



# 1/2 August 2020-Year A 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### **Sacramental Life**

#### **Celebration of the Eucharist:**

##### **Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday Vigils:** 4.30pm & 5.30pm  
(Includes Children's Liturgy during  
School Term)

**Sunday - 7.30am & 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**  
3.45 pm - 4.15 pm

##### **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:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs.

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Welcome to the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **1. The Bread of Life**

In the First Reading, God promises that he will feed his people well. Given this promise, the story in the Gospel Reading makes perfect sense: Jesus feeds the people who come to him with bread, the kind of ordinary bread that a person needs for his body to live.

But pause here a minute: how many of God's people go without food every day in this world? Where is the promised feeding of God?

**The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.**

In fact, look at the list of things in the Second Reading that Paul says cannot separate us from the love of God. Famine is on Paul's list, and so is every other kind of suffering. Why do we have to be told that hunger won't separate God's people from God? What happened to God's promise that *he* will feed his people?

As far as that goes, in the First Reading, God says to his people, "Come to me that you might have life." But even death is on Paul's list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Why should Paul have to tell us that death won't separate us from God if God has promised to give us life instead of death?

If God's promises to feed us and to give us life mean that some of us will suffer famine and all of us will die, what good are these promises? What do they mean? What are we to hope for in God's promises?

Here we should remember what Christ says about food and life: "I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:35, 51).

There are different kinds of hunger and different kinds of life, aren't there? The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.

So the sufferings of this world—hunger, death—remain. But the Second Reading is right to say that they cannot separate us from the love of Christ. The promises of God, that he will feed us and we will live, are fulfilled in the bread of life that is the Lord.

## 2. The of the Financial Year 20/21



As we begin a new FY 20/21, I invite parishioners to consider taking up and joining the parish envelope scheme.

Your giving is tax deductible to 30%.

Why should you do the parish envelope system?

Parishioners are asked to take up the system so that financial planning for the future need of the parish can take place.

When we consider that the growth in the Austral area is increasing at 13% each year, as a parish, we need to plan for the spiritual, pastoral and social needs of families who will make St Anthony of Padua their spiritual home.

I ask parishioners to consider the parish envelope system and assist our community as financially as your means allow.

## 3. Welcome Deacon Paul Naggar

As mentioned recently in the bulletin Deacon Paul Naggar is assisting our community at our Eucharist and in the parish.

This week, Deacon Paul will assist at the Sunday 9.00am Mass.

## 4. Resumption of Sunday (Weekend) Masses

A reminder to parishioners who still have not returned to weekend Masses, you still need to book in order to attend.

Parishioners who attended Mass last weekend and booked just need to follow the routine when entering the Church namely:

Use the sanitizer on the wall

Then, tick your name off the sheets on the table

Then, take a "sanitizer wipe" to wipe your seat area at the end of Mass.

### Reception of Holy Communion

Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice confectioned at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.

### Parish Bulletins

You are asked to take the bulletin home with you Please do not return it to the table. Emailing bulletins will continue until further notice.

I encourage all parishioners to come back and participate in our Eucharistic worship. I look forward to welcoming all parishioners back to their spiritual and sacramental home at St Anthony of Padua.

## 5. Direct Debit via Giving Point Tap

Due to the COVID virus, the Archdiocese has asked that parishes include a Donation Point Tap device for use by parishioners who are not carrying cash. Many young families do not carry much cash nowadays, but use credit cards and so, this is a further reason to introduce "The Donation Point Tap."

The device is set at \$5.00, so that the \$5 will be allocated to the Collections.

If parishioners wish to give above this amount they either "tap again" or use the collection plate as it passes by.

Parishioners wishing to claim a Tax Deduction for their giving will need to take up a set of Parish Envelopes and support the community through the envelope system.

## 6. COVID-19

Parishioners are invited to checkout the parish website as it has been updated to reflect COVID News and the actions the parish has taken to keep all parishioners safe as we worship on weekends or during the week.

We have registered with the NSW Government and we have submitted a "COVID Safe Plan" with them so that these signs are now displayed at the Church and at the Presbytery.

An area of concern is when we approach for Holy Communion. It has been drawn to my attention that we are forgetting the 1.5 metre rule in keeping our distance coming to Holy Communion. Can we check ourselves and not rush to receive but come down pew by pew.

## 7. First Holy Communion News

A meeting was held last Thursday which included the College Principal, Lea DeAngelis, The REC Karina Ianni, The Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator Natalie Valenzisi, the Family Educator Veronica Leva and myself. We are hoping to celebrate this Sacrament in November. However, due to COVID only 4 family members and the candidate will be allowed to attend.

Application forms will go out through the weekend Masses over the next few weeks.

The forms will have all details, dates and times of Masses. I encourage families wishing for their child to receive this Sacrament to begin to return to Mass. We are COVID safe!

