



## 25/26 January 2020-Year A Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**We celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and the Australia Day Weekend Celebrations**

### 1. The Day of Midian

The First Reading says that when the light shines in the darkness, it will be as in the day of Midian.

But what is the day of Midian? Who are the Midianites?

When the light shines in our darkness, it will be for us as in the day of Midian.

Well, their progenitor, Midian, was an outcast. After Abraham's wife Sarah died, he took a concubine, Keturah, and had six sons with her. Midian was one of them. But God's chosen people were meant to descend from Abraham through Sarah's son Isaac. For Abraham, then, Midian and the other sons of the concubine didn't matter. So Abraham cast out Midian and his five brothers when they were grown.

By the time the descendants of Isaac, the Israelites, came out of Egypt in the Exodus, the Midianites were an idolatrous tribe, powerful enough to make real trouble for the Israelites. God told the Israelites to go to war with them and defeat them.

But by the time of the Judges, years later, the Midianites were again strong enough to oppress the Israelites. When in the time of Judges the Israelite champion Gideon finally defeated the Midianites, the victorious Israelites rejoiced.

It could be that this victory over the Midianites is what the First Reading means by 'the day of Midian.'

But there is another side of the Midianite story.

In the Exodus, the leader of the Israelites, Moses, was married to a woman who actually was one of the Midianites. (She was from the family of Kenites, who were part of the Midianite people.) All the children of Moses were therefore half-Midianite. And so, in the children of Moses, the Midianite/Kenite descendants of the concubine's son whom Abraham had cast out were woven back into the chosen people who were descended from Abraham's son Isaac.

And when the Canaanite army led by its great general Sisera came to attack the Israelites in the time of the Judges, Sisera was defeated, and the power of the Canaanite military was broken for a time, by a courageous and great-hearted Kenite woman, Jael. Sisera thought she was just an outcast Midianite. But she killed that wicked man, for love of God and God's people, while Sisera was sleeping in her tent.

This victory, when those that were cast out become joyful, victorious chosen people of God, is part of the story of the day of Midian too. When the light shines in our darkness, it will be for us as in the day of Midian.

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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 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.

## 2. Australia Day Weekend



The liturgy celebrates both the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, as well as, we celebrate our National Day, Australia Day. Our celebrations will be more subdued (perhaps?) this year due to the loss of life from these bushfires, the 2000 (approx) homes lost, and so, many Australians homeless due to the fires. However, as Australians, Australia Day reminds us to count our blessings that we have received individually, as families and as a nation and to "thank God" for God's outpouring of blessings upon our nation. I wish all parishioners, a Happy Australia Day weekend.

## 3. 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.



## 4. 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.



## 5. St Anthony of Padua Catholic College

Our College re-opens for Term 1 2020 on this coming Wednesday 29 January.

These are the College Dates:

Staff Return: Tuesday 28 January

Term 1 begins for Years 1-3: Wednesday 29 January.

Term 1 for Kindergarten: Thursday 30 January.

I welcome back all College Staff, families and students as we begin a new and exciting year as our College expands and grows in numbers.

As we begin 2020 we are accepting 110 new pupils into Kindergarten. This will bring to total college student community to 300 students.

It is anticipated that 2021 will see the start of the High School for Year 7 students.

As the college grows so this year more teachers have been employed to teach the growing cohort of students.

On behalf of St Anthony of Padua Parish Community, I welcome the new students, both those beginning Kindergarten, as well as, students beginning in the other year groups.

I invite you to join with the Parish Community for our weekend Eucharists and to participate in the life of both parish and college.



## 5. New Rosters

There are new Rosters available for Eucharistic Ministers on the table at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

May God Bless you

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

**27 Jan-1 Feb**

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,  
T Gimellaro, K Puric

**3-8 February**

V Casha, S Arcuri,  
M Masini, M Cvetko



## READERS ROSTER

**25/26 January**

**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

**1/2 February** (Presentation of the Lord)

**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



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

**25/26 January**

**Saturday Vigil**

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Faye Palamara & Frances Musso

**1/2 February**

**Saturday Vigil**

Catherine Florio & Bonnie Szafranski

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

**Sunday 9am**

Karen Power & Volunteer



## ACOLYTES ROSTER

**25/26 January**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

**1/2 February**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**25 January**

School Holidays

**1 February**

Sylvia Mercieca & Lily Camilleri

**9am Sunday**

School Holidays



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

**31 January**

Mass

**9 February**

Faye & Frances



## **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:**

**Anniversaries:** Maria Giuseppa Simone, Maria Caterina Sciliano

**Also for:** Holy Souls, Charlie Vella, Mary Vella, Special Intentions.

**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.