

20/21 June 2020-Year A  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
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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.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord Is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, in your great love, answer me.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to You, Lord, and You give them their food in due season.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**We celebrate the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1. Death**

The Gospel reading this week is focused on death. In it, Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid of those who can kill them. Those people are not to be feared, because death itself is not to be feared.

No doubt, there is always something sorrowful about dying, because death separates the dying person from his family and his friends; and they still have to slog through their lives in this world without their companion. But Jesus is not telling people to accept death without sorrow. He is telling them not to fear death.

**How can Jesus tell us not to be afraid of death?**

If you were walking alone down a dark street late at night, and you saw a small knot of strangers gathered menacingly at a corner, wouldn't you be afraid? *Shouldn't* you be afraid? If the cancer doctor tells you that you have only months to live, wouldn't you—shouldn't you—be afraid?

How can Jesus tell us—actually, command us—not to be afraid of death?

Well, think about it this way. If you are surprised when you discover that you are dying, you just haven't been paying attention. None of us is getting out of this alive. Everyone of us will die. It is just a question of when. Or maybe better: it is just a question of how.

Here is how it will be if you love the Lord. In dying, you will move through the veil that separates you, in this world of sorrow and suffering, from the Lord's own presence. There, on the other side, you will find all tears wiped away—the tears you have already wept and the ones that are stuck in your heart right now. All those tears will be wiped away by your Creator with a tenderness so great that you will think you must be dreaming. The beauty and the goodness of that new world will surpass your every desire. And you yourself will be something lovelier than you ever imagined you could be. Surrounded by beauty and goodness, bathed in the love of the Lord, transformed, yourself, in the beauty of holiness, you will join the angels in singing for joy at what the Lord has done.

Are you afraid now? Is this scary to you?

What is worth fearing is losing all of this beauty and goodness on the other side of death because you will not now surrender to the love of the Lord who calls you to himself. But this is a kind of death that comes only from sin, as the Second Reading says. No one else can force it on you; only you can cause this death in yourself.

And that is why the Lord tells his disciples not to fear those who can kill the body.

## 2. Roadworks in Eleventh Avenue

A reminder that Eleventh Avenue is still a road construction site and rain will not assist in getting the job finished.

The Liverpool Council tells us:

Before asphalt is placed on the road an emulsion is sprayed on the surface. If you drive on the emulsion it will stick to your tyres. It is advised that you do **NOT** drive onto any concrete driveways (this includes the Church driveway) as it will mark the driveway.

After the road is open you may drive on the new surface but it should be in low speeds and with care.

When the road is open you are asked to drive slowly in Eleventh Avenue to protect car duco on your car, as well as others ie your neighbour.

## 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. Catechist's Meeting

We have been notified that SRE can begin again in Term 3 at Austral Public School. To prepare for our return to the classroom there will be a Catechist Meeting to be held during the first week of the school holidays.

**Date:** Tuesday July 7 after the 9am Mass.

**Place:** Parish Hall

Catechists are invited to attend Mass first and then, move over to the parish hall for the meeting.



## 6. Weekend Masses

The National Council is increasing the numbers who can attend Church (and other Venues) from 50 to using the 4 square metre rule. The Church is 280 sq mtrs so, it means from the first weekend in July, we can have 70 people at each Mass.



Due to small numbers attending the 8.15am Mass and the closeness between Masses, the 8.15am Mass will be concluded from next weekend. So, for the weekend of 4/5 July, the Masses will be :

Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm and 5.30pm

Sunday Morning: 7.30am & 9am

Bookings will need to be ongoing till government indicates that we don't need to take names anymore.

Taking of names etc is as government mentions for "tracing" purposes.

## 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 discuss the desire to have their child baptised into the Christian Community. Due to "social distancing" only **one** family baptism is celebrated after the 9am Sunday Mass.

After July 1, the State Government is moving from numbers to sq metres. As the Church is 280 sq metres, we can only accommodate 70 people. Families need to be aware of this matter when making up the invitation list.

God Bless and Stay Safe

Fr. Bob

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## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### Pope: This Feast of Sacred Heart, Discover Riches Hidden in Jesus' Heart

Holy Father's Appeal Ahead of Solemnity 'So Dear' to Christians: JUNE 17, 2020 General Audience.

I invite you to discover the riches hidden in the Heart of Jesus....

Two days ahead of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 19, Pope Francis gave this invitation toward the conclusion of his weekly General Audience.

Recalling this Solemnity is "so dear to Christian people," Francis said: "I invite you to discover the riches hidden in the Heart of Jesus, to learn to love your neighbour."

Addressing the elderly, young people, sick and newlyweds, the Holy Father suggested: "Turn your gaze to the Heart of Jesus and you will find peace, comfort and hope."

Pope Francis also told French-speaking faithful watching to "not be afraid to present to Him all the intentions of our suffering humanity," including "its fears" and "miseries." "May this Heart, full of love for men, give each one hope and confidence!" he said.

