



8/9 February 2020-Year A 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: O come, let us worship God and bow low
before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows Me will have
the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His
wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the
hungry He fills with good things.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. Salt and Light

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that Christians are supposed to be the
salt of the earth and the light of the world. And he has harsh things to say
about Christians who are dark and insipid. They're fit for nothing except
being trampled underfoot, he says. And you know what he means. When
the dark wintry streets are dangerous with ice and snow, the city puts salt
on the roads; and all the traffic crunches over it.

**If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes something else appeal
to the taste of earthly people.**

Given that sort of threat, who wouldn't want to know what we are talking
about here? Well, here's something to notice.

Salt and light share a funny characteristic. Each of them is discernible by
sense perception—we taste salt, and we see light—but neither of them is
usually meant to be a direct or main object of perception. Nobody makes
salt for dinner. We put salt on the chicken, but the chicken is the dinner.
The chicken tastes better if we salt it, and enjoying the chicken, not the
salt, is what we are after. Light is like this, too. We turn on a light not in
order to look at the light, but in order to look at other things by means of
the light.

So if a Christian is the light of the world, he is enabling the world to see
something other than himself. And what Jesus goes on to say makes it
clear that this something else is in fact the Lord.

A Christian is to let his light shine in such a way that the world glorifies
God. The worldly people couldn't glorify God if God were in darkness for
them. So a Christian's life is to shine in such a way that what people see is
the Lord.

The image of salt is similar. If a Christian is the salt of the earth, he makes
something else appeal to the taste of earthly people. And that will be God
too. The earthly will savour the goodness of God when *Christians* are the
salt of the earth.

So to be light and salt is to live our lives in such a way that the earthly and
the worldly are drawn to "*Taste and see that the Lord is good*" (Psalm
34:9). Something to think about, isn't it?

2. Y-Factor Camp for Year 7-12 Students

The Annual Archdiocesan Y-Factor Camp is a youth camp held in the April School Holidays every year. It brings together over a hundred high school students from the Catholic faith all across Sydney in an encounter with Church and relationship with Jesus.

The camp is run as a collaboration between Sydney Catholic Schools and Sydney Catholic Youth. The vision for the camp is to create healthy relationships between young Catholics, for them to meet each other like-minded young people so that they can grow together in their faith in community. The structure of Y-Factor is a mixture of sport, games, dramas, interactive workshops, small group discussion, prayer, Mass and fellowship.

The Y-Factor Camp will be a great experience for any young people and I encourage you to support your son/daughter that might like to attend. I would be happy to assist in the funding for the camp and look to your son/daughter getting involved in the parish on their return. If you have any issues or would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the presbytery or at info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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. Syriac Catholic Community

As I said in last weekends Bulletin, the Syriac Catholic Community will begin this weekend celebrating a weekend Mass at St Anthony's. Fr Lenard Ina, who is an incardinated Priest in the Archdiocese is both their Parish Priest and Syrian Chaplain.

On behalf of the parish and parishioners of St Anthony of Padua, I welcome Father Lenard and his Syriac community to the parish. As a community, we wish them every blessing as they make their spiritual home with us.

They will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon each Sunday and afterwards gathering in the parish hall for a short period of time.

This means that if any parishioner is interested in using/hiring the hall it would have to be after 2.30pm. However, if a parishioner wishes to use the hall for Baptism celebration, then it would be a conversation between Fr Kene and Fr Lenard.

5. Mass for Francesca Grima

A Mass for the repose of the soul of Francesca Grima (Jimmy Grima's Mother) who passed away in Malta recently will be celebrated next week at St Anthony's.

Jimmy and Tessie invite family and friends to celebrate Mass in memory of Francesca Grima.

When: Thursday 13 February

Time: 7pm at St Anthony's.



6. Catechists Meeting

On last Tuesday, our Catechists that attend Austral Public School had their term meeting to begin the new year.

I thank them all for their faith, dedication and commitment to the Catholic children at Austral Public School.

Our Catechists Mass will be held on the 22/23 February. There will be a display of the curriculum we use for each year, so that if any mum or dad would like to join our band of evangelisers you can see the material and talk to the catechist regarding involvement, time etc.

