

2/3 May 2020-Year A  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



**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.

**First Reading:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall  
want.

**Second Reading:** A Reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:20-25

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My own sheep and mine  
know Me.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** The Gospel of John 10:14

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**1. The Good Shepherd**

The most comforting of the Psalms begins with the line, "The Lord is my  
shepherd." It ends with this line: "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life."

Goodness and mercy, in the person of the good shepherd, have to *follow*  
the sheep, because it is lost and the shepherd is heading out to seek it.  
That sheep is leading the way, and that is why it is lost. A shepherd is the  
one who knows the way and ought to be leading, but this shepherd has to  
follow because that one sheep got out ahead of the shepherd and so got  
astray.

**Knowing a person is a matter of personal relationship, with all the  
risks and vulnerabilities that personal relationship entails.**

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus says that his sheep *follow* him. Those who  
belong to him know his voice and so they are willing to follow him and let  
him lead the way.

Of course, the sheep don't know the voice of the shepherd unless they  
know the shepherd. The difference, then, between being one of the lost  
sheep who have to be followed by the shepherd and being one of the  
faithful sheep who are led by the shepherd is a matter of knowing the  
shepherd.

Now the shepherd is a person. And knowing a person is a matter of  
personal relationship, with all the risks and vulnerabilities that personal  
relationship entails.

So the faithful sheep are in a personal relationship with their shepherd and  
love him. That is why these sheep know the voice of the shepherd and  
follow him.

Here is the good news, then. Whether a person is faithful or lost, he will be  
surrounded by the love of the good shepherd. Either the shepherd will lead  
him, or the shepherd will follow after him to find him when he is astray.  
And so St. Patrick's prayer is right: Christ before me, Christ behind me.  
And, either way, Christ with me.

**HERE ARE SOME PICS OF OUR PARISHIONERS**  
**CELEBRATING ANZAC DAY AT HOME**

**FR BOB**



**Teresa & Santina**



**Fisher Family**



**Casha Family**



**Sangiuliano Family**



**Evelina Dzierzak**



**Lorenzo & Gabriella Costantini**



**Vella Family**



**Musso Family**

## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope Francis: Millions Are Being Put to a Harsh Test: The Most Fragile Are Paying the Price

APRIL 27, 2020

Millions, amid this pandemic worldwide, are being put to a harsh test, and The fragile risk paying the greatest price...

Pope Francis has told 'Street Papers' in a message he sent the publication yesterday and that was published by the Holy See Press Office today, April 27, 2020.

"The life of millions of people in our world, already struggling with so many difficult challenges to address and oppressed by the pandemic," Francis lamented, "is changed and is put to a harsh test."

"The most fragile people, the invisible, the homeless," the Argentinian Pontiff lamented, "risk paying the highest price."

The Holy Father went on to praise all the charitable acts that continue to take place, made possible through charities and organizations, such as Caritas, with their initiatives to help the most vulnerable.

"To look at the poorest in these days," he said, "can help us all to become aware of what is really happening and of our true condition."

"To all of you," Francis thanked, "goes my message of encouragement and fraternal friendship."

Pope Francis concluded thanking them for all the work they do, the information they give and for "the stories of hope that you recount."

This is a ZENIT-provided translation of his greeting to journalists, to volunteers and to sellers of street newspapers, who are experiencing great difficulties in this health emergency moment:

### Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Easter:

As we enter into the month of May, the month of Mary Our Mother, we stand with and pray for those on the edge of our economy: people working multiple jobs, workers on insecure contracts, those subsisting on 'Newstart', drivers for rideshare and food delivery apps, and stressed parents making difficult decisions about how to survive on their pay. We are aware of the increasing casualisation of the Australian workforce, where power resides more and more in the hands of employers.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus announces his mission 'to bring good news to the poor' (Luke 4:14-21).

Later, Jesus gives us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). This story acts to challenge the consciences of those who have much, and to inspire an awareness of what is expected.

Jesus calls the rich to bring relief and dignity to the poor.

This is an invitation to reconciliation, where those elevated by money and position are called to exercise 'downward mobility' in order to return to a more human plane. Letting go of our desire for honour and prestige prepares us to act in solidarity with people who live in insecure lodgings and who work on the edges.

We spend so much time on smart phones that we can be too distracted to recognise the people the biblical writers would call oppressed. Today, Jesus invites us to see the faces of those oppressed by today's increasingly unaccommodating economy. Hidden within the statistics live one million-plus people with limited agency who subsist in situations of unemployment and underemployment. We need to ask God for what Dorothy Day called 'a revolution of the heart' and so demand dignity for all, especially those living in extreme poverty and powerlessness.



