



**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.

**11/12 January 2020-Year A  
The Baptism of the Lord**



**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was Baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord will bless His people with peace.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard. This is my beloved Son, hear Him. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord**

**1. Here and Now**

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there? But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there then*. What about everybody else? Surely, it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

**You stand out as the particular person you are, where the Lord is concerned.**

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But you stand out as the particular person you are, where the Lord is concerned. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

## 2. Christmas Celebrations



Christmas season comes to a close with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Next Sunday, we move back to the Ordinary Sundays of the Year before we move into Lent and Easter.

Ash Wednesday begins on 26 February and Easter Sunday is the 12th April.

As we look back to our Christmas celebrations, I would like to thank all involved for the wonderful liturgies that were celebrated.

Our Family Mass was standing room only and our thanks go to the Casha Family for organising it and to the children who were involved in the Christmas story. Thank You Children!

A group of young adults led by Patrizia Morandin led the Midnight Mass and was well attended with approximately 350 people.

The Christmas Day Masses were again well attended too.

The 7.30am had about 300 people but, unfortunately, there was no singing, but Frances Musso organised Christmas cards through the Mass.

The 9am Mass, surprised me, with a good attendance of maybe 400 people. My thanks to Frances and the ladies for their support to the 9am Mass.

Overall, I think, we saw an increase in the attendance from last year.

It's just a shame that so many while enjoying the liturgy etc don't feel moved to attend more frequently.

Also, I thank Fay Palamara and her helpers for putting up the Christmas trees and Christmas crib and taking both down as well, Faye is very devoted to the care of the altar area.

My thanks to everyone involved, but as always, we can do with more hands assisting.

## 3. Children's Liturgy

There was a sheet put out for assistance with children's liturgy at both the Vigil and 9am Mass. To date, I have two mums who have put their names down to assist.

Come on! Can we have a few more volunteers to help the children enjoy coming to Mass by having their own Liturgy of the Word?

Please put your details on the sheet that is on the table as you enter the Church.



## 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. Holy Communion Service

There will be no weekday Masses during the coming week and Holy Communion Services will be held.



May God Bless you



Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 13-18 January

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri

### 20-25 January

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## READERS ROSTER

### 11/12 January

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

Commentator: Natasha Steimbeisser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

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

### 18/19 January (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Rita Zappia: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Ann Violi: 1st Reading

Liz Habib: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 11/12 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Volunteer

### 18/19 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 11/12 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 18/19 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 11 January

School Holidays

### 18 January 2020

School Holidays

#### **9am Sunday**

School Holidays



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 12 January 2020

Lina & Santina

### 31 January

Mass



### **Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00**

- Faith shines brighter amidst disaster
- Monica Doumit: Double standards & hypocrisy
- Women religious carry crosses with trafficking victims
- Charting the martini curve
- Movie Reviews: Little Women
- Get ready for Therese

**Please put \$2 in the poor box**

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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 - to 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:** Frangiska Grima, Sam Mercieca

**Anniversaries:** Anka Banicevic, Franco Banicevic, Molly Morton, Isadore Bianchi

**Also for:** Kristie Scibilia, Domenico Scibilia, Caterina Scibilia, Michele Napoli, Dec'd members of the Dimech Family, Dec'd members of the Whitton Family, Holy Souls.

**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, Ernest Rust.