



16/17 August 2020-Year A 20th 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: Turn Your eyes, O God and shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise You!

Gospel Acclamation: Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

**Dear Parishioners,
Welcome to the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. What Matters

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus and his disciples have walked out of Jewish lands and all the way into Gentile territory. There is a lot of excitement about him among the Gentiles, too, not least because they know that he can heal people. One Gentile woman in particular cries out to him to heal her daughter.

He won't answer her, and she keeps crying out to him.

To have faith *is* to be one of the sheep of Israel and one of the children of Abraham.

The disciples of Jesus can't stand her and her noise, and they urge Jesus to send her away. From their point of view, she's just a woman, she isn't Jewish, and she doesn't look like an important person even among the Gentiles. So, from the point of view of the disciples, she is a person who does not matter. They want Jesus to get rid of her.

In response, Jesus tells his disciples, "I am sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

But Jesus is in Gentile territory as he says this; and he left Israelite territory to go there. If he isn't sent to the Gentiles, why go to their territory? If he was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel, why not just send this Gentile woman away, as the disciples want him to do?

Because he doesn't send her away, she comes closer to him and pleads with him for help. In reply, he says to her one of the most insulting things he says to anyone: "it is not right to take the bread of the children and give it to the dogs."

How could she matter less than this?

The solution to the perplexity of this story comes in the final exchange between the two of them. Jesus' treatment of her elicits from her one of the most pert responses to Jesus anywhere: "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters," she says. And Jesus loves her for that pertness and the persistence behind it. "Great is your faith!" he says to her in praise.

But to have faith *is* to be one of the sheep of Israel and one of the children of Abraham. Gentile, female, or whatever else might make the disciples think that she is a person who doesn't matter, she has the one thing that really does matter in her cleaving to Jesus.

And so it is true that Jesus is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. She, a Gentile woman who persists in her calling to him, is one of those sheep. When Jesus crosses into Gentile territory, it is for her. It is right to give the bread of life to her.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Parishioners Notification if Tested Positive

Process, for a parishioner if tested positive:

Can you inform the priest (Fr Bob)

- When did you test positive?
- Have you attended St Anthony's recently?
- Have you informed NSW Health?
- What support from the parish do you need?

This is the reason to keep a list of parishioners attending either weekday or weekend Masses, Baptisms or Funerals.

Please Note:

The Archbishop is asking parishioners to consider wearing masks when attending Mass or any liturgy in the Church.

While NSW Health hasn't made it mandatory and neither does the Archbishop, but it is being strongly encouraged in order that the community and each parishioner remains safe and well.

5. First Holy Communion

Candidates parents have been asking about forms etc for First Holy Communion. We are starting the process all over again. Application forms will have to be filled in again and lessons will be happening again at the College, but keeping the groups small.

The forms and all information will be available in the coming weekends and given out at all four Masses that I am doing on weekends.

To attend Mass, you need to book via email or phone the office (Tuesday or Thursday ONLY when secretary is here).

If parents don't pick up forms at one of the Masses the child will have to wait until 2021 to celebrate this Sacrament.



6. We Offer Our Sympathies To:



A) We offer our sympathies to the Beuk, Cvetko, Banjavcic and Campbell families at the passing on last Thursday morning of their mother, Lucija Beuk, at her home.

The Funeral Mass will be held this coming Thursday at 10am. Due to COVID restrictions anyone wishing to attend should contact the family to ascertain if it is possible or not.

B) We offer our sympathies to the Bartuccio family at the passing of their father, Pasquale, last Wednesday evening at his home.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Monday at 10am. Due to COVID restrictions anyone wishing to attend should contact the family to ascertain if it is possible or not.

Anyone unable to attend either funeral Mass within the Church due to the restriction on numbers can attend but remain outside and attend. The Church doors can remain open for people to hear the Mass and Words of Remembrance.

May Lucija and Pasquale rest in the peace of Christ.

May God Bless You

Fr Bob

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

17-22 August

L Simat, Y Refalo

24-29 August

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric



READERS ROSTER

15/16 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sara Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Mark O'Neill

Readers:

Mark O'Neill: 1st Reading

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

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Faye Palamara: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

22/23 August (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Mica Pace

Readers:

Mica Pace: 1st Reading

Maria Zucco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

15/16 August

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret De Vries



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

22/23 August

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Bonnie Szafranski

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Volunteer & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

15/16 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

22/23 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

August

TBA

September

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis speaking from the Vatican last Wednesday 12 August.

Recognize human dignity in every person, says Pope: "If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least... we cannot heal the world."

A handout picture provided by Vatican Media shows Pope Francis during his weekly general audience, held inside the Library of the Apostolic Palace.

Christians are called to combat all violations of human dignity as contrary to the Gospel and to work for the wellbeing of the whole human family and our common home, Pope Francis said at his General Audience.

"If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation", he said, "we cannot heal the world."

"Pope Francis is continuing his catechesis on the effects of the pandemic and how COVID-19 has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is.

Speaking from the Apostolic Library, Francis commended the efforts of those "who have been offering evidence of human and Christian love for neighbour, dedicating themselves to the sick even at the risk of their own health.

"The coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on the broadest social ills...a distorted view of the person, a gaze that ignores his or her dignity and relational character", he said.

Unfortunately, many are seen as objects to be "used and discarded" and that "this type of gaze blinds and fosters an individualistic and aggressive throw-away culture, which transforms the human being into a consumer good", he said.

But if we are guided by faith we recognize God creates men and women, not as objects, "but as people loved and capable of loving, in His image and likeness" he said.

"Faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective", Pope Francis said.

May the Lord "restore our sight ... so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family," he prayed.



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

Mick, from Dublin, appeared on 'Who Wants To Be A Millionaire' and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 euros.

"You've done very well so far," said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter, "but for a million euros you've only got one life-line left, phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question. Will you go for it?"

"Sure," said Mick. "I'll have a go!"

"Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?"

- a) Sparrow
- b) Thrush,
- c) Magpie,
- d) Cuckoo?"

"I haven't got a clue." said Mick,

"So I'll use my last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin"

Mick called up his mate, and told him the circumstances and repeated the question to him.

"Hell, Mick!" cried Paddy.

"Dat's simple it's a cuckoo."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm sure."

Mick hung up the phone and told Chris,

"I'll go with cuckoo as my answer."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Chris.

"Dat it is."

There was a long, long pause and then the presenter screamed,

"Cuckoo is the correct answer! Mick, you've won 1 million euros!"

The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a drink.

"Tell me, Paddy? How in Heaven's name did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?"

"Because he lives in a clock!"



After Corona is over. We have to wear mask like this for 2 months to get our ears back in place!



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED



In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Carmel Ferraro, Pasquale Bartuccio, Mansoor Azzi, Lucija Beuk.

Anniversaries: Mary Gatt, Giuseppina Carbone, Michael Sammut, Charlotte Vella, Giuseppe Siciliano.

Also for: Emmanuel Gatt, Joseph & Josephine Fenech, Intentions of the St Anthony of Padua Legion of Mary.

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

Vito Pepe Tumama
(Child of Pepe & Melissa)



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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. How can you tell if an elephant has been in your refrigerator?

A. By the footprints in the butter!