Below is the Vatican-provided English summary of the Holy Father's catechesis at today's General Audience:

Pope Francis: Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider the prayer of Moses. The book of Exodus portrays Moses – from a human point of view – as a failure.

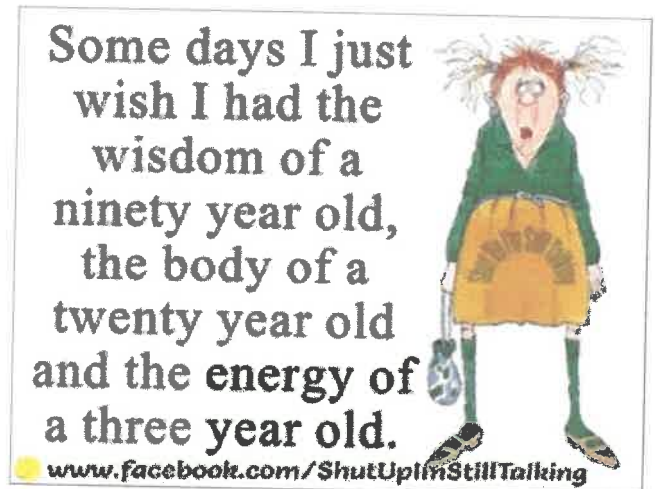
Yet at a certain point in his life, he encounters God in the wilderness. From a burning bush, the Lord calls Moses to return to Egypt in order to lead his people to freedom. But Moses, faced with the majesty of Almighty God and his demands, resists the call, protesting his unsuitability for such a great task.

Nevertheless, God entrusts him with the responsibility of conveying the divine law to the people of Israel, and Moses becomes their great intercessor, especially when they are tempted or have sinned. With hands outstretched to God, Moses makes of himself a kind of bridge between earth and heaven, pleading for the people when they are most in need. In this way he prefigures Jesus, our great intercessor and high priest.

We Christians are also called to share in this type of prayer, interceding for those who need God's help, and for the redemption of the whole world.



## 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, Fr Noel Connolly SSS (Columban Father),  
Carol Doherty.

**Anniversaries:** Wanda Ward.

**Also for:** Robert and Olivia Canturi.

**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 Jansenko,  
Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Margarita Vartuli, Hanee 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](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.

## 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](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.

## KID'S CORNER



**Q.** How do you keep an elephant from charging?

**A.** Take away her credit card.

## 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.

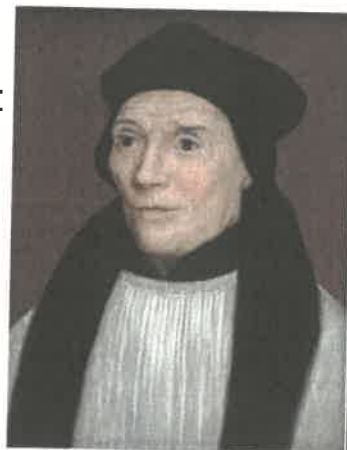
## SAINT OF THE WEEK JOHN FISHER      MONDAY 22 JUNE

John Fisher was born in Beverley, Yorkshire, in 1469, the eldest son of Robert Fisher, a modestly prosperous merchant of Beverley, and Agnes, his wife. He was one of four children. His father died when John was eight. His mother remarried and had five more children by her second husband, William White. Fisher seems to have had close contacts with his extended family all his life. Fisher's early education was probably received in the school attached to the collegiate church in his home town.

Fisher studied at the University of Cambridge from 1484, where at Michaelhouse he came under the influence of William Melton, a pastorally-minded theologian open to the new current of reform in studies arising from the Renaissance. Fisher earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1487 and in 1491 proceeded to a Master of Arts degree. Also in 1491 Fisher received a papal dispensation to enter the priesthood despite being under canonical age.

<sup>[3]</sup> Fisher was ordained into the Catholic priesthood on 17 December 1491 – the same year that he was elected a fellow of his college.<sup>[4]</sup> He was also made Vicar of Northallerton,

Yorkshire. In 1494 he resigned his benefice to become proctor of the university and three years later was appointed master debater, about which date he also became chaplain and confessor to Margaret Beaufort, Countess of Richmond and Derby, mother of King Henry VII. On 5 July 1501, he became a doctor of sacred theology and 10 days later was elected Vice-Chancellor of the University. Under Fisher's guidance, his patroness Lady Margaret founded St John's and Christ's Colleges at Cambridge, and a *Lady Margaret Professorship of Divinity* at each of the two universities at Oxford and Cambridge, Fisher himself becoming the first occupant of the Cambridge chair. From 1505 to 1508 he was also the President of Queens' College. At the end of July 1516 he was at Cambridge for the opening of St John's College and consecrated the chapel.