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

### 3-8 August

L Pecotich, M Gimellaro,  
M DeVries, V Laferla

### 10-15 August

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,  
M Camilleri



## READERS ROSTER

### 1/2 August

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Natasha Steimbesser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbeisser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Liz Habib: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Maria Zucco

Readers:

Maria Zucco: 1st Reading

John William Flsher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

### 8/9 August (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

#### **Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

#### **Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 1/2 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

### 8/9 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Veronica & Sarah Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 1/2 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

### 8/9 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**HOLD DUE TO COVID 19**

## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### July

TBA

### August

TBA





## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### COVID-19: Pope's Preface for the Book 'Communion and Hope': Theological Reflections on the Pandemic. JULY 29, 2020

#### **New Hope and Solidarity**

According to Vatican News, "Communion and Hope" is a volume rich in theological reflections, which can awaken "new hope and a new solidarity," based on the certainty that as the spread of the pandemic happened in the first difficult months, so also today the Lord's presence accompanies and encourages humanity.

In fact, the work was written by Cardinal Walter Kasper, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, and by Father George Augustin, German priest, Founder, and Director of the Institute, named after his compatriot Cardinal.

#### **Fundamental Questions**

The Holy Father poses the pandemic as a "time of trial and choice." Just as he said in the Prayer Vigil last March 27, describing the coronavirus "as a storm" that took everyone by surprise, changing family life, work, and public activities and leaving in its wake death, economic penuries and distance from the Eucharist and the Sacraments.

This dramatic situation, which unmasks man's vulnerability, his inconsistency and his need of redemption, questions many certainties and has unleashed "fundamental questions about happiness" and "about the treasure of our Christian faith," he writes in the Preface.

Where are the profound roots that support us all in storms? What is really important and necessary? The pandemic "is an alarm sign" that leads us, in fact, to reflect on all this. "It's a time of trial and choice for us to orient our lives in a renewed way to God, our support, and end," continues the Pontiff.

#### **Solidarity and Service**

In the text, the Bishop of Rome stresses his appeal to "solidarity" and to "service" against "global injustice" and indifference. In fact, the emergency situation leads us to understand how much we "depend on others' solidarity and drives us to serve those that surround us in a new way."

"We must be shaken by global injustice, to be able to "wake up and hear the cry of the poor and of our very gravely sick planet," he says.

#### **The Contagion of Love**

Moreover, Pope Francis highlights that the start of the pandemic coincided with Eastertide, from whence proceeds the message that illumines the present and the future and avoids paralysis.

It is the message of the victory of life over death. "Easter gives us hope, confidence, and courage; it strengthens us in solidarity" and in fraternity, he recalls.

"The danger of contagion of a virus must teach us another type of "contagion," that of love, which is transmitted from heart to heart. I am grateful for the many signs of willing spontaneous help and heroic commitment of the health personnel, the doctors, and the priests. During these weeks we felt the strength that came from faith."

#### **The Eucharist: Strength**

The last part of the Preface is dedicated to faith in Christ. In this connection, the Holy Father recalls the "painful Eucharistic fast" that many Christians have experienced due to the halt of public celebrations and the emergency solution of media broadcasts.

However, he also stresses that no "virtual broadcast can substitute the Lord's real presence in the Eucharistic celebration." To it is owed the joy of the resumption of normal liturgical life, as "the presence of the Risen Lord in His Word and in the Eucharistic celebration will give us the necessary strength to address the difficult problems that await us after the crisis."

And, as Jesus did to the disciples of Emmaus, the Pope repeats to the whole of humanity, as a sign of hope for the future, the words: "Do not be afraid! I have overcome death."



## Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- **EXCLUSIVE:** New Ambassador to Vatican
- “Protect the Kids!”: Latham launches NSW schools Bill
- Men-be strong: National gathering encourages men to take up their duty to families, society
- 75 years since Armageddon: Japan’s Catholics and the atomic bomb
- Movie Reviews: First Cow
- Simcha Fisher: Ageing keeps me busy enough

## 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.** Why did the elephant paint himself different colours?

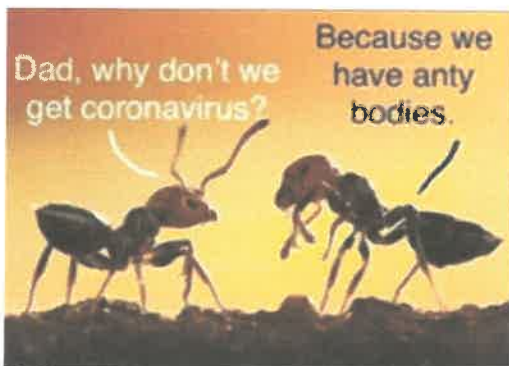
**A.** So he could hide in the crayon box.

## JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

God may have created man before woman, but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.



Finally! We can get out, meet our friends and **socialize!**



Please take your clothes out of the wardrobe regularly to air them and allow them to stand in sunlight. Recent studies have shown that clothes kept in wardrobes during lock down will shrink!

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Antonio Martone, Concetta Daidone, William Bradley, Lorraine Krokowski.

**Anniversaries:** Carl Harmer, Mary Serovich, Anthony Loduwick.

**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, Haneer Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris.