



11/12 July 2020-Year A 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday - 3.45-4.15pm 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: As for me, in justice I shall behold Your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the Word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to Him will live forever. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 15th Sunday of the Year.

1. Speaking in Parables

In the Gospel Reading, Christ explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables. The knowledge of these things has been granted to you, Christ tells his disciples, but it hasn't been granted to the people in the crowds. But if God can give the gift of knowledge, why wouldn't he give it to everyone? Why would a loving God hide knowledge from some people? **To those who come to Christ ready to receive him and willing to be counted as his disciples, he can give the gift of knowledge straightforwardly.**

To see the answer, think about gifts. If you give a gift to someone you love, then what you give is intended to do that person good. It isn't a gift if what you are giving will harm him or hurt him, and you know that it will. But knowledge can hurt rather than help if the recipient isn't ready to receive it. Good counsellors are skilled in knowing the times when their clients are able to bear some knowledge, some insight into their situation and themselves. Till their clients are ready, good counsellors hesitate to impart such insight for fear of making their clients more stressed or more troubled, rather than more healed and grounded. To force knowledge on a person not ready for it is stupid or cruel or both. It isn't loving. And that is why Christ speaks in parables. Among those who come to him, there are some people who want to hear him but are not willing to be counted among his disciples, at least not yet. Christ's parables offers those people what they can receive, given that they are not yet ready to receive him. They can learn something from the parables even so. But to those who come to Christ ready to receive him and willing to be counted as his disciples, he can give the gift of knowledge straightforwardly. In receiving him, those people are also ready to receive the knowledge Christ can give.

And here it is worth noticing that Christ speaks in parables to everybody who comes to him. But some people care enough about him and his words to want more than they can get from those parables alone. They take him as their teacher and want to learn from him. That is why they come to him to ask him to explain the parables he was telling them as well as all the others. The people who want more understanding are the people who count as his disciples.

As Christ says, to them who have more, more will be given because they want more.

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 70%.

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. Resumption of Sunday (Weekend) Masses

The Archbishop in his letter to the clergy has indicated that parishes should begin celebrating Masses and increasing Masses so, parishioners can attend.

As parishioners are aware, I have increased the Vigil Mass having the extra Mass at 4.30pm.

The Mass Schedule is:

Saturday Vigil masses: 4.30pm and 5.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am and 9am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

3.45pm-4.15pm

Booking in for the Mass is desirable, but after this weekend I will presume that you will attend the Mass you regularly like to attend, so, you will not need to book every week.

I do ask that you tick your name off on the sheet (for tracing purposes) and continue to take the precautions of "sanitizing your hands" and taking a "sanitizer wipe" to wipe the area where you sat during Mass.

Older parishioners who may be high risk and not wanting to be in a large group may enjoy attending a weekday morning Mass as we only average 20-25 people, so that there is room to "social-distance."

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 confected 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.

4. Welcome Deacon Paul Naggar

I would like to welcome Deacon Paul Naggar, with his wife Julieanne, to the parish! Paul and Julieanne have moved into Antegra Estate and have been attending Sunday and weekday Masses at St Anthony's.

Paul was the first married Deacon in the Archdiocese. What can a Deacon do?

The Deacon assists the Priests at the altar during Mass. The Deacon proclaims the Gospel, can give the homily (Sermon) and assists in the distribution of the Eucharist.

The Deacon cannot celebrate Mass or celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

However, the Deacon can celebrate the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, which he will assist me over the weeks to come. Deacon Paul over the next four weeks will attend the Masses in order to make himself known to you all.

I thank the Archbishop for his appointment to St Anthony's and Deacon Paul in agreeing to assist me at this time.

I welcome Paul and Julieanne to our community.

5. Direct Debit via Giving Point Tap

As mentioned, some weeks ago, 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.

As the stands have not arrived for the devices you will find them on the tables near the columns at the back pews.

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.

Some parishioners may not appreciate the set amount, but to date the parish has been unable to support the priest over the 6 years I have been here. We have continually run at a deficit in the First Collection having to be supported by the Clergy Remuneration Fund from the Archdiocese.

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.

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

13-18 July

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka

20-25 July

Brianna, Raquel, Olivia



READERS ROSTER

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm 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

18/19 July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Margaret De Vries: 2nd Reading & Prayers of
Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Heidi O'Neill

Readers:

Heidi O'Neill: 1st Reading

Mark O'Neill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

18/19 July

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret De Vries

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



ACOLYTES ROSTER

11/12 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

18/19 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

11 July

School Holidays

18 July

School Holidays

9am Sunday

School Holidays



NURSING HOME ROSTER

July

TBA

July

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis: From Lampedusa to COVID: the challenge of fraternity

Seven years after his visit to the island of Lampedusa, Pope Francis's appeal to us to feel and see each other as brothers and sisters is even more urgent. As we prepare for the post-pandemic era, there is no way to save ourselves alone: brotherhood and sisterhood is the only way to build the future.

