

8/9 August 2020-Year A
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH CHURCH**
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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: Look to Your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of Your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend Your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek You.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: I hope in the Lord, I trust in His Word
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

1. Walking On Water

In the Second Reading, Paul enumerates the many blessings God gave his people in the time of the Law and the Prophets: the adoption as children of God, covenants, commandments and an order of worship. They had God's promises, and the promise of glory was among them. But Paul makes the list of these blessings with great sorrow, as he says, because it is hard for him to see any of the promised good things in the current state of God's people.

As long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

It can certainly seem to a Christian as if the same list and the same sorrow are suitable for Christians now.

Christians are also promised adoption as children of God. They have a covenant, a new covenant, with God, and a new worship to go with it. They are promised glory too, the glory of holiness and union with the Lord.

But, for Christians now as for God's people then, it is often very difficult to see the fulfillment of these promises in one's own life. Does anyone have even one day in which he feels that his life has shown the fruit of these promises on that day?

So, for every Christian, there is a sorrow of the sort Paul expressed, because the sins and failures of one's life can seem so hard to square with the promises of God. Where is the adoption and the glory?

What are God's people to do in this condition and its sorrow?

The Gospel gives us a picture for an answer: as long as he has faith and doesn't look down, Peter comes to the Lord, walking on water.

No matter how sorrowful a person's failures, he can nonetheless come to the Lord. Doing so may feel like walking without any solid ground under foot. But faith is a kind of walking on water, too, isn't it? As long as one doesn't look down, as long as one keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus in faith, even walking on nothing in order to come to him is possible. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Him.

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. 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.

4. 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.



5. First Holy Communion News

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, after a meeting at the College we are looking at welcoming

children who have celebrated their First Reconciliation to now celebrate their First Holy Communion.

An information pack will be available at the weekend Masses in the coming weeks.

Parents wishing for their child to celebrate First Holy Communion need ring the Parish Office **to book** into one of the weekend Masses in order to obtain the forms. The forms will have all the details, dates and times of the Holy Communion masses.

I encourage families wishing for their child to receive this Sacrament to begin to return to Mass. We are COVID safe and I am making every effort, as are all parishioners attending weekend Masses, to keep everyone in our community safe.

6. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven—A Holy Day of Obligation

Next Friday/Saturday 14/15 August is the Feast of the Assumption which is only one of two holy days in the Australian Church calendar. The other being Christmas Day.

Due to the 4sq metre rule there will be three Masses to celebrate the feast and they are:
Friday Night-7pm
Saturday Morning—9am

7. Welcome Paul Farnsworth into the Church

Victorija and her two daughters, Layla and Sofia have been attending the Sunday 9am Mass with Vicki's mum Helen Jasenko.

Paul was involved in an accident and is confined to a wheelchair.

Vicki, began to bring Paul to the Sunday 9am Mass, until the March-May shutdown. Once Mass began again here at Austral, they have been coming to the Thursday 9am Mass to avoid large crowds.

I suggested to Vicki had she thought of asking Paul if he would like to become Catholic.....and after instructions (via videos) we welcome Paul, Vicki and girls and both families to our Sunday 9am Mass. Paul is baptised, so he will be received into the Church and be confirmed and celebrate his First Holy Communion with us.

I welcome Paul, Vicki and family and we pray for them.

Paul is taking the name St Augustine as his confirmation name.

St Augustine-Pray, for us.

8. The Feast of St Mary Mackillop is Saturday August 8 there will be a Mass at 9am.

May God Bless You

Fr. Bob
Fr Bob



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

10-15 August

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri

17-22 August

L Simat, Y Refalo



READERS ROSTER

8/9 August

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Maja Simat

Readers:

Maja Simat: 1st Reading

Teresa Calarco: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Anne Violi: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Tessie Christophers

Readers:

Tessie Christophers: 1st Reading

Nicole Hext: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

15/16 August (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

8/9 August

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha



Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

15/16 August

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret De Vries

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

ACOLYTES ROSTER

8/9 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

15/16 August

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

HOLD DUE TO COVID 19



NURSING HOME ROSTER

July

TBA

August

TBA



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis homily

The Holy Spirit speaks to us: “Brethren, as the Holy Spirit Says”. And in this passage from the Letter to the Hebrews there are two words that the Holy Spirit repeats: ‘today’ and ‘heart’. Paul writes, in fact: “Today, when you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts”. Psalm 94: “we have requested this grace: that our heart not harden, that it not be hard”.

