



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH CHURCH**
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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: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and the Feast of St Anthony of Padua our Patronal Parish Feast Day.

1. Bread from Heaven

When the Israelites came out of Egypt, God did one miracle after another for them. He got water from a rock when they were thirsty; and, when they were hungry, he fed them with bread from heaven. "*Mah nah?*—what is this?" the Israelites asked when they saw it; and 'manna' has been its name ever since.

Why didn't God just miraculously produce real, ordinary bread for them? **They learned to trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live.**

Moses answers this question in his speech to the people: God fed them with manna so that they might know one does not live by bread alone. If God had fed them ordinary bread, they wouldn't have learned the lesson. As it was, first they hungered, and then they were fed miraculously with the who-knows-what-this-is bread from heaven. And so they learned to trust in God, who fed them with what they needed to live.

But this is only half the lesson, as Moses explains it: one does not live by bread alone; what else is needed is the word of God. And so, when the time was right, the only-begotten Word of God came so that people might not perish but have ever-lasting life (John 3:16). That is why Christ said that he was the true bread from heaven. One does not live by bread alone but by this true Word of God.

And, by a miracle which completes the lesson of the manna, this Word is the bread of life for all the faithful. The Word of God and the bread from heaven are present in one here.

In the Eucharist, then, there is everything that one needs to live, if one will only learn the lesson and trust in Christ, who feeds his people with himself, the living bread from heaven and the Word of God.

2. St Anthony of Padua Feast Day June 13



On Friday we celebrated our Parish Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua at Our Parish College. Most students attended the Mass via Zoom as did the college parents attending from their homes via Zoom.

A small group of students celebrated the Mass with Fr Bob. It was a different celebration this year compared to last year.

I thank Ms Lea De Angelis, Karen Ianni our Religious Education Co-Ordinator (REC), Veronica Leva (Family Facilitator) staff and students for all they did to celebrate our Parish and College Feast Day.

It was certainly a different celebration of St Anthony.

St Anthony of Padua....Pray for us all at Austral.

3. Parish Giving Envelopes

Parishioners who have envelopes are asked to collect them from the back table for the new Financial Year.



4. End of financial Year 19/20

As the FY 19/20 comes to a close, I invite parishioners who desire a Tax Deduction to either attend Mass or drop the envelope into the presbytery at 320 Edmondson Avenue.

The tax deduction on your giving is 70%. I know due to the lockdown, life has been different for us all, but any parishioner who seeks a tax deduction is welcome to make a one-off donation. Please make it payable to St Anthony Church Account.

As we move into a new FY 20/21, I invite parishioners to support the Envelope System, as through the envelopes we have some means of budgeting for the year ahead.

If you have not filled in a "Census Form" I ask you to take a form off the back table fill it in and place it in the "Census Box."

As we come to the end of another Financial Year, I thank all parishioners for your ongoing support to our parish and our parish community.

5. Roadworks on Eleventh Avenue

I would just like to advise you all that the re-surfacing of Eleventh Avenue is still in progress. While their communication indicated two weeks (if no rain), I cannot see from the progress so far that it will finish by this weekend. So, a reminder to continue to park in Edmondson Avenue or the other side of Eleventh Avenue.

6. Mass Bookings



It is difficult to just have 50 people attending Mass, as we all know and because I have had the following weeks sheets in the Church, parishioners book in again for the following week.

In order to allow other parishioners the opportunity to attend one of the Masses, all parishioners have to book in via email or call the presbytery for the next weekend's Masses on 20/21 June.....

Sorry!

7. Sacrament of Baptism

I am happy to celebrate this Sacrament, but families need to make an appointment in order to fill in the "Information sheet" and work out a date with Fr Bob. Due to "social-distancing" only one family baptism is celebrated.

There are no two or three family baptisms at the moment.

Wishing you all a Happy St Anthony of Padua Deast Day.

God Bless and Stay Safe



Fr Bob



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'Make Every Effort to Protect Children – They Are Future of Our Human Family' — Pope Francis' Appeal to Institutions

Recalling World Day Against Child Labour Is June 12, Says This Problem Deprives Boys & Girls of Their Childhood & We Are All Responsible.

Every effort must be made to protect children ... They are the future of our human family. The Pope launched this appeal to institutions for the World Day Against Child Labour, held this Friday, June 12th, during today's weekly General Audience which took place this morning in the Library of the Vatican Apostolic Palace. The Pope continued his cycle of catechesis on prayer, focusing on the theme: "The prayer of Jacob" (Gen 32: 25-30). After his catechesis, the Holy Father addressed special greetings to the faithful, in which he launched the appeal.

"This Friday, June 12th, is the World Day Against Child Labour, a reality that deprives boys and girls of their childhood and jeopardizes their integral development." Given the current health crisis in various countries, the Argentinian Pope recognized, "many children are forced into jobs that are inappropriate for their age, so as to help their own families who are in conditions of extreme poverty."

Many cases, the Pope stressed, are forms of slavery and confinement, resulting in physical and psychological suffering.