"Where is your brother? The voice of his blood cries out to me,' God says. This is not a question addressed to others. It is a question addressed to me, to you, to each of us."

Seven years have passed since Pope Francis visited the Italian island of Lampedusa and addressed that question to all of humanity at Mass celebrated at the sports ground in the heart of the Mediterranean. The journey lasted only a few hours, but in some way set the stage for the Pope's magisterium. There, at the Southern tip of Europe, Pope Francis showed what he means when he speaks of a "Church that goes forth". He visibly affirmed that reality can be seen better from the peripheries than from the centre. Amid migrants who had fled from war and misery, he made his dream of a "poor Church for the poor" come alive.

On the other hand, talking about Cain and Abel, he also brought the question of fraternity to the foreground in Lampedusa. A fundamental question for our time - or perhaps, for all times. The entire Papacy of Pope Francis rotates on the axis of fraternity. "Brothers" is precisely the first word he addressed to the world as Pope on the evening of March 13, 2013. The dimension of fraternity is, if one may say so, in the DNA of this Pontiff who chose the name of the poor man of Assisi - a man who only wanted the title of "friar", "frater", "brother".

The way he defines his relationship with Pope emeritus Benedict XVI is also fraternal. After signing of the Document on Human Fraternity, this feature of the Pope certainly appears more accentuated and evident to all. Yet, going back over the first seven years of Pope Francis's papacy, we find several milestones on the path that led to the signing, together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, of the historic document in Abu Dhabi on 4 February 2019. That path now continues, because the event on Arab soil was certainly not just a point of arrival, but also a new beginning.

Today, just as seven years ago in Lampedusa, the Pope tells us that we must not look the other way, because if we really consider ourselves as brothers and sisters, members of one another, the other side does not exist. The other side is us. Pope to celebrate Mass for 7th anniversary of Lampedusa visit
Returning to the "Lampedusa question", it is particularly significant that the Pope took up the same words again in another highly symbolic visit - the one he made to the Military Shrine of Redipuglia on the centenary of the beginning of the First World War. Here too, in September 2014, the dialogue between God and Cain, after the killing of his brother Abel, will resound with all its drama. "What do I care? Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



An old photo of people eating in a restaurant
Photo was taken in 2019 B.C. (before Corona)



So in retrospect, in 2015,
not a single person got
the answer right to "Where
do you see yourself 5
years from now?"



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Kristinu Borg, Carmelo Remano, Agostino Stella, Feliciano DeCello.

Anniversaries: Francesca and Domenico Zappia. Vincenzo and Caterina Mammone. Joanna and Silvester OrosVincent & Josephine Bonnici, Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Teresita Gosiang.

Also for:

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,

Parish Giving Envelopes

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

Also due to all that has happened during this year and now COVID, and as we are trying to save money on paper etc we are asking Parishioners who donate through the Envelope System and who would like a Taxation Receipt to please put their name, Phone Number and Envelope number on the sheet at the back of the Church and we will print the receipts and have them at next weeks masses.

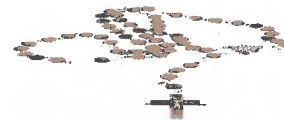
Every year we print all the receipts and many people don't need them.

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.

Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Jonathon Roumie opens up “The Chosen”
- Guy Sebastian’s surprise visit
- Brothers in Arms
- Manchester City’s virtue signalling
- Movie Reviews: Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga
- Monica Doumit: Double standards and life

Please put \$2 in the poor box

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. What can you catch, but not throw?

A. A cold.

CHURCH TOILETS BLOCKED AGAIN

Once again we have had to call the Plumber to fix a blockage in the toilets. This is an expense the Church does not need especially at this time.

PLEASE DO NOT put anything other than toilet paper in the toilets.

We now have blowers to dry your hands so there is no need to throw paper toweling down the toilet, there are bins provided for this.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

To illustrate; while attending a marriage weekend my wife and I listened to the instructor declare,

'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other..'

He then addressed the men, 'Can you name and describe your wife's favourite flower?'

I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered, 'Self-raising, isn't it?'

And thus began my life of celibacy.

Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers

Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part-time volunteer roles.

The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks.

Events Support: Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee.

Donor Support: Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to organise support for overseas placements.

To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.