



6/7 June 2020-Year A The Most Holy Trinity



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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: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for He has shown us His merciful love..

Responsorial Psalm: You are Blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of His Son, the Spirit who cries out; Abba, Father. Alleluia.

Dear Parishioners, We celebrate The Most Holy Trinity

1. Believe and Be Saved

The first line in the Gospel reading is powerful: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." God's love for us is so great that he has found a way to bring us from death into life in himself.

And what is that way? Well, as the Gospel says, you must believe in the only Son of God.

You are saved from death by believing in the Son of God.

But what is it to believe in the Son of God? Believing in a person is not the same as believing that a claim is true, is it? To believe in a person is to trust that person for some things.

So to believe in the only Son of God is to trust him.

Trust him for what? Well, trust him to bring us from death into life. That is what the Gospel says, isn't it? God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

So here is God's funny system. You are saved from death by believing in the Son of God, *and* you believe in him if you are willing to believe that he saves you from death. Your contribution to your salvation is to believe that God will save you.

Of course, it is important not to get mixed up here. Your contributions not the self-congratulatory belief *that* you are saved, or the even funnier but equally self-flattering belief *that* you have belief in the Son of God. No, your contribution is really just to believe *in* the Son of God.

Think of it this way. If I say that I believe you are my only way of getting out of this burning building alive and then settle down to watch TV, what I say isn't true, is it? What I say turns out to be true only if I am glued on you, totally focused on following you out of that burning building. If I really believe you can save me from the building burning around me, I will certainly cleave to you now.

How much more should we cleave to the Saviour when we believe in him and trust him to bring us from death into life?



Dear Parishioners

Due to restrictions in our state being eased and as the Premier announced that Churches can now have 50 people attending Church Services, I am happy to invite you to return to your sacramental life with the Eucharist at St Anthony's.

I bring to your attention to the following:

1. There are 5 Masses over the weekend namely:
Saturday Vigil 4.30pm & 5.30pm
Sunday Morning 7.30am, 8.15am & 9am
To be allocated to one of these Masses you need to BOOK either via email or phone (ring when office is open Tuesday-Thursday).
2. "Social-Distancing" is to continue to be observed with every second pew taped off. Please note : The maximum number at any Mass is 50 people at present, so you do need to book in advance. Parishioners cannot just turn up as they may have to be refused entry if there are 50 people in the Church.
3. When you enter the Church I ask that you sanitize your hands (sanitizers are found on the walls near the Entrance Doors) and mark your name off on the sheet and add your contact details, please.
4. I ask that we keep the 1.5m rule in the seating. The Church can seat 70 people according to the 4 sq mtr rule, so we should be able to accommodate 50 parishioners.
5. Parishioners are reminded that if they feel unwell or are medically in "high risk" categories they should not attend weekend Mass. Weekday Masses only have an average of 20 people, so this may be more suitable.
6. At weekend Masses congregational singing has been put on hold, but we are trying to include a "reflection hymn" during the distribution of Holy Communion.
7. Holy Communion can only be offered on the hand, at present. Please do not proceed to the Altar if the aisle is congested. We do need to keep the "social-distancing" even when approaching for Holy communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.
8. At weekend Masses, the two plate collections will be re-introduced. The First Collection supports the Priest in the Parish and housekeeper and the Second Collection the Secretary and Parish bills etc.

9. **Celebration of the Sacraments**

a. **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3.45-4.15pm on a Saturday afternoon until we return to the one Saturday Vigil Mass.

b. **Sacrament of Baptism**

The Sacrament of Baptism can be celebrated with a maximum of 20 people. I will be celebrating with just one family at a time in order to keep "social distancing" and numbers in the Church. Please ring to book your child's baptism, making an appointment to fill in the information form.

c. **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The Archbishop has indicated that the Sacrament of Confirmation has been postponed indefinitely for 2020. I think we will be looking at 2021 for the celebration of this Sacrament in our community.

10. **Wardens**

Due to the virus, the plates used for the two collections have been modified and have been attached to "a paddle" for the warden to put out into the pew. This means, parishioners **DO NOT** touch the plate but just put in their donation as the plate passes in front of them.

11. **Cashless Society**

As we know, many stores have been requesting payment by Credit Card only. The Archdiocese has asked parishioners to look at this way of donating, due to the fact many young families use cards NOT cash today. I am aware that some older parishioners (myself included!) use cash still. Both, will still be available, so for those still using cash, you can still support the parish with your weekly cash donation. The card system will be "a tap" situation as you enter the Church. The "tap" system will not be introduced as yet as there is a 2 month waiting time.