## Livestreaming of Parish Masses

The Archdiocese of Sydney is regularly updating its website and social media platforms with the latest information on parishes that are offering their Masses online for parishioners to watch. Please contact Michael Kenny via email to share any of these updates that can be posted online- Email: [michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org)

Viewing numbers across the archdiocese with those streaming Masses are continuing to increase which is great. More than one million people across the country watched the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services live from St Mary's Cathedral last weekend on Channel 7.

The Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday reached 545,000 broadcast viewers with an additional 86,000 live-streaming and social media viewers reaching a total audience of 631,000, 42.4 per cent of the available audience. The Easter Sunday 10.30am Mass reached a whopping 568,000 broadcast viewers with a further 113,000 live-streaming and social media viewers reaching a total of 681,000 viewers – attracting a 46.3 per cent audience share.

Overwhelmingly, the audiences were highest in the Sydney metropolitan area, followed by NSW, the ACT, Western Australia and Queensland.

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## KID'S CORNER

Q. What do you call a sleeping Bull?

A. A Bulldozer.



## 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](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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## READ THE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

*The Catholic Weekly* has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to inform you that has been adapted extremely well and they are continuing to produce the paper in a **digital form** making it available to everyone online at [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

### **What is a digital edition?**

It is the current paper delivered on our website and which is formatted identically to the print edition.

## 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



## We continue to need your support

We understand the difficulty some families are facing, however if you are able to continue your support of the parish this would be greatly appreciated as we still have much work to continue within our community and Church at this time, especially with those in need and the vulnerable of society.

Perhaps you might consider replacing the envelope contributions with a new direct debit at this time- either weekly, monthly or as a once only. Please contact our office and speak to Cheryl. Any assistance parishioners can give during the shut-down of the Church will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support of the Church and your Faith Community.

### Direct Debit:

**Account Name:** St Anthony's Austral Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784

**Account No:** 0492 5002



## 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.

## 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.

## JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

There is a gap in your resume...  
What were you doing in 2020?



**I told my wife to  
embrace her  
mistakes...  
She hugged me.**

It's a five minute walk from my house to  
the pub.  
It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my  
house.  
The difference is staggering.



### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Father Patrick McAuliffe (former PP of Cabramatta)

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppina Musso

**Also for:**

**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, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Margarita Vartuli.



## NSW bishops ask for 'soft opening' of churches

Published: 27 April 2020

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP (ACBC/Giovanni Portelli Photography)

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Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has written to Premier Gladys Berejiklian on behalf of the New South Wales bishops, imploring her to begin lifting restrictions on gatherings for the purpose of religious worship. Source: The Australian.

By Lachlan Moffet Gray, The Australian

In a pastoral letter, Archbishop Fisher said that not being able to physically gather for worship is “hard” as “our religion is so sacramental, physical, palpable.”

“On behalf of the Bishops of New South Wales, the clergy and the lay faithful I’ve written to the Premier pressing the case for the reopening of churches, initially for private prayer and confession,” the Archbishop wrote.

“It’s likely that such a ‘soft opening’ will happen before we can resume public Masses.

“And whether it’s for prayers or Mass, we are determined to abide by government directives regarding numbers, density (or distancing) and hygiene. Over these weeks we’ve demonstrated an admirable ability to adapt as necessary!”

The letter, available on the Sydney Archdiocese’s website, is Archbishop Fisher’s fourth pastoral letter to the people of Sydney since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic began.

He says he has been “hugely encouraged” that thousands of Catholics are still participating in Masses online while churches are closed and “making a spiritual communion where they cannot make a sacramental one”.

“If ‘absence makes the heart grow fonder’, it may be that, rather than becoming accustomed to doing Church from home, our hunger for the Eucharist will intensify and make us value all the more gathering for it when at last we can. In the meantime, we’ve been given a time of retreat to meditate

upon what Holy Communion means to us all, and we’ve been given new opportunities and new pastoral strategies.”

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Leader: We turn to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as we pray for ourselves, our families and our world at this time.....**

**Reader 1. We pray for the Church, for Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Religious as they bring the Word of God to their people during this pandemic. **Lord, hear us****

**2. We pray as a community of St Anthony of Padua connected together through prayer at this time, that Jesus will bring us safely out of this pandemic. **Lord, hear us****

**3. We pray for a listening heart, that we will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd in our prayers and in His Word, the Scriptures, and respond. **Lord, hear us.****

**4. We pray for our senior parishioners during this lockdown, that the Good Shepherd will be their strength and their companion. **Lord, hear us****

**5. We pray for our governments at both Federal and State levels, that the Good Shepherd will continue to give them insight and courage as they work to bring our nation out of lockdown and to reopen the economy. **Lord, hear us****

**6. We pray for doctors, nurses and all front-line personnel, that Jesus will sustain them in their work of caring for people during this pandemic. **Lord, hear us****

**7. We pray for our sick and elderly in our community, and we commend to the Lord those in our country who have died from COVID-19. **Lord, hear us****

**Leader: Let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying: "Our Father who art in Heaven.....**