

27/28 June 2020-Year A
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry out to God with
shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy
people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into His marvellous
light. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His
holy name.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1. The Love of the Lord

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus seems to recommend an inhuman attitude:
you are not to love your mother or father or your child more than Jesus. In
fact, you are not to love your own life more than Jesus. If you do, you will
lose what you love.

What does it even mean to compare loves in this way? If you have more
than one child, you can love each one equally, can't you? Why think that
your love of your child is in competition with your love of Jesus? But if it is,
honestly, why wouldn't you love your child more?

**The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united
with him.**

Well, think about it this way. To love someone is to want to be united with
that person somehow. If your mother sends you lots of gifts but never
cares to be near you, you wouldn't think she loved you, would you? More
than that, if, when your mother came to visit you, she constantly opposed
everything you yourself value, you would have a sense of your distance
from her; and that distance would make you feel lonely with respect to her
even while she was there visiting you.

And now you can see how loves can be in opposition to each other. If your
adult son is selling drugs to teenagers, you can be at one with your son
only if you no longer care about those teenagers. But then you will be at a
distance from the Lord because the Lord cares about each one of his
people. So in wanting to be united with your drug-dealing son, you would
be willing to be separated from the Lord. And then you would not be worthy
of the Lord, would you?

The good news is that if you do love the Lord, then you will be united with
him; and in being united with him, you will also be united with everyone
else united with the Lord. The love you have for your child, the love you
have for your mother or father, have their full home in your shared love of
the Lord. And that is why the Lord says that a person who loses his life for
the Lord will find it. Real union, and the real love, peace, and joy that union
brings, are possible only in the love of the Lord.

2. Roadworks in Eleventh Avenue

The roadworks in Eleventh Avenue are coming to the final stages of re-surfacing the road. It is important that until the contractors open the road, we don't drive on it as (a) the material will stick to your car tyres and (b) it will mark the Church driveway down to the Church. Please consider both your vehicle and Church property and keep off the road until it is re-opened. Hopefully, by the weekend of 4/5 July we will be alright to park in Eleventh Avenue again. I thank parishioners for their patience.

3. Weekend Masses

The 1st July, opens up the possibility of more people able to attend Mass.

As I mentioned, last weekend in the bulletin, we move to a 4sq metre rule, so that for our weekend Masses, we can accommodate 70 parishioners at each of the Masses.

Please Note:

Booking will still continue as ordered by government for health and tracing purposes. The use of sanitizer as you enter and using "the wipes" after Mass is concluded is still essential until the virus is eradicated.

4/5 July Masses

The weekend of the 4/5 July, we will have four (4) Masses each weekend.

This will continue until further notice

They are: Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am and 9am

This will allow 280 parishioners to attend Mass, each weekend.

I invite parishioners who haven't been to Mass to consider returning to a Sacramental encounter with your Lord.

I'm sure hearing Mass via Zoom or streaming has assisted during the lockdown phase, but it's time for our community to return to some sort of normal faith practice.

Communion Candidates

Especially, do I encourage those families whose child wishes to be accepted for the reception of First Holy Communion.

As parents, you need to be preparing your child by the regular attendance at Mass as part of their preparation.

Ministers in the Weekend Liturgy

Also, I encourage all Ministers whether acolytes, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, readers, choir and catechists to again be regular in your Sunday worship.

Our weekend Masses need the assistance of us all and all to participate in our Eucharistic worship. I look forward to welcoming you all back home.

4. New Rosters

All new Rosters, Acolytes, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers are available on the table at the back of the Church, please take one home.



5. Catechist's Meeting

A reminder to all our Catechists for our important meeting to prepare for the return to the classroom in Term 3 at Austral Public School.

It would be good for all catechists to attend the 9am Mass, then move to the parish hall for our meeting.

Date: Tuesday 9am

Time: Mass 9am & Meeting 9.30am

6. Parish Giving Envelopes

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



7. 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.

8. Funeral Mass for Kristinu Borg

The funeral mass for Kristinu will be held on this coming Monday at 10am. Due to the 4sq metre rule, I can only allow 70 people into the Church. So, after the family and extended family are seated, I will allow parishioners to attend inside the Church, as well, until the required number is reached.

We can allow for people to attend from outside the Church. So, maybe bring a chair with you, just in case!

9. Funeral Mass for Carmelo Romano

The funeral Mass for Carmelo will be held on Friday 3rd July at 10.30am here at St Anthony's. Again, the 4sq metre rule will apply.

May God Bless You

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

29 June – 4 July 2020

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric

6 July - 11 July

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko



READERS ROSTER

4/5 July (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Liz Habib

Readers:

Liz Habib: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

4/5 July

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

4/5 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

4 July

School Holidays

11 July

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

July

TBA

July

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope at Audience: We are never alone if we bring our lives to God in Prayer

At the weekly General Audience 24 June 2020, Pope Francis reflects on how King David prayed while shepherding God's people with his poet's soul.

Pope Francis focused his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience on the Biblical figure of King David.

"Favoured by God even from his youth, he is chosen for a unique mission that would play a central role in the history of the people of God and in our own faith."

Jesus, said the Pope, is called "son of David" and fulfilled the ancient promises of "a King completely after God's heart, in perfect obedience to the Father."

A shepherd

David's own story, said Pope Francis, begins in Bethlehem, where he shepherds his father's flock.

"He worked in the open air: we can think of him as a friend of the wind, of the sounds of nature, of the sun's rays."