We can always have more helpers and catechists supporting the faith of the children. What about joining us?

6. The Archbishop has appointed Fr Bob's Replacement



I am pleased to announce to all parishioners that the Archbishop has appointed Father Kene Onwukwe as my replacement to St Anthony's.

Fr Kene is appointed, firstly as administrator for the first 12 months. This is the normal practice by Archbishop Fisher and, then, Parish Priest.

Fr Kene is no stranger to us as he administered the parish last year from March-May during my Long Service Leave.

I welcome his appointment, as I hope all parishioners will and give him your full support as you have given it to me.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

10-15 February

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

17-22 February

Brianna, Raquel,
Olivia



READERS ROSTER

8/9 February

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

15/16 February (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Margaret de Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Heidi O'Neill

Readers:

Heidi O'Neil: 1st Reading

Mark O'Neil: 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

8/9 February

Saturday Vigil

Victorie Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Phil Gigliotti

15/16 February

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

8/9 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

15/16 February

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

8 February

Pauline Vassallo & Melinda Cansino

15 February

Rita & Chiara Moro



9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

9 February

Faye & Frances

23 February

Sister Rosa & Jayann



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope at Mass: God Grieves Over His Children Who Go Away from Him

'Please, Don't Kill Yourself, I Died for You.' February 04, 2020

God grieves when "we go away from Him . . . when we destroy ourselves with sin, are disoriented, lost," said Pope Francis during the Mass at Saint Martha's on February 4, 2020. Jesus grieves, "because we don't let Him love us."

In his homily, the Pope meditated on King David's grief after the death of his son. "My son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you." "But why do you mourn?" he was asked. (Your son) was against you, he denied you; he denied your paternity, he insulted you, he persecuted you, so rather celebrate, because you defeated him!"

The Holy Father explained that David's tears "are a historical fact but also a prophecy. They show us God's heart; what the Lord does when we go away from Him; what the Lord does when we destroy ourselves with sin, are disoriented, lost. The Lord is Father and He never denies this paternity: 'My son, my son.'"

So, to go to confession is to "go to the Father who mourns for me." "The love of a Father that God has for us is so great that He died in our place. He made Himself man and died for us. When we look at the crucifix, let us think of that "Why did I not die in your place?" And let us hear the voice of the Father who says to us through the Son: 'My son, my son.' God doesn't disown His children. God doesn't negotiate His paternity."

"It will do us good, in the bad moment of life — we all have them — in moments of sin, in moments of estrangement from God, to hear this voice in our heart: 'My son, my daughter, what are you doing? Please, don't kill yourself. I died for you,'" concluded the Pontiff.



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.

Pastoral Support Safe-Guarding Officer (PSSO)



On last Wednesday, I met with our PSSO, Mrs Natasha Steimbeisser. As mentioned late last year after Natasha offered to be the PSSO, I said that the Archbishop has mandated that all parishioners involved in any ministry or group in the parish community is asked to attend a training session.

The sessions will cover areas of interest regarding the safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

At this time, Natasha is offering Sessions both evening and morning.

I ask all parishioners to look at the three sessions on offer, choose the session that suits you and come along. The sessions will be held in the hall.

Safeguarding Sessions:

Thursday 27 February	7-9.30pm
Friday 6 March	9.30-12 noon
Thursday 2 April	7-9.30pm

Safeguarding God's Children



All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.
Tes/Coffee will be available during the session.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Sam Villa Rosa, Ivan Farac

Anniversaries: Maria Giuseppa Simone, Franco Mosca, Sharon Simone Ajkay

Also for: Holy Souls, Lionel Maclou

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

- Young, Gay and Pro-Life
- Twins x four
- Love on the high seas
- Mum,dad and Therese: Relics welcomed
- Movie Revies: Jojo Rabbit
- A MR Beabn euthanasia

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 can't you play games at the zoo?

A. Because there are too many cheetahs!



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Amelia Caterina Geracitano
(Child of Domenic & Tania)

Nicholas Antonio Milheiro
(Child of Bruno & Jenny)



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.