



18/19 July 2020-Year A 16th 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: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear Him.

Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 16th Sunday of the Year.

1. The Wheat and the Weeds

In the Lord's field, there is the wheat and the weeds. Some people are good wheat and are gathered to the Lord. And then there are people who are weeds. It isn't good to be the weeds. The weeds get gathered into bundles for burning.

So how do we know which people are those bad, destined-for-burning weeds?

If I can't tell the wheat from the weeds, how can I tell whether I am wheat or weeds?

We don't, the Lord says. At least, we don't, not now. For all we know, the rudest, proudest, worldliest person sitting so smug in the next pew might be among the wheat when the angels come at the end to gather the wheat to heaven. The most despicable sinner might be wheat too. You can't tell the weeds until the end when the angels come, the Lord says.

By the same token, of course, the humblest, most hard-working person, sitting there so meekly in the next pew, might be among the weeds. The most admirable and saintly person might turn out to be weeds too. We don't know the wheat any more than we know the weeds.

The Lord knows his own. But we don't. We can judge thoughts, choices, acts, and habits; but we don't know enough to judge a person's final resting place when the angels come at Judgment Day.

And so the Lord's parable about the wheat and the weeds can raise a terrible question: what am I? Am I weeds, too? If I can't tell the wheat from the weeds, how can I tell whether I am wheat or weeds?

The problem with finding an answer to *that* question is that the question is confused. You are not the judge, not for the other guy and not for yourself either. Nietzsche said derisively of Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" But how would we know what the redeemed look like? (For that matter, how would Nietzsche know?) Our job is not the job of judge, because we are not up for that job.

Our job is to come to Christ and cleave to him. His job is first to save us, weeds that we are, and then to judge us the wheat his salvation has made us be.

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 in last week's bulletin Deacon Paul Naggar is assisting our community at our Eucharist and in the parish.

This week, Deacon Paul will assist at the 5.30pm 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 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.

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.

6. First Holy Communion

I do encourage all families to become sacramental rather than watch Mass on "Streaming." However, Families wishing to enrol their child/children in the First Holy Communion programme need to be attending Mass regularly as the candidate prepares for this Sacrament.

COVID-19

As a community, I encourage all parishioners to keep safe and well during this trying and stressful time. However, as the Health Department reminds us that if you are not feeling well or have a cough etc please **DO NOT** come to Church until you have been tested and a "negative" result given.

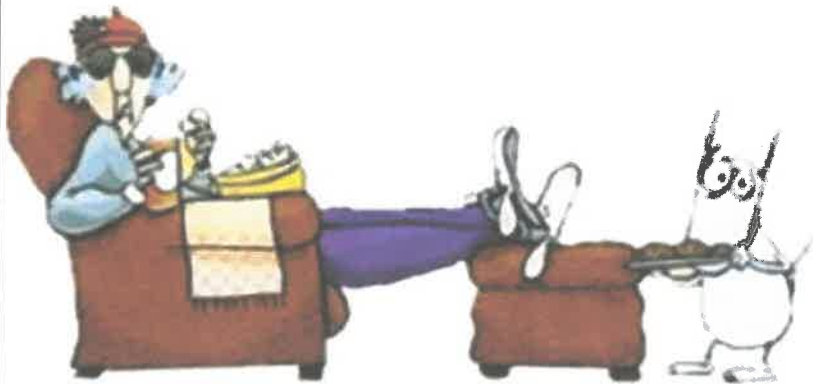
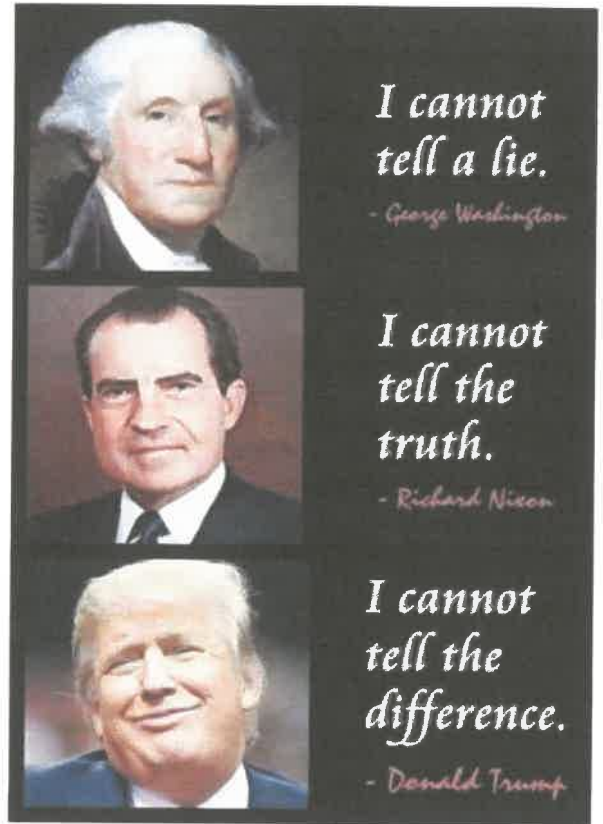
Let us pray for a vaccine.