12. Larger numbers will be available to attend ceremonies, we hope in the not too distant future. I ask **ALL** parishioners to abide by the NSW Government regulations so that our Church remains open and we can worship as this community of St Anthony of Padua Austral, responsibly and safely.

May God Bless and keep you all safe



Fr Bob

POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope's Appeal for George Floyd: Condemns 'Sin' of Racism, Says 'Nothing Gained by Violence'

Addresses 'Friends' in United States of America: JUNE 03, 2020

"Today, I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism."

Pope Francis expressed this addressing American faithful during his General Audience, this Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in his papal library, in the midst of the pandemic of coronavirus worldwide, as he focused on prayer.

"Dear brothers and sisters in the United States," he began, "I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr George Floyd." "My friends," the Pope said, "we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that "the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost".

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"Let us pray," the Pontiff exhorted, "for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn.

The Argentinian Pontiff then prayed that Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Mother of America intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world."

"May God bless all of you and your families," he said.

The Pope also sent this tweet: "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form. At the same time, we have to recognize that violence is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us pray for reconciliation and peace."

Recently, Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, head of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, a top papal advisor, sent a May 30 tweet.

'In areas of violence in the USA, I plead with, indeed, pray all pastors & religious leaders of communities to call their faithful to calm this Sunday. The death of Floyd is disgracefully inhuman & sad enough. Let us not add to it, making it & memory of Floyd ugly with violence,' he said.

Pope Francis recently began a new series of catechesis on prayer, this week specifically on the prayer of Abraham.

"May we learn from Abraham's example," he said, "how to pray with faith: to listen, to journey, to converse and even argue with God, but always prepared to welcome the word and put it into practice."



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

FOR THE SECOND PART OF THIS QUARANTINE DO WE HAVE TO STAY WITH THE SAME FAMILY OR THEY'RE GOING TO RELOCATE US? ASKING FOR A FRIEND

First day back at school after lockdown 🤔😞👤🤪



Did a load of pajamas so I would have clean work clothes this week.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Antonio Mammone.

Anniversaries: Kristie Scibilia, Franco Mosca, Nicola Severino, Josephine Azzopardi.

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

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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 did the picture go to jail?

A. Because it was framed.



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Niccolo Galileo Morizzi
(Child of Mario & Ursula)



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.



Why do we believe that God is Trinity? Where did this come from?

Our Christian faith in the Trinity goes back to Jesus and the experience of his disciples. In his life, he prayed to his Father. When he was baptised by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. Jesus also promised that he would send the Spirit to his disciples after his death. His death and resurrection precipitated a radical change in the disciples' consciousness of God. It brought them to the realisation, firstly, that Jesus was truly God. As Thomas ('Doubting Thomas' as we now call him) exclaimed when he saw the risen Jesus: 'My Lord and My God' (Jn 20:28).

Here is where faith in the Trinity begins: with the disciples' recognition that Jesus is truly and fully God, Son of the Father. Their experience at Pentecost, when they saw and felt the Holy Spirit of God descending on them, like tongues of fire (Acts 2), confirmed them in their new consciousness of God. From then on they were utterly convinced of their experience of the Three.

Their conviction impels us in the same faith. As the gospels tell us, all this was written that we too might believe. With no fear for their own lives, Jesus' disciples then proceeded to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus throughout the world, and Christians since then have continued to do so. We are the inheritors of their faith in this great mystery.

Why does it matter to believe in the Trinity?

Some well-intentioned Catholics were recently on their way to an interfaith meeting with followers of Islam and Judaism. Chatting in anticipation as they went, some of them said to the priest who was

leading them, 'Let's not mention the Trinity. It is just too complicated and maybe it will offend the others. After all, it can sound like we are tritheists, as if we believe in three gods.' This is seriously misguided; belief in the Trinity lies at the very core of our faith. This, together with our faith that Jesus is really and fully God as well as being fully human, is what distinguishes us as Christians from other believers. There can be no genuine dialogue with anyone if we are not prepared and willing to speak truthfully and respectfully.

Certainly, the Trinity is no easy mystery to comprehend, as St Augustine well knew. How even to speak coherently about it has taxed the minds of Christian thinkers for centuries. St Patrick found an analogy for the Trinity in the three-leaved shamrock. St Augustine explored the analogy of the human spirit with its capacities for understanding and for loving. Richard of St Victor recognised the friendship shared by three friends and the love which any two of them share for the third as an image of the Trinity. He realised that the greatest form of love is *shared* love for *another* person.