



29/30 August 2020-Year A 22nd 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long, O Lord, You are good and forgiving.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Dear Parishioners,
We Celebrate the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1. Does God Want Us To Be Happy

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer "no"? How could anyone suppose God is good or loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy?

And yet look at Christ's line in the Gospel reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

Denying yourself seems the very opposite of going for happiness, and the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be *unhappy*?

A man divorcing his unaccomplished, middle-aged, dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier, successful woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way. "God wants me to be happy," he told her, "and I can't be happy with *you*. I *will* be happy with her."

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this husband that God might have any care for his wife's happiness. The husband's full view of the matter could be put this way: "God wants *me* to be happy, but God doesn't care at all about *you*."

This little story, common in its selfishness, shows the sickness of the post-fall human condition, so apt to privilege its own power or pleasure over any greater goods. We can't be happy in this condition, when we are glad enough to crush others to get what we want. What is to be done with us? What *will* make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

This is where Christ's line comes in. The route to the happiness God does want for us has to go through the cross of Christ. Christ is The Way for us, and the cross is where we meet him for the road to our true happiness in love and holiness in him.

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. 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.

4. Anointing During Weekday Mass

The celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing will be celebrated at the Thursday morning Mass this coming Thursday (Sept 3). We encourage to celebrate this Sacrament with our senior parishioners and I encourage parishioners to bring to the Mass those Catholic parishioners who would like to receive this Sacrament. Senior parishioners should wear a mask to the Mass. Please remember we make every effort and take all precautions to keep all parishioners safe. See elsewhere in the bulletin what we are asked to do on entering the Church.



5. Happy Anniversary to Fr Bob

A very Happy Anniversary to Fr Bob on 48 years of Priesthood. We thank him for his caring and compassion and for everything he does for the community of St Anthony. And for being the BEST Boss.

6. It is Safe to Attend Mass

I encourage all parishioners to make an effort to attend Mass every couple of weeks. Parishioners are very responsible in caring for one another when attending Mass.

The process of entering the Church is:

- Use the hand-sanitizer on the wall.
- Mark your name off on the sheet on the table giving your mobile/contact number.
- Take a wipe to wipe the front/back/seat of the pew at the end of Mass.
- In coming to Holy Communion all parishioners are asked to be 1.5metres apart from each other
- The Archbishop and NSW Health is encouraging church goers to wear a mask while at Mass
- At every Mass, we pray for a vaccine
- We have a COVID Safe Plan that can be found on the website

If we look after each other, keep to the regulations as laid down, we will keep our community safe and COVID free.

However, if we are anxious and worried then the Mass is live-streamed by the Bishop of Wollongong on a Sunday Morning at 9.30am and at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am.

It is important that we "keep holy the Lord's Day" by spending time in prayer and reflection, if not attending Mass.



7. Wearing of Masks

As mentioned, last weekend in the bulletin, the NSW Health and the Archbishop of Sydney are encouraging us all in the wearing of masks during Mass to protect ourselves and one another.

We are reminded of the Social-distancing as we leave Church as well. Although, many parishioners are related to each other we do need to be conscious of not talking in tight groups outside Church.

May God Bless You



Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

31 August - 5 September

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

7-9 September

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



READERS ROSTER

29/30 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 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: Sam Sofi

Readers:

Sam Sofi: 1st Reading

Massimo Sofi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

5/6 September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha : 1st Reading

Maja Simat: 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: John-William, Fisher

Readers:

John-William Fisher: 1st Reading

Tessie Christophers: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

29/30 August

Saturday Vigil

Sarah Casha & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

5/6 September

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

29/30 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

5/6 September

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

September

TBA

October

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



'Let's Not Forget, Let's Not Forget, Coronavirus Victims,' Appeals Pope Recalls Sadness Hearing Testimony of Family Who Couldn't Say Goodbye to Grandparents: AUGUST 24, 2020

Pope Francis made this strong appeal during his concluding remarks, following his Sunday Angelus address yesterday, Aug. 23, 2020, at noon, to socially distant faithful gathered in a sunny St. Peter's Square.

"This morning," he said, "I heard the testimony of a family who lost their grandparents without being able to say goodbye and greet them on the same day.

"So much suffering, so many people who have lost their lives, victims of the disease," he decried, adding: "many volunteers, doctors, nurses, nuns, priests, who also lost their lives."

"We remember the families who have suffered for this," he said.