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Concetta Daidone, Andrica Agness

Anniversaries: Mark John Arcuri, Maria Caterina Campisi, Carmela Romano, Bernarda and Saviour De Bono, Mose Cester, Dick Broadbent.

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, Hane Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

20-25 July

Brianna, Raquel, Olivia

27 July-1 August

Volunteers



READERS ROSTER

18/19 July

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

25/26 July (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Julie Dimech

Readers:

Julie Dimech: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Massimo Sofi

Readers:

Massimo Sofi: 1st Reading

Sam Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

18/19 July

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret De Vries



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

25/26 July

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Bonie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

18/19 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

25/26 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

18 July

School Holidays



25 July

Pauline Vassallo & Melinda Cansino

9am Sunday

School Holidays

NURSING HOME ROSTER

July

TBA

July

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'I Think of Hagia Sophia, and I Am Very Saddened,' Says Pope Francis

Following Turkish Court's Ruling This Week- JULY 13, 2020

Pope Francis has expressed his sadness over turning Hagia Sophia basilica back into a Mosque, in Istanbul, Turkey.

He did so following his Angelus greetings, yesterday Sunday, July 12, 2020, after Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan announced his decision to do so and signed a decree to put it into effect.

The Pontiff recalled that the International Day of the Sea falls on the second Sunday in July, Francis noted that the sea carries him "a little farther away in my thoughts: to Istanbul."

'I Think of Hagia Sophia, and I Am Very Saddened,' Says Pope Francis

"I think of Hagia Sophia, and I am very saddened," he said.

Nearly 1,500 years ago Hagia Sophia was built as a Christian cathedral. After the Ottoman conquest of 1453, it was turned into a mosque. In 1934, the Unesco World Heritage Site became a museum in 1934 under Turkish Republic founding father Ataturk.

Earlier this week, however, a Turkish court annulled the site's museum status, "saying its use as anything other than a mosque was 'not possible legally,' reported BBC.

According to the source, Muslim prayers will begin there as early as July 24th.

CHURCH AND WORLD

Change of Status of Hagia Sophia: 'An Attack on Religious Liberty'

Press Release of the Near East Council of Churches- JULY 15, 2020

The Near East Council of Churches (NECC) described the decision of the Turkish State and of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, to reconvert the ancient Christian Basilica Hagia Sophia in Istanbul to a mosque, as an "attack on religious liberty," reported the Vatican Agency Fides on July 13, 2020. The NECC recalled the firm position of the UN and of the Arab League on the subject, suggesting the filing of an appeal before the Turkish Supreme Court to have "the historic symbolism represented by the Hagia Sophia church" respected.

The Turkish State's decision is a hard blow to all the initiatives of dialogue between Christians and Muslims, launched in the last decades, including the signing of the "Document of Human Fraternity" on February 4, 2019 in Abou Dhabi by Pope Francis and the Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayyeb, Grand Imam of al Azhar.

The Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans expressed his "sadness and grief" over Hagia Sophia's fate. The Patriarch of the Chaldean Church, Cardinal Louis Raphael I Sako deplored the fact that the Turkish President didn't take into consideration that his decision would be received with sadness by millions of Christians, forgetting the fraternal reception given by many Christians to Muslim immigrants arriving in Europe after dangerous voyages.

On July 10, in an address to the nation, President Erdogan announced that Hagia Sophia would be reopened for Muslim worship on July 24, stressing that the reconversion to a mosque of the monumental complex was "a sovereign right of Turkey." The Turkish Council of State annulled the decree of November 24, 1934, of the President at that time, Mustafa Kemal, who transformed the ancient Byzantine Basilica of Hagia Sophia into a museum, which had become a mosque after the Ottomans' conquest of Constantinople in 1453.



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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@catholiccemetries.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 is the difference between elephants and grapes?

A. Grapes are purple.

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.

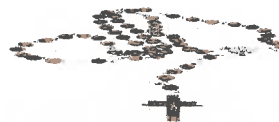
Every year we print all the receipts and many people don't need them.

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.

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Massimo Mario Palmano
(Child of Peter & Marie)



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.

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

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer we are offering individual **online information sessions** at a time that suits you.

To book a one on one appointment call

CCareline 131819

FamilySpirit.org

✉ connect@familyspirit.org

🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday