

29 February/1 March 2020-Year A First Sunday of Lent



Entrance Antiphon: When He calls on me, I will answer Him; I will deliver Him and give Him glory, I will grant Him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

No one live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the First Sunday of Lent Year A**

1. Bread and Stones

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus is hungry and Satan tempts him. "Turn these stones into bread," he says to Jesus, who rebuffs the temptation by saying to Satan, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God."

Imagine a host asking one of his guests, "Would you like some ham?" How perplexed the host would be if his guest answered, "Man does not live by ham alone"! The question was not whether the guest would like to eat ham and nothing but ham. It was just whether he would like some ham now. Why not say, "Sure! Thanks!"?

Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live.

So why doesn't Jesus do the miracle? And why does he reject Satan's urging by pointing out that man does not live by bread alone? *Of course*, we don't live just on bread! But bread is one of the things by which human beings live. In another place Jesus himself explains that no good father will give his son a stone if his son asks for bread. Here is Jesus hungry and having only stones. Why shouldn't he have bread instead?

When a guest says to the host who is offering him ham, "Man does not live by ham alone," it is possible that he is using these words to communicate to his host the thought, completely perplexing in the circumstances, that human beings live on other stuff besides ham.

But, of course, there is another possibility. The guest might also be telling his host, graciously, that he is full. There are other things to eat besides ham, and a person who has no ham can still fail to be hungry because he has eaten an abundance of those other things.

And that is what Jesus is telling Satan, isn't it? Anyone who has the word of God does not lack what human beings need to live. "No thanks," Jesus is telling Satan, "I'm full. The word that proceeds from the mouth of God fills me!"

This is the message to Satan, and also to us.

Jesus, who is the Word of God, gives to every person who will receive him what she needs to live, even if she has no bread. And, then, for good measure, in the Eucharist Jesus gives bread, too. He, the rock and living cornerstone, gives himself to his own people as the bread of life.

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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. Anniversary Mass

Family and friends of the late Salvatore Villarosa will celebrate his one month Mass on this coming Wednesday night March 4 at 7pm. All Welcome.

3. Farewell Fred Pjanic



Fred Pjanic passed away last Tuesday with Marissa and family by his side. On Monday March 2 a rosary for the repose of Fred Pjanic will be held at 3pm at White Ladies Liverpool. All welcome.

The funeral Mass will follow on Tuesday March 3 at 10am. Family, friends and parishioners are invited to celebrate the life of Fred, giving thanks to God for him. May he rest in peace.

4. Stations of the Cross for Lent

A reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on Fridays during Lent after the 9am Mass. Come and walk with the Lord to Calvary!

5. Caritas Australia - Project Compassion

This Lent, how will we answer God's call to go further with Jesus into the desert, to challenge our understanding of our Mission and trust in God's vision for our global community. This week Project Compassion focusses on the Phillipines where minorities face regular discrimination and are disadvantaged. Please support Project Compassion as Caritas reminds us that we love God in our neighbour.

6. Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. As Christians, we are called to prayer, fasting and alms giving during this season.
Prayer– Attending an extra Mass during the week, pray as a family at home, stations of the cross, pray the rosary, read the Bible.
Fasting– give up something for Lent eg computer for a day, a week; video games one day a week in Lent; give up something we like doing as a penance.
Almsgiving– Donate to Project Compassion and help a neighbour as we meet them during Lent each weekend at Mass.



7. Sacramental Programmes

As mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin Mrs Natalie Valenzisi has offered her services to the parish as the Sacramental Programme Co-Ordinator. Natalie will work with the College REC Karina Iannia and our parish secretary Cheryl, in organising the preparation, sessions and celebration of the particular Sacrament.

The Parish Celebrates:
First Eucharist in Term 2
Sacrament of Confirmation in Term 3
Sacrament of Reconciliation in Term 4.



8. Stations of the Cross-Friday 9.30-10am

During Lent, the Church invites us to attend the Stations of the Cross as a preparation for Holy Week and to enter more deeply and spiritually into the passion, death and resurrection of our Saviour. Friday after 9am Mass beginning at 9.30am. All Welcome.

May God Bless you

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

2-7 March

Volunteers

9-14 March

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri



READERS ROSTER

29 Feb/ 1 March

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

7/8 March (2nd Sunday of Lent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

29 Feb/ 1 March

Saturday Vigil

Catherine Florio & Julie Dimech



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Olivia Tropea & Pam Ajkay

7/8 March

Saturday Vigil

Bonnie Szafranski & Victoria Bugeja

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Jayann Montemayor & Phil Gigliotti

ACOLYTES ROSTER

29 Feb/1 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

7/8 March

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

29 February

Natalie Valenizi & Rose Micallef



7 March

Sarah & Veronica Casha

9am Sunday

Nicole Hext & Michelle Falzon

NURSING HOME ROSTER

8 March

Lina & Santina

22 March

Faye & Frances



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Be Reconciled as God's Beloved Children – Pope's Words of Comfort This Ash Wednesday

Continuing Annual Ash Wednesday Procession, Pope Celebrates Mass at Basilica of St. Sabina All'Aventino

"Holiness is not achieved by our efforts, for it is grace! By ourselves, we cannot remove the dust that sullies our hearts. Only Jesus, who knows and loves our heart, can heal it. Lent is a time of healing." In his homily in Rome's church of Santa Sabina on the Aventine Hill this Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis gave this reassurance.

This first day of the beginning of Lent, the Holy Father—continuing an annual papal tradition—presided over an assembly of prayer that took place in the form of the Roman "Stations."

Ashes are thus a reminder of the direction of our existence: a passage from dust to life. We are dust, earth, clay, but if we allow ourselves to be shaped by the hands of God, we become something wondrous. More often than not, though, especially at times of difficulty and loneliness, we only see our dust! But the Lord encourages us: in his eyes, our littleness is of infinite value. So let us take heart: we were born to be loved; we were born to be children of God.

Dear brothers and sisters, may we keep this in mind as we begin this Lenten season.

"For Lent," the Pope said, "is not a time for useless sermons, but for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God. It is a time of grace, a time for letting God gaze upon us with love and in this way change our lives."

Since we were put in this world to go from ashes to life, Francis said we mustn't "turn our hopes and God's dream for us, into powder and ashes," nor "grow resigned."

The Pope also reminded faithful that we are citizens of heaven, and that our 'passport' is, our love for our neighbour.

Moreover, the Holy Father pointed out, we can receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance, because there "the fire of God's love consumes the ashes of our sin."

Assuring that "the embrace of the Father in confession renews us from inside and purifies our heart," Pope Francis prayed "we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in order to live as beloved children, as forgiven and healed sinners, as wayfarers with Him at our side."

He then appealed for us to let ourselves be loved, and stand up walking toward Easter, so that then "we will experience the joy of discovering how God raises us up from our ashes."

This afternoon at 4:30, in the church of Saint Anselmo all'Aventino, a moment of prayer was held followed by a penitential procession to the Basilica of Saint Sabina.

Cardinals, archbishops, bishops, Benedictine monks of Saint Anselm, Dominican Fathers of Saint Sabina and some faithful, participated. At the end of the procession, Pope Francis presided over the celebration of the Eucharist in the Basilica of Saint Sabina, with the rite of the blessing and imposition of ashes.





FAREWELL TO FR BOB



Sadly, Fr Bob is moving on and leaving St Anthony's, as much as we wish him well, he will be sorely missed.

Catherine and I have organised a committee to help us with a Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Bob on Sunday March 29 in the hall, after the 9am Mass.

I am putting out a sheet for parishioners to sign up to come, for catering purposes. Please put your name and number of Adults and Children in the space provided.

As Fr Bob is leaving us to travel to Italy, he will be travelling very light, so, a collection box will be set up in the Church after Masses on the Sundays before Fr Bob leaves.

Collection dates are 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29 March. The box will also be in the Hall the day of his farewell.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Fred Pjanic, Herman Chelliah.

Anniversaries: Isidoro Bianchi, Salvatore Villarosa.

Also for: 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, Marie Gough, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Ernest Rust, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Margarita Vartuli.

Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Meet the Philosopher Chef
- From India with love-and faith
- Love on the Camino
- Rural aged care crisis
- Movie Reviews: Parasite
- Monica Doumit

Please put \$2 in the poor box

Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for:

Anthony Raso (Lurnea)
and
Vanessa Mitroff (Lurnea)

Sam Rigitano (Lurnea)
and
Meghan Leah Bissett (Austral)

Anyone knowing any reason why these couples should not be bound in the Sacrament of Marriage is asked to inform the Parish Priest.
(Canon Law Nos 1066 and 1069)



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.

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.

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.

KID'S CORNER

Q. What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A. An investigator.





Trying for a baby?
Having trouble conceiving?

There is a real alternative to IVF – **Billings LIFE**
Ring for a friendly chat on 1800 335 860 or 03
9802 2022 Website: www.billings.life

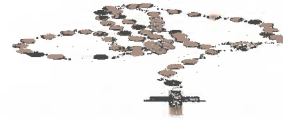
If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our tutors can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally.

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



Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux Excursion

Many of you may have seen recent media coverage of the St Therese and Sts Louis and Zélie Relics that are currently visiting Parishes in the Sydney diocese and may wonder what this is all about. This excursion may help to answer some of your questions surrounding Relics and Saints. We have the opportunity to journey to St Therese Sadlier/Miller to venerate the Relics of St Therese and her Parents on Wednesday 11 March. We will begin at 8:50am with a Rose inspired prayer service at our Parish Church then car pool and drive to St Therese where Mass will begin at 9:15am then there will be an opportunity for us to spend some time with the relics before they leave St Therese at 11am. If you are interested please Email me at veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au

A relic is a piece of the body of a saint, an item owned or used by the saint, or an object which has been touched to the tomb of a saint. As Catholics we venerate relics of saints as a profession of belief in several doctrines of the Catholic faith.

1. The belief of eternal life for those who lived exceptional lives while on earth
2. The truth of the resurrection of the body for all on the last day
3. The doctrine of respect for all human life living or deceased
4. The belief that Saints have intercessory powers in Heaven
5. The truth of our connection to Saints as part of the communion of saints

For more detailed information on relic visit

<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/church-teaching-on-relics.html>

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.

Pastoral Support Safe-Guarding Officer (PSSO)



Recently, 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:

Friday 6 March 9.30-12 noon

Thursday 2 April 7-9.30pm

All sessions will be held in the Parish Hall.

Tea/Coffee will be available during the session.

Safeguarding God's Children



NEW Child Protection Reporting Obligations

On 1 March 2020 amendments to the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* will commence to expand mandatory reporter groups. These amendments are part of the NSW Government's response to recommendations made by the Royal Commission. Mandatory reporting is a legislative requirement to make a report to certain government authorities, in NSW, mandatory reporting is primarily regulated by sections 27 and 27A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*. Mandatory reporter groups in NSW will be expanded to include:

- Persons in religious ministry or persons providing religion-based activities to children (e.g. minister of religion, priest, deacon, pastor, rabbi, religious brother or sister)
- Registered psychologists providing a professional service as a psychologist.

What does this mean for the Archdiocese of Sydney?

This means that any of our **clergy, deacons, religious brothers and religious sisters** are **legally** required to make a report when they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of significant harm. It also means that **volunteers and paid employees in Agencies and Parishes of the Archdiocese** who provide activities to children such as Children's Liturgy, Youth Ministry groups, Sacramental programs are also legally required to make a report when they have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of significant harm. A reporter has a duty to report, as soon as practicable, the name or a description of the child and the grounds for suspecting that the child is at risk of significant harm.

What is Risk of Significant Harm?

Risk of significant harm is any one or more of the following circumstances

- a) the child's or young person's basic physical or psychological needs are not being met or are at risk of not being met,
- b) the parents or other caregivers have not arranged and are unable or unwilling to arrange for the child or young person to receive necessary medical care
- c) the child or young person has been, or is at risk of being, physically or sexually abused or ill-treated
- d) the child or young person is living in a household where there have been incidents of domestic violence and, as a consequence, the child or young person is at risk of serious physical or psychological harm,
- e) a parent or other caregiver has behaved in such a way towards the child or young person that the child or young person has suffered or is at risk of suffering serious psychological harm.

How to make a report?

Before making a report to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), please contact the Safeguarding Office on **9390 5810**. The Safeguarding Office will help you determine whether the report needs to be made directly to the DCJ or another government authority. Reports to the DCJ are made by calling the NSW Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

Further information

The Safeguarding Office will be providing further information and training about Reporting Obligations.