Fisher's strategy was to assemble funds and attract to Cambridge leading scholars from Europe, promoting the study not only of Classical Latin and Greek authors, but of Hebrew. He placed great weight upon pastoral commitment, above all popular preaching by the endowed staff. Fisher's foundations were also dedicated to prayer for the dead, especially through chantry foundations. Fisher had a vision to which he dedicated all his personal resources and energies. A scholar and a priest, humble and conscientious, he managed despite occasional opposition to administer a whole university, one of only two in England. He conceived and saw through long-term projects. A stern and austere man, Fisher was known to place a human skull on the altar during Mass and on the table during meals.

Erasmus said of John Fisher: "He is the one man at this time who is incomparable for uprightness of life, for learning and for greatness of soul."

By papal bull dated 14 October 1504, Fisher was appointed the bishop of Rochester at the personal insistence of Henry VII. Rochester was then the poorest diocese in England and usually seen as a first step on an ecclesiastical career. Nonetheless, Fisher stayed there, presumably by his own choice, for the remaining 31 years of his life. At the same time, like any English bishop of his day, Fisher had certain state duties. In particular, he maintained a passionate interest in the University of Cambridge. In 1504 he was elected the university's chancellor. Re-elected annually for 10 years, Fisher ultimately received a lifetime appointment. At this date he is also said to have acted as tutor to the future king, Henry VIII. As a preacher his reputation was so great that Fisher was appointed to preach the funeral oration for King Henry VII and the Lady Margaret, both of whom died in 1509, the texts being extant. Besides his share in the Lady Margaret's foundations, Fisher gave further proof of his zeal for learning by inducing Erasmus to visit Cambridge. The latter attributes it ("*Epistulae*" 6:2) to Fisher's protection that the study of Greek was allowed to proceed at Cambridge without the active molestation that it encountered at Oxford.

Despite his fame and eloquence, it was not long before Fisher came into conflict with the new King, his former pupil. The dispute arose over funds left by the Lady Margaret, the King's grandmother, for financing foundations at Cambridge. In 1512 Fisher was nominated as one of the English representatives at the Fifth Council of the Lateran, then sitting, but his journey to Rome was postponed, and finally abandoned.

Fisher has also been named, though without any real proof, as the true author of the royal treatise against Martin Luther entitled "*Assertio septem sacramentorum*" (*Defence of the Seven Sacraments*), published in 1521, which won for King Henry VIII the title "*Fidei Defensor*" (*Defender of the Faith*). Prior to this date Fisher had denounced various abuses in the church, urging the need for disciplinary reforms. On about 11 February 1526, at the King's command, he preached a famous sermon against Luther at St Paul's Cross, the open-air pulpit outside St Paul's Cathedral in London. This was in the wake of numerous other controversial writings; the battle against heterodox teachings increasingly occupied Fisher's later years. In 1529 Fisher ordered the arrest of Thomas Hitton, a follower of William Tyndale, and subsequently interrogated him. Hitton was tortured and executed at the stake for heresy.



## *St Martha's Parish Strathfield is encouraging everyone to Carry Hope*

The severe crisis that we are all experiencing during the Corona Virus pandemic is challenging us all on so many fronts – socially, financially, emotionally, mentally and for some physically.

With the closure of our Churches, along with many months ahead filled with so much uncertainty, St Martha's Parish Strathfield is undertaking various and alternative ways to interact with our parishioners and keep them connected to their faith. The Church is very much alive!

But with the predictions of what the impact of long term isolation, loneliness, financial stress and the decline in the mental health of our fellow Australians, St Martha's is widely circulating 5,000 of these small packages of HOPE so that they may bring some comfort and spiritual reassurance to those who are able to receive one.

This keepsake has been lovingly created to bring a small ray of HOPE to individuals, families, parishioners, the elderly locked down in their homes and aged care facilities, Health professionals, Care workers, those standing on Centrelink queues worried about their future, the homeless who do not have a home to protect them and so many more.

The primary goal of this initiative is to inspire everyone, regardless of their race, age, gender or denomination, to carry HOPE with them at all times. For this simple reason, at this most stressful time for everyone, we would appreciate your support in spreading the HOPE campaign far and wide.

Trophy Land was chosen to custom design and create the HOPE Keepsake for St Martha's Parish as they have been a long time supplier to the Archdiocese of Sydney. Ongoing purchases from other Diocese and/or individual parishes, no matter how big or small, would go a long way in assisting this small family business to keep afloat during these uncertain times.

The HOPE Keepsakes can be ordered directly from Trophy Land Sydney by contacting Frank Argiro on 0415 242 017 or by email [frank@trophyland.com.au](mailto:frank@trophyland.com.au).

The prayer card that accompanies the HOPE Keepsake was designed and printed by St Martha's Parish Office. It can be downloaded from our website homepage [www.stmarthas.org.au](http://www.stmarthas.org.au) as a Word doc for easy editing and adaptation. Alternatively, you would be most welcome to contact the parish office on 9746 6131 (option 2) should you require any further information or assistance.



*"Hope does not disappoint,  
it is not an illusion, it is a hope.  
Beside each other, in love and  
patience,  
we can prepare a better time in  
these days."*

*Pope Francis (source CNA)*

