

25/26 July 2020-Year A
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: God is in His Holy Place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lore, I love Your commands.

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: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

**Dear Parishioners,
We celebrate the 17th Sunday of the Year.**

1. God's Gifts

Solomon was distinguished from all other kings in the Old Testament by God's gifts to him. First, God appeared to him and told him to ask for a gift. Not many kings in Israel were honoured by God in this way! Solomon responded to God so beautifully! He asked for something all right, but it was not something worldly. He did not ask God for riches or long life. Instead, he asked God for wisdom to govern God's people well. **There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.**

And so he received God's first gift, which was the opportunity to ask God for something, in such a way that his asking made him worthy of what God gave him when God answered his prayer.

Because he pleased God by what he asked of God, God gave him the wisdom he asked for. And with that wisdom God gave him even more, namely, the gifts he had not asked for, things worthy of kings. In the text that continues the First Reading, God promised him the very worldly things he hadn't asked for—namely, riches and long life—in addition to the wisdom he wanted.

So Solomon was very great among the kings of the ancient Israel. And yet what Christ gives to each one of his own people is greater than the gifts God gave Solomon. To each person who opens to Christ, Christ gives the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And with the Holy Spirit, he gives the seven gifts of the Spirit, too. The wisdom Solomon asked for is only the first of these. There are six more: understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude, and fear of the Lord. There is an inestimable spiritual richness in these gifts, more than Solomon knew to ask for.

Furthermore, anyone who has these has not just *long* life, like Solomon, but *everlasting* life with the Lord. And even among the sorrows of this life, the consolations of the indwelling Spirit are present too, in the love, joy, and peace that are among the fruits of the Spirit.

And so Christ offers now to each one who will accept it from him something greater than the greatness of Solomon, not just wisdom but all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and with them unending life in the kingdom of heaven.

As Christ says in the Gospel reading, this is treasure indeed.

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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.

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 Sunday 7.30am 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

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.

7. 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.

8. Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to thank all parishioners for their kind donations to Project Compassion.

May God Bless You

Fr. Bob

Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

27 July-1 August

Volunteers

3-8 August

L Pecotich, M Gimellaro,
M DeVries, V Laferla



READERS ROSTER

25/26 July

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

1/2 August (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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 Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

25/26 July

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Bonie Szafranski



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

1/2 August

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

25/26 July

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

1/2 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19

NURSING HOME ROSTER

July

TBA

August

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



No Justice, No Peace' Pope Paul VI, Catholic social teaching and Black Lives Matter...David DeCosse

United States July 21, 2020

"No justice, no peace!"— no slogan has perhaps been more identified with Black Lives Matter protests in the last weeks than these powerful, concise words.

"If you want peace, work for justice"— no slogan has perhaps been less identified in the American mind with Catholicism in the last decades than these powerful, concise words uttered almost 50 years ago by Pope Paul VI. Closely aligned slogans only tell us so much. But the similar wording of these two rallying cries—one forged in the streets, the other at the Vatican—point toward untapped possibilities for Catholic and religious engagement with Black Lives Matter.

Unlike the religiously inspired civil rights movement of the 1950s and '60s, Black Lives Matter is a secular movement open to religious partners. Indeed, many religious individuals and groups—Catholic and otherwise—have joined in the recent protests. Moreover, Black theologians like Shawn Copeland and Bryan Massingale have written powerfully on Catholicism and race in America.

After years of delay, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2018 issued a document called *Open Wide Our Hearts* that condemned racism. But for those steps forward, there have been many steps remaining in place—or even going back.

Tortuously slow in producing *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the USCCB has been lightning fast in denouncing things like the recent United States Supreme Court decision that affirmed the civil rights of gay and transgender persons. On a far-right but ominous fringe, Catholics have invoked a medieval Crusader faith to march at Charlottesville in the name of white nationalism.

Numerous factors account for this tepid or resistant Catholic stance toward Black Lives Matter. Some factors Catholics share with many other Americans: The blinding privileges of whiteness; tribal political energies; and wealth, among others. But some factors, I think, are more distinctly if not essentially Catholic — like a preference for unchanging order.

The brief slogan of Paul VI was aimed precisely at correcting such a preference. The slogan "no justice, no peace" became associated in the late 1980s with Black protests against racist and police violence in New York City. Now as then the words work powerfully in a double-edged way. First, they call attention to the persistent failure to hold police accountable. But the concern about justice also extends to education, economics, health, and more. If justice isn't done in the face of such chronic injustice, the slogan says, we're going to continue to disturb the peace until it is. Second, the expression speaks to a basic moral logic: Without justice, it's not possible to have peace.

When Pope Paul VI issued his message for World Day of Peace on January 1, 1972, he did so amid a huge historical change in Catholicism. At the Second Vatican Council from 1962-65, Catholicism began to turn its eyes to the entire world. And there it confronted cries for justice of the impoverished and colonized. Paul VI's message about justice and peace spoke to the growing awareness of this reality.

Peace has many counterfeits, Paul VI noted. A totalitarian imposition of power mocks peace. A balance of power only simulates it. To find the origin of true peace, Paul said, we have to take stock of our truest intuitions for other persons. And there, he said, we find justice manifest in the "sincere feeling" and "true respect" we know we ought to bear toward others. But how are we to understand such "true respect"?

Peace may have many counterfeits. But justice suffers from a more singular problem: it gets stuck in the past. Thus Paul VI noted how justice provides the basis for the mutual rights and duties by which we have society at all. But he also noted how we slip defensively into construing such rights and duties as abstract, unchanging truths that take on a life of their own detached from a "true respect" for persons.

To work for justice understood in this timeless way too often is in service to order, not peace. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s noted criticism comes to mind of the "white moderate" who "is more devoted to order than to justice.

"In what, then, does a "true respect" consist that constitutes justice and provides the basis for peace? First, such respect is grounded on the recognition of real, concrete human persons and their inalienable dignity. Think of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery. "Every man today knows he is a person; and he feels he is a person: that is, an inviolable being, equal to others, free and responsible—let us use the term: a sacred being," Paul VI said.

Second, such "true respect" requires recognition that justice cries out for structural change in the here and now. "It is a dynamic Justice, and no longer a static Justice," the pope said. And thus we are obliged to "work for justice" if we want peace.

The conversation between Black Lives Matter and different religious traditions has begun and will no doubt continue. Here I wish simply to note the Catholic moral tradition's suspicion of appeals to order and its support for the demands of justice as the way to peace.

"No justice, no peace," indeed. David DeCosse is the director of Religious and Catholic Ethics and Campus Ethics Programs at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University (California, USA). The article first appeared here (Markkula Center for Applied Ethics/Santa Clara University).

JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



It's been a great blessing to be at home with the wife these last few months. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong in the last 20 years.

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I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars but I really think it's the Vodka

REMEMBER, A day without a smile is like a day without sunshine!

And a day without sunshine is, like.....night!!!!

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds; when they already know you're broke?

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint you have to touch it to check?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

Why is it that, no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Concetta Daidone.

Anniversaries: Dick Broadbent, Denise DeVries, Julia Carra, Nata Mileto.

Also for: Holy Souls, Leslie and Carmena Portelli.

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, Irene Norris.

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BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Lara and Alena Jezercic
(Children of Mark & Leanne)



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.