



# 18/19 January 2020-Year A Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



## **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 105 ELEVENTH AVENUE 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 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:** All the earth shall bow down before You, O God, and shall sing to You, shall sing to Your name, O Most High!

**Responsorial Psalm:** Here I am Lord; I come to do Your will.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, He enabled those who accepted Him to become the children of God. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**We celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### 1. Failure

The First Reading gives us something rare in Scripture: a dialogue between God the Father and the Messiah he sent. But if you look at the verse numbers of our First Reading, you will see that Verse 4 has been omitted.

The preceding Verse 3 is God's line to the Messiah. my way of phrasing it would be, "you are my servant, and you will be a spectacular success; people will be able to see the glory of God by looking at you."

**All that success came only after the death of the Messiah.**

This is a powerful expression of praise and affirmation, isn't it?

But guess how the Messiah responds to God in the omitted Verse 4?

In the first of his two lines in Verse 4, the Messiah says (in my way of phrasing it), "I have laboured in vain. I have used all my strength, and it has all been for nothing."

This line is a powerful expression of failure, isn't it?

You can see why someone might have thought Christ's mission was a failure. The people passing by Christ on the cross certainly didn't see the glory of God in him then! And by the time of his death, the work of Christ's life had come only to this: he had a handful of disciples and a few women as hangers-on. If the goal was to bring salvation to the world, you can see that this result would look like total failure.

But here is the gist of what God says in Verses 5-6, in response to the Messiah's expression of failure in Verse 4:

You *are* glorious in the sight of the Lord, and God is your strength. Just saving Israel is too small a success for you; you will bring salvation to all the ends of the earth.

The first communities of Christians and all the apostles were Jewish. By now there are Christian communities in every non-Jewish part of the earth, too. And so Christ's mission to bring salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles was a glorious success, as in the First Reading God predicted it would be.

But all that success came only after the death of the Messiah.

Our success, like our glory, needs to be through God's strength, in God's sight, and in God's time. And that is why, in the second of his two lines in the omitted Verse 4, the Messiah says, "my judgment is with the Lord, and my work is with my God."

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 20-25 January

L Simat, Y Refalo

### 27 Jan-1 Feb

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,  
T Gimellaro, K Puric



## READERS ROSTER

### 18/19 January

#### **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

### 25/26 January (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Mark O'Neill

Readers:

Mark O'Neill: 1st Reading

Heidi O'Neill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

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

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 18/19 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

### 25/26 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Faye Palamara & Frances Musso



## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 18/19 January

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 25/26 January

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Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### 18 January

School Holidays

### 25 January 2020

School Holidays

#### **9am Sunday**

School Holidays



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### 31 January

Mass

### 9 February

Faye & Frances

