



## 22/23 August 2020-Year A 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH** 105 ELEVENTH AVENUE AUSTRAL 2179

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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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, Your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** You are Peter, the rock on which I will build My Church that gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Communion Antiphon:** The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

### **1. The Rock of the Church**

In the Gospel Reading, Christ tells Peter that the rock on which he will found his church is exactly, Peter. The gates of hell will not prevail against him or against the church which is built on this rock. This seems a deeply comforting thought.

The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be. The problem is that it so often looks as if the gates of hell have prevailed against Christ's church. The problem actually begins with Peter. The apostle who is the rock of the Church betrayed the Lord he loved in Jesus' worst need. A betrayal like that seems to have something hellish about it, doesn't it?

In fact, wasn't Peter's betrayal of Christ just like the betrayal of Judas? But the Gospels say that Satan entered into Judas before Judas betrayed Christ (John 13:27). There is something hellish about the betrayal of Judas, then. Why not think that the gates of hell prevailed against Peter too?

What is left of that deeply comforting thought about Christ's Church and the rock that it is founded on being safe from Hell?

But there is a difference between Judas and Peter. It is not that Peter repented and Judas didn't. The Gospels say that Judas repented, too (Matthew 27:3). Rather, the difference is this. When Judas saw the sin of his betrayal for what it was, he killed himself. He threw himself away as irredeemable. Peter came back to Christ. He cleaved to the Lord he loved even in the face of his own brokenness.

And that is why Peter is the rock on which the Church is founded. The Church is not a collection of the sinless, and it was not meant to be. The Church was founded on Peter, who loved, and sinned, and held on to the Lord anyway.

The gates of Hell cannot prevail against this kind of love. This *is* a deeply comforting thought.

## 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)

- (a) When did you test positive?
- (b) Have you attended St Anthony's recently?
- (c) Have you informed NSW Health?
- (d) 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. Parish Website and Facebook

My thanks to Fred Lazarus for bringing the parish more up-to-date with the Facebook page. It is a "work in progress" as you can imagine but I thank Fred for offering to help as it's another vehicle of communication for many of the younger families to communicate with me and to share ideas and map out a road ahead after COVID.

Also, as mentioned in an earlier news bulletin the parish website has been updated, as well, by the parish IT company.

Take a browse and give us a "thumbs-up like."

## 5. 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:

1. Use the hand-sanitizer on the wall.
2. Mark your name off on the sheet on the table giving your mobile/contact number.
3. Take a wipe to wipe the front/back/seat of the pew at the end of Mass.
4. In coming to Holy Communion all parishioners are asked to be 1.5metres apart from each other
5. The Archbishop and NSW Health is encouraging church goers to wear a mask while at Mass
6. At every Mass, we pray for a vaccine
7. 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.

## 6. 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

### 24-29 August

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,  
T Gimellaro, K Puric

### 31 August - 5 September

V Casha, S Arcuri,  
M Masini, M Cvetko



## READERS ROSTER

### 22/23 August

#### **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

### 29/30 August (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

#### **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



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

### 22/23 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Julie Dimech & Bonnie Szafranski



#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

### 29/30 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

#### **Sunday 9am**

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

### 22/23 August

#### **Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

#### **Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

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Gerry Crescini

#### **Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

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## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19**



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

### August

TBA

### September

TBA



## POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



### This Summer, Pope Says We Must Remember All Those Still Suffering From COVID & Its Effects

Recognizing Many Do Not Have Enough to Eat, Pontiff Says We Must Draw Near Struggling Families & Help. AUGUST 17, 2020

We cannot forget all those who still are suffering with and from COVID and its effects....

Pope Francis stressed this following his Sunday Angelus, from his window to socially distant faithful in St. Peter's Square, after the midday prayer.

"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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"Happy week of consecrated life. Ever onward!" he encouraged, also extending his greeting to the "courageous young people of the Immaculata!"

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Here is an unofficial working Vatican translation of the Pope's full remarks following his Angelus:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I continue to pray for Lebanon, and for other dramatic situations in the world that are causing people to suffer. My thought goes also to dear Belarus. I am following attentively the post-electoral situation in that nation and I call for dialogue, the rejection of violence and the respect for justice and the law. I entrust all Belarusians to the protection of the Madonna, Queen of Peace.

I affectionately greet all of you, people from Rome and pilgrims from various countries. In particular, I greet the Brazilian men and women religious present here in Rome – with so many flags – these religious are following spiritually the First National Week of Consecrated Life being celebrated in Brazil. Happy week of consecrated life. Ever onward! I extend my greeting also to the courageous young people of the Immaculata!

These days 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 should not allow us to forget the problems there are due to Covid: many families do not have work, have lost work, and have nothing to eat. Works of charity and drawing near to these families should also accompany our summer break.

I wish with all of you a blessed Sunday and enjoy your lunch! And please, do not forget to pray for me.

Arrivederci!



## JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE



Good friends make bad days a little more bearable.



**Paranoia has reached absurd stages...**

**I sneezed in front of my laptop and the anti-virus started a scan on its own**



**Coronavirus throat spray**



**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).

**Anniversaries:** Ian Stedman, Estelita Flores, Giuseppe Siciliano, Maxmilliano Pesce, Elsa Rigato, Oscar Morales.

**Also for:** Mary Vella.

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

## Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- The big kiss-do I or don't I?
- "Rhis is disaster"—experts slam treatment of elderly in pandemic
- "Completely unacceptable"—MPs launch petition to enzct anti-slavery law
- Dear Aussies, no we're not OK!
- Movie Reviews: Father, Soldier, Son
- Too old, too young-and single: the missing Catholics

**Please put \$2 in the poor box**

## 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.

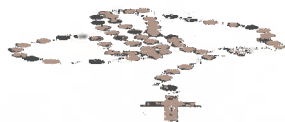


## The Chain of Mary Association Inc

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



## 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](mailto: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@catholiccemtries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemtries.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 did the spider do on the computer?

A. It made a website!