Hence, “today” is the first word. But “the ‘today’ that the Holy Spirit is speaking about is our life, it is ‘a today’, as the same Spirit says, ‘full of days’, but it is a today. It is a today after which there will be no replay, in other words, no “tomorrow”, only “today”. And the sunset may be closer or farther off, but it is today, a today chosen by God, a today in which we have received God’s love, God’s promise that we can find him, be with him”. It is a today in which, in every day of this today, we can renew our covenant by faithfulness to God. But it is a today, because there is only one today in our life.

Of course, there is always the temptation to say “I’ll do it tomorrow”. It is the temptation of the tomorrow that will not be, as Jesus himself explains to us in the parable of the 10 virgins: five foolish [maidens] went to buy oil, which they didn’t have. Yes, later, tomorrow. But in the end, when they arrived, the door was shut.

Thus, life “is today”. It is a today that begins and a today that ends; a today full of days, but it is today. The parable of the man who went to the Lord and knocked at the door: ‘Lord, open up, it’s me, don’t you remember? I ate with you, I was with you’. But the Lord answers him: “I don’t know you, you arrived late”. I say this not to scare you, but simply to say that our life is a today. It’s either today or never. I think about this. The tomorrow will be the eternal tomorrow, with no sunset, with the Lord, for ever, if I am faithful to this today. And, the question I ask you is this one that the Holy Spirit asks: ‘how am I living this today?’. The other word found in reading from the Letter to the Hebrews proposed for the day’s liturgy is “heart”. For “with our heart, we encounter the Lord”. But, how is our heart?. Saint Paul gives specific advice in his Letter: “Do not harden your hearts”. Thus, it is good to ask ourselves if our “heart is hard, if it is closed”, perhaps “faithless, sinful, seduced”. After all, Jesus often rebukes the people who are slow at heart, slow to understand. It is precisely “in our heart” that “the today is at play”. This is why we must ask ourselves if “our heart is open to the Lord”.

It always strikes me, when I find an elderly person, oftentimes a priest or a nun, who tells me: ‘Father, pray for my final perseverance’. It is natural to ask those persons if they have fear after having lived their whole life well, living every day of their “today in service to the Lord”. But it is really not a question of fear, as those people respond: “The sun has not yet set on my life, I would like to live it fully, pray that today is full, full, with my heart steadfast in faith and not ruined by sin, by vices, by corruption”.

Above all, today: this today full of days, but a today that will not be repeated; today, the days keep repeating until the Lord says ‘enough’. But “today is not repeated: this is life”. The second word is “heart”, and we must always keep our heart open to the Lord, not closed, not hard, not hardened, not faithless, not sinful, not seduced by sins. And the Lord encountered many who had a closed heart: the doctors of the law, all these people who persecuted him, put him to the test in order to condemn him, and in the end managed to do so.

Let’s go home with just these two words: “how is my today?”. Without forgetting that “the sunset might be today, this very day or many days thereafter”. But it is important to check “how my today is going in the Lord’s presence”. We should also ask ourselves: “how is my heart: is it open, is it steadfast in faith, does it let itself be led by the Lord’s love?”. And with these two questions let us ask the Lord for the grace that each one of us needs.



JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day.
30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, 'The reason has to be because we have to repeat everything to men...
The husband then turned to his wife and asked, 'What?'



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: James Ever Juan, Ofelia Alisla.

Anniversaries: Mary Patricia Low, Vera and Angelina Naydek, Gaetano Celso Colli, Maxmilliano John Pesce, Elsa Rigato. Carl Harmer, Oscar Morales, Maria Vaccaro.

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, Hanees Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris.

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Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
last weekend

Grace Louise Nahlous
(Child of Danny & Amanda)

Leon Ihaka & Leile Nadia Nahlous
(Children of Mark & Casna)



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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. What has hands but can't clap?

A. A clock.