This comments came during his greetings to Romans and pilgrims, following a shout out to young people of the Italian Parish of Cernusco sul Naviglio, "these who are in yellow there, who left Siena by bicycle and arrived today in Rome along the Via Francigena. You have been good!"

He then greeted a group of families from Carobbio degli Angeli, in the Italian province of Bergamo, "who came in pilgrimage in memory of the victims of Coronavirus. "

Bergamo was considered an epicenter of COVID-19 deaths in Italy, where the virus claimed thousands of lives.

Following last week's Sunday Angelus, the Pope reminded that we cannot forget all those who still are suffering with and from COVID and its effects....

"These days," he acknowledged, "are days of vacation: it can be a time to restore the body, but also the spirit through moments dedicated to prayer, to silence and to relaxing contact with the beauty of nature, God's gift."

"This," he however underscored, "should not allow us to forget the problems there are due to Covid."

"Many families," he acknowledged, "do not have work, have lost work, and have nothing to eat."

During our summer breaks, Francis encouraged, we should actively promote works of charity and draw near these families.

The Pope went on to greet everyone present, including those from Rome and pilgrims from various countries.

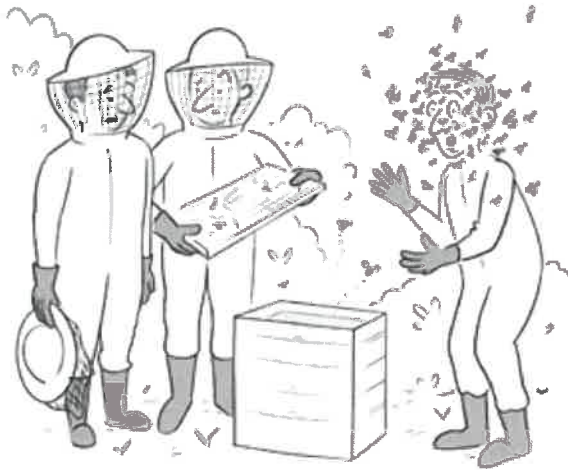
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JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

Don't let them take the temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket, its a government plot to erase your memory. I went for a bottle of milk and a loaf of bread and came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine!



"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."



There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Carmel Ferraro, Pasquale Bartuccio, Lucija Beuk, Sister Mary Paul (Our Lady Help of Christian an order that cared for those preparing for Priesthood in the Seminary in Fr Bob's time), Charlie Buttigieg, Emeka Gerald Onwukwe (Fr Kene's Brother), Wolde Mariam Abza (Fr Tibe's Father).

Anniversaries: James Muscat, Caterina & Tony Ciccaldò, Mary Grace Gatt.

Also for: For Peace in our world, Emmanuel Gatt..

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, Haneé Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro.



BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Alexander Garzaniti
(Child of Joseph & Amanda)



Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Faith always for Dennis the Rat of Tobruk
- Bisyops call for ethical vaccine
- Kids in desperate need of love
- The Priest who wasn't a priest
- Movie Reviews: Ted Lasso
- Man drought? What man drought?

Please put \$2 in the poor box

KID'S CORNER



Q. Why was the broom late?

A. It overswept.

Australia appoints new ambassador to the Holy See: Published: 25 August 2020

Australia's bishops have welcomed the appointment of Chiara Porro as the new residential ambassador to the Holy See. Source: ACBC Media Blog.

Ms Porro has worked within the Department of Foreign Affairs for most of the past dozen years, including in overseas postings in India and New Caledonia. She has also served in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Ms Porro becomes the fourth Rome-based Australian ambassador to the Holy See, following former deputy prime minister Tim Fischer, prominent Sydney barrister John McCarthy QC and career diplomat Melissa Hitchman.

"The Government's decision to appoint another residential ambassador is welcome and will help consolidate the Australian presence in the offices of the Holy See and in Rome more generally," said Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

"Ambassador Porro will bring to the role substantial experience as a career diplomat and also an intimate knowledge of Italian culture and language, which will serve her well.

"The Australian bishops look forward to meeting the new ambassador and working closely with her on matters of mutual concern."

Ms Porro, in a message on the website of the Australian Embassy to the Holy See, noted several milestones that will take place during her time in Rome.

"During my mandate, we will be celebrating 50 years of Australia-Holy See diplomatic relations – an important milestone, built on the very strong and robust people to people links we share," she wrote.

"This year we will also celebrate the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint and a remarkable woman who encapsulates the true spirit of Australia."

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.