke or don't smoke, you aren't doing what *you* want to do. There are *two* of you, we might say, when you are divided against yourself in this way.

Fear can make a person divide against himself in this way. When Franz Stangl was first assigned to oversee a euthanasia clinic for the Nazis, he didn't want to be involved in the killing. But he was afraid of what he would lose if he didn't do as he was told. So he took the job and tried to hide from himself what he was doing. Out of fear, he willed to do what he himself didn't want to do.

Fear of death can get a person to do even worse things than putting the ill and disabled to death. Stangl wound up as the commandant of the notorious death camp Treblinka, where he oversaw the killing of many thousands of men, women, and children, because he was afraid that the Nazis would kill him if he didn't.

The horrors of that job left Stangl severely alienated from himself. At Treblinka, Stangl had to suppress a large part of his true self. If we ask ourselves whether, at Treblinka, Stangl was doing what he himself wanted to do, there seems to be no answer to the question. He did and he did not want to do what he was doing then. And so at Treblinka Stangl lost his freedom totally. He was enslaved to himself and his own fear of death. This is the slavery that Christ saves us from. To be united to Christ is to become your own true self. That is why, if we come to Christ, we will know the Truth, and he will set us free. (John 8:32).

2. Catechist's Meeting

As we move back into work mode, the Good News of the Gospel needs to be again shared with our Catholic families and students at Austral Public School.

To begin the year, there will be a Catechist's meeting and all catechists are asked to attend.

When: Tuesday February 4 @ 9.30am, after the 9am Mass.

Where: Parish hall.



3. Anniversary Mass: Maria Rosa Rigitano

Family and friends are invited to attend the one year Mass of Maria Rosa Rigitano on this coming Wednesday night in the Church at 7pm.

All Welcome.



4. Liturgy Committee Meeting

There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting to be held in the presbytery on Tuesday evening February 11 at 7pm.

Members of the Liturgy Committee are asked to attend in order to plan for Lent and Easter Ceremonies. Please mark it in your diaries.

5. Syriac Catholic Community

The Syriac Catholic Community approached me late last year to use the Parish Church for their community to have Mass at St Anthony's as many of their parishioners are moving to this area. I have agreed to their request and their first Mass will commence next Sunday, February 9 at 12 noon. This will be a regular weekly Mass for their Community.

Their Priest is Father Lenard Ina, who is incardinated into the Archdiocese of Sydney and is Parish Priest to his community.

Can we welcome them to St Anthony's and we wish them every blessing as their community makes their home amongst us.

6. St Vincent de Paul Bushfire Appeal

My thanks to parishioners for the St Vincent de Paul Appeal held as a leaving collection last weekend at the Masses.

I know parishioners may have already contributed to one of the many other agencies assisting those in need, and certainly, the Church and the St Vincent de Paul Society were slow off the mark in having an appeal through the Churches. The Appeal raised \$745.00 and we will forward the monies on to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

7. Congratulations Jim Brassil

Today, the parish congratulates Jim Brassil on his 90th birthday.

Jim and his wife Teresa (who passed away February 2015) moved into Tobruk Village and made their home there. They made St Anthony's their Spiritual home from 2013 according to the parish data system.

Jim and Teresa attended the 9am Mass where they both participated in the liturgy both as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers of the Word.

Those who attended the 9am Mass knew them and we were saddened at Teresa's untimely passing. After the death of his wife, Jim, continued to serve our community in both ministries until, due to age and navigating the steps up and down on the Altar, he had to step down from the 2 Ministries. He continues to attend the 9am Mass, each Sunday. I thank him for his loyal service to this community and to the Church.

Today, Jim celebrates his 90th year and on behalf of the parish community and those parishioners who attend the 9am Mass we wish Jim a very happy birthday. Ad Multos Annos.



May God Bless you

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

3-8 February

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

10-15 February

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



READERS ROSTER

1/2 February

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa 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: Mica Pace

Readers:

Mica Pace: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

8/9 February (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 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: Sam Sofi

Readers:

Sam Sofi: 1st Reading

Massimo Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

1/2 February

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Karen Power & Volunteer

8/9 February

Saturday Vigil

Victorie Bugeja & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Phil Gigliotti



ACOLYTES ROSTER

1/2 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

8/9 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1 February

Sylvia Mercieca & Lily Camilleri

8 February

Pauline Vassallo & Melinda Cansino

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon



NURSING HOME ROSTER

9 February

Faye & Frances

23 February

Sister Rosa & Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Morning Homily: Celebrate God's Nearness & Be Joyous

Reminds That Being with the Lord & Remembering His Presence, Makes Us Happy & Fruitful.