The Pope said David is first of all a shepherd. He defends others from danger and provides for their sustenance. In this line, Jesus called Himself "the good shepherd", who "offers His life on behalf of the sheep. He guides them; He knows each one by name."

Later in life, when David goes astray by having a man killed in order to take his wife, he immediately understands his sin when the prophet Nathan reproves him.

"David understands right away that he had been a bad shepherd," said the Pope, "that he was no longer a humble servant, but a man who was crazy for power, a poacher who looted and preyed on others."

With a poet's soul

Pope Francis went on to reflect on what he called David's "poet's soul".

"He has only one companion to comfort his soul: his harp; and during those long days spent in solitude, he loves to play and to sing to his God."

David, said the Pope, was not a vulgar man. He often raised hymns to God, whether to express his joy, lamentation, or repentance.

"The world that presented itself before his eyes was not a silent scene: as things unravelled before his gaze he observed a greater mystery."

Contemplating life's mystery

Prayer, said Pope Francis, arises from "the conviction that life is not something that takes us by surprise, but a stupefying mystery that inspires poetry, music, gratitude, praise, even lament and supplication in us."

Biblical tradition, he noted, holds that David was the great artist behind the composition of the Psalms.

David, said the Pope, dreamed of being a good shepherd. He was many things: "holy and sinful, persecuted and persecutor, victim and murderer."

Like him, events in our own lives reveal us in a similar light. "In the drama of life, all people often sin because of inconsistency."

Pope Francis prays for victims of earthquake in Mexico

Bringing everything to God

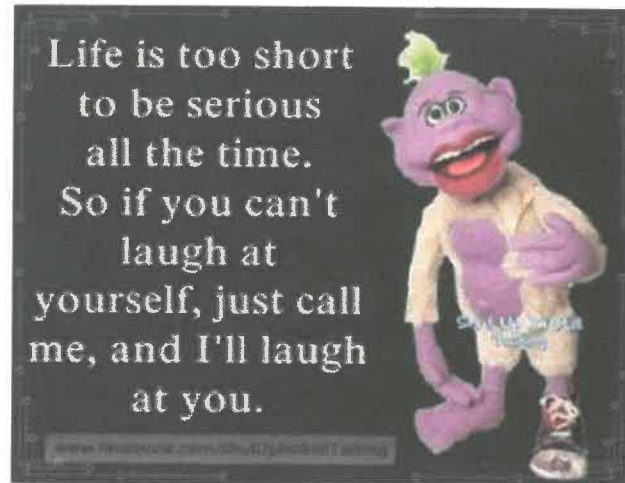
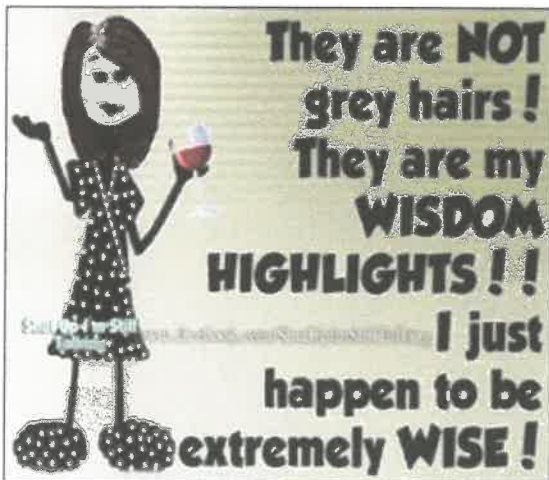
Pope Francis said that, like David, there is one golden thread that runs through all our lives: prayer.

"David teaches us to let everything enter into dialogue with God: joy as well as guilt, love as well as suffering, friendship as much as sickness," he said. "Everything can become a word spoken to the 'You' who always listens to us."

David, concluded Pope Francis, knew solitude but "was in reality never alone!"



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: Kristinu Borg, Garry Shipton, Carmelo Remano, Jane Schembri, Cartia Militeo.

Anniversaries: Isidoro Bianchi, Caterina Carra

Also for: Vincent 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, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing.

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 do sharks swim in salt water?

A. Because pepper makes them sneeze.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Noah Stephen Tessoriero
(Child of Bartolo & Zeynep)



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
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE FRIDAY 3 JULY

According to traditional accounts of the Saint Thomas Christians of India, the Apostle Thomas landed in Muziris (Cranganore) on the Kerala coast in AD 52 and was martyred in Myalpur, near Madras in AD 72. The port was destroyed in 1341 by a massive flood that realigned the coasts. He is believed by the Saint Thomas Christian tradition to have established seven churches (communities) in Kerala.

These churches are at Kodungallur, Palayoor, Kottakkavu (Paravur), Kokkamangalam, Niranam, Nilackal (Chayal), Kollam, and Thiruvithamcode. Thomas baptized several families, namely Pakalomattom, Sankarapuri, Thayyil, Payyappilly, Kalli, Kaliyankal, and Pattamukku. Other families claim to have origins almost as far back as these, and the religious historian Robert Eric Frykenberg notes that: "Whatever dubious historicity may be attached to such local traditions, there can be little doubt as to their great antiquity or to their great appeal in popular imagination.

It was to a land of dark people he was sent, to clothe them by Baptism in white robes. His grateful dawn dispelled India's painful darkness. It was his mission to espouse India to the One-Begotten. The merchant is blessed for having so great a treasure. Edessa thus became the blessed city by possessing the greatest pearl India could yield. Thomas works miracles in India, and at Edessa Thomas is destined to baptize peoples perverse and steeped in darkness, and that in the land of India.