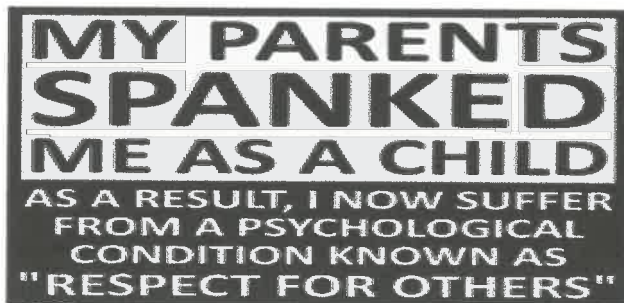
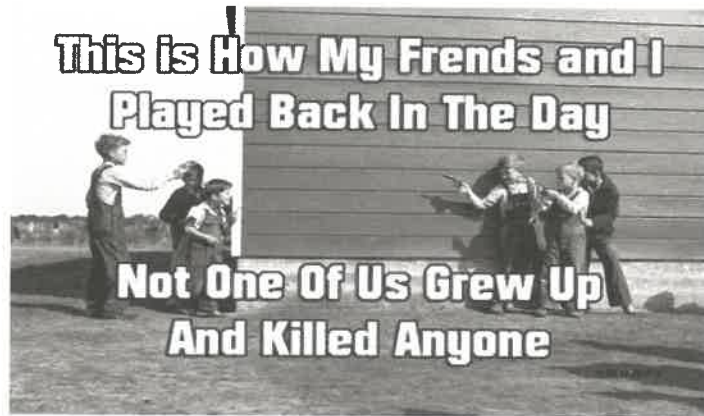
"We are all responsible for this," he said.

"I appeal," the Pontiff underscored, "that every effort be made on the part of institutions to protect minors, by filling the economic and social gaps that underlie the distorted dynamic in which they are unfortunately involved."

"Children are the future of the human family: all of us are expected to promote their growth, health and tranquillity," he said.



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Elsa Baldi, Antonio Mammone, Joseph Vella.

Anniversaries: Franco Mosca, Frano Banivevic, Anka Banivevic, Nicola Severino, Youssef Francice.

Also for: Dec'd of the Vella and Gauci families, Mary Vella.

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, Bernard Gough, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Margarita Vartuli, Hanees Abe Rached.



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

What is a digital edition?

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

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.

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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. Why are elephants so wrinkled?

A. Because they take too long to iron.

Roadworks

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding as we juggle the need to keep our community healthy and safe, with the added inconvenience of the Eleventh Ave roadworks.

Please note that as of next Tuesday afternoon, the contractors have advised us that they will commence the resurfacing of the other side of the road, which means that the traffic flow will be reversed. From afternoon pick-up on Tuesday, entry into Eleventh Ave will be from Edmondson Ave.

There will be no traffic controllers in place so we ask all parents to enter from Edmondson Ave and exit towards Fourth Ave to maintain a one-way traffic flow which has worked well so far in the opposite direction. Thank you for your continuing efforts while these necessary works are completed.

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.

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony of Padua, Anthony also spelled Antony, Italian Sant'Antonio da Padova, original name Fernando Martins de Bulhões, (born 1195, Lisbon, Portugal—died June 13, 1231, Arcella, Verona [now in Italy]; canonized 1232; feast day June 13), Franciscan friar, doctor of the church, and patron of the poor. Padua and Portugal claim him as their patron saint, and he is invoked for the return of lost property. Anthony was born into a wealthy family and was raised in the church. He joined the Augustinian canons in 1210 and probably became a priest. In 1220 he joined the Franciscan order, hoping to preach to the Saracens (Muslims) and be martyred. On his way to Morocco, he became seriously ill and was forced to return home. However, his ship back to Portugal was blown off course and eventually landed in Sicily. Because of his continuing poor health, he was not allowed to pursue his missionary work among the Saracens. Instead, he taught theology at Bologna, Italy, and at Montpellier, Toulouse, and Puy-en-Velay in southern France, winning great admiration as a preacher. He died en route to Padua, Italy, where he is buried.

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints. Saint Anthony of Padua, patron saint of lost and stolen articles, was a powerful Franciscan preacher and teacher. He's typically portrayed holding the child Jesus—or a lily—or a book—or all three—in his arms. Many people give alms to St. Anthony Bread in thanksgiving to God for blessings received through the prayers of St. Anthony. St. Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God. St. Anthony is beloved throughout the world and is responsive to all people and all needs. His intercessory powers before our God are awesome.

After two years he was sent to Coimbra. There he began nine years of intense study, learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with the Franciscan vision. Fernando was probably ordained a priest during this time.

His quiet life of prayer and penance at the hermitage was exchanged for that of a public preacher. St. Francis of Assisi heard of Anthony's previously hidden gifts, and Anthony was assigned to preach in northern Italy.

Despite his efforts, not everyone listened. Legend has it that one day, faced with deaf ears; Anthony went to the river and preached to the fishes. That, reads the traditional tale, got everyone's attention.

Padua, Italy is a short distance west of Venice. At the time of Anthony, it was one of the most important cities in the country, with an important university for the study of civil and canon law. Sometimes Anthony left Padua for greater solitude. He went to a place loved by Francis—La Verna, where St. Francis received the wounds of Jesus. He also found a grotto near the friary where he could pray in solitude.

The great energy he had expended during the Lent of 1231 left him exhausted. He went to a little town near Padua, but seeing death coming close, he wanted to return to the city that he loved. The journey in a wagon weakened him so much, however, that he had to stop at Arcella. He had to bless Padua from a distance, as Francis had blessed Assisi.

At Arcella, he received the last sacraments, sang and prayed with the friars there. When one of them asked Anthony what he was staring at so intently, he answered, "I see my Lord!" He died in peace a short time after that. He was only 36 and had been a Franciscan but 10 years. Wishing all Parishioners a Happy Feast Day.

St Anthony of Padua, Pray For Us.





THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday.

History of the Feast of Corpus Christi

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday.

At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* and *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

While the Feast of Corpus Christi is one of the ten Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, in some countries, including the United States, the feast has been transferred to the following Sunday.