We are happy and fruitful, when we are truly 'with' God....

According to Vatican News, Pope Francis suggested this during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, today, Jan. 28, as he reflected on today's First Reading, which speaks of the joy with which David and all the people of Israel were celebrating the return of the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem following its capture.

The people felt that God was close to them and they celebrated, the Pope said, pointing out that King David was leading the procession. He also danced expressing his joy, like the others, without inhibitions.

"David loves the Lord, and he is happy and joyful to bring back the ark of the Lord with dancing and singing like all the people," the Holy Father noted.

Never, Francis suggested to the faithful, be ashamed of expressing their joy of meeting God and feeling His closeness. Only evangelizers full of joy, the Pontiff said, will bring the Gospel forward.

The Pope pointed out that we also experience this joy and celebrate when "when we are with the Lord" in our parishes or villages.

Turning back to David's story, the Pope said that one of his wives, Michal, Saul's daughter, reproached him saying it was inappropriate that he was celebrating like the people. David, Francis recalled, explained to Michal that he was rejoicing in the Lord, as the ark was back home. Yet, Michal, the Pope remember, was punished for this and did not bear children. "Without joy in the heart," he said, "a Christian is not fruitful."

In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* of his predecessor, Saint Pope Paul VI said—Pope Francis cited—"the Gospel will not go forward with boring, bitter evangelizers." "It will only go forward," he underscored, "with joyful evangelizers, full of life."

Pope Francis concluded, urging faithful to live the joy of receiving the Word of God, "the joy of being Christians, the joy of going ahead, the ability to celebrate without being ashamed and not being like Michal, formal Christians, prisoners of formalities."



A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9 February 2020 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be The Reverend Fr Brian Lucas.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....



All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Ivan Farac

Anniversaries: Annunziata Vella, Isidoro Bianchi, Maria Caterina Siciliano, Maria Giuseppa Simone, Maria Rosa Rigitano

Also for: Mary Vella, Special Intention

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, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Ernest Rust, James Dimech, Jean Poles.

Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Kobe Bryant's Catholic Faith
- Saint's relics arrive
- Coronavirus: Asia's churches act
- Which Greens policy is the real one?
- Movie Reviews: Marriage Story
- The China option?

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 is Santa so good at Karate?

A. Because he has a black belt.



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Alyssa Harper Dewberry
(Child of Blake & Christa)

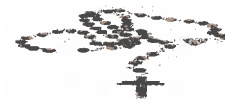


The Chain of Mary Association Inc

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.

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 or 0448 652 720 NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates/Parish Workers.

Vocation Discernment Weekend Run By The Capuchin Friars

15-16th February 2020

Come away for a couple of days to consider vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill.

There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom.

The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February. Please contact Father Thomas: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

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.

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.

11th Annual Youth Retreat 21-23 February 2020 by Croatian Catholic Youth

Inviting all Aussie Croats to spend a weekend away uniting in the spirit of faith, culture and friendship. Meet new people, discuss hot topics and learn more about your faith.

Register by 5th February 2020 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BGNHK> Cost is \$250 includes 2 night accommodation & meals Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale.

Arrival & check in on Friday 21st Feb 10am -12pm Start time 12pm | Retreat ends Sunday 3pm.

CONTACT crocatholicretreat@gmail.com

Anita on 0411 285 308 or Antonia 0432 660 855. Youth retreat is in English.

Please note due to unforeseen circumstances, the retreat guest Don Damir, will no longer be coming. Other speakers will be lined up.

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea.

Call CCareline to find out more 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org

Plenary Council

Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October? If so, speak with your Parish Priest or Barbara Perry (Sydney Plenary Council Working Group) on 0438 012 964, barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org for more details.

All applicants must fill in and submit an application form found here:

<https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>.

Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. Attached to this email is the full itinerary, which we ask you to print in A3 and post up on your parish noticeboard so that parishioners are aware of where and when they can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

Women's Lenten Retreat

This is an invitation to all women to attend a Lenten Retreat to be held at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa from 6 pm, Friday 28th February – 4 pm Sunday 1st March, 2020

Venue: Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa 2745

Cost: \$170 – twin-share, \$210 – single room (when available)

Day Participation: 9am – 5pm - \$60 Registration.

For Booking Form & Payment contact: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone: 4773 8338

Essential by 14 February.