



17/18 October 2020-Year A 29th 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)

Thursday- Communion Service
9am

Masses: Tuesday - 7.30am

Wednesday - 7.30am

Friday - 7.30am Mass

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: To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering It the word of life.
Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Dear Parishioners,

We Celebrate the Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Church Year.

1. The Image

In the Gospel Reading the Pharisees are trying to trap Jesus into saying something that can be construed as sedition against the Romans. "Shall we give tribute to the Romans," they ask Jesus. Jesus' answer calls attention to the fact that the common currency of the time was Roman and so had Caesar's image stamped on it. The image of Caesar on the coin is an indication that the money is Caesar's. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, Jesus says, and give to God what is God's.

Just as Caesar's money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. But the point of Jesus' line is also that each one of us is God's because each of us bears stamped in his soul the image of God.

It is an honour and a glory to us that each one of us without exception is in the image of God. But it is also an awesome responsibility. When the face of a body is disfigured by self-indulgence in food or drinking or smoking, when the face of a soul is twisted by envy or hatred or narcissistic possessiveness, the image of God in that person is warped. When others look at the face of that person they will see only a distortion of God's image.

And so our sins ought to grieve us. Who wants to be a person whose soul shows a distorted image of God?

But the same line of Christ's that leads to this worry and sorrow also gives the consolation for it. Just as Caesar's money belongs to Caesar, so we belong to God. We are his own. The God who made us in his image will not leave us in our sins. Through the redemption of Christ, God will make his image lovely in each one of us.

That is why Scripture says (Romans.8:29, 1 John 3:2) that when Christ comes again, each one of the faithful will be found in the image of Christ. We wait in hope for that time.

2. Welcome Fr Kene

We welcome Fr Kene (who as we know from last year when Fr Bob was on LSL) is a young, energetic Priest from Nigeria who has been in the Archdiocese for 5 years. He is a part-time Army Reserve Chaplain who Fr Bob recruited about 3 years ago.

Fr Kene will be Administrator here at St Anthony's, so please welcome him back.



3. Booking in for Mass

Due to families in Year 3 at the College booking in to attend weekend Mass as they begin their preparation for their First Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to ring Cheryl, the Parish Secretary, on Tuesday or Thursday when she is in the office to book a Mass.

All Parishioners are reminded that not booking may mean that I will not be able to admit you into the Church, if the Church has reached its maximum number. Please do not come to mass unless you have booked.

4. November Envelopes

As we move to November, the month of the Holy Souls, we remember our deceased loved ones. There are November envelopes in the Planned Giving boxes and on the back table.

Please put the envelope with your offering of \$20 and put in the collection plate or give to the priest, Fr Kene.

5. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Some families have not returned due to illness or worries about COVID.

Again, I encourage those families to streamline Mass either from St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am Sunday or Woolongong at 9.30am on Sundays. In this way the family or individual is giving time to God and their own spiritual life. But, TV Mass is not the answer to attending the community and joining in Sunday worship in hearing the Word of God and then, encountering Jesus in Eucharist. If families or family members have become lazy due to being away from worship then, before receiving the Eucharist in good conscience they should go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist.

If families can go to work, go to school or go shopping, we can return to our faith and practise it!



6. Rosary Pilgrimage

A Rosary Pilgrimage for Mary Help of Christians will be travelling through the Archdiocese during October the Holy Rosary is being recited in each Parish Community. St Anthony's is having it here on Saturday 24 October at 3pm. If you wish to come please email or phone the Parish Office to book a place.

7. Thank You

Thank you to everyone for last weekend, you all made Fr Bob very happy. He asked us to thank you all for your very kind gifts to him and making it special for him.

Special thanks to Gerry Crescini, Joe Cilia, Liz Habib and Anthony Zanetic for the kind words you said about him, I knew you would make it special for him.

Fr Bob went out with a BANG, on Tuesday morning he was involved in a car accident when he was hit from behind. He came through unscathed thank the Lord, but unfortunately not so much his car, which is a write-off.

A very special thank you to John-William Fisher,

Fr Bob was very grateful to

you for all you did at the accident to help him.

And also thank you to those who joined Catherine and myself to see him off, John-William, Jackson, Neil, Geoff, Kurt, Lea, Teresa, Santina and her little grandson. You all know he had a tear in his eye when he left, as did all of us. It was so nice to see you here.



8. Columban Calendars

The Columban Calendar is a work of the Columban Fathers and is a fundraiser for their missions, especially in South America.

The Calendar has a page a month and a religious painting for each month.

It indicates Feast Days and Sundays. I recommend it to you. Please leave monies on the plate next to the calendars. Still only \$10.00.

9. Change to Weekday Mass Times

Fr Kene will be changing weekday Mass times until the end of the year. New Mass times will be Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 7.30am
Communion Service on Thursday at 9am.

May God Bless You

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

19-24 October

V Casha, S Arcuri,
M Masini, M Cvetko

26-31 October

Matalena Patolo, Julianna,
Lila, Beka



READERS ROSTER

17/18 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Rita Moro

Readers:

Rita Moro: 1st Reading

Rita Moro: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Readers:

Wendy Tourle: 1st Reading

Wendy Tourle: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Volunteer

Readers:

Volunteer: 1st Reading

Volunteer: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

24/25 October (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Natasha Steimbesser

Readers:

Natasha Steimbesser: 1st Reading

Marcelo Steimbeisser: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Pasqualina Catanzariti

Readers:

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 1st Reading

Margaret Cvetko: 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

17/18 October

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Victoria Bugeja

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

24/25 October

Saturday Vigil

David Casha & Veronica Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



ACOLYTES ROSTER

17/18 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

24/25 October

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





New Zealand's Cardinal Dew Praises 'Fratelli Tutti.': 'It Can Change Minds and Hearts'

Pope Francis's new encyclical *Fratelli tutti* is a call for everyone to see the world as being without borders and view everyone as their brothers and sisters, says Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, Cardinal John Dew.

"*Fratelli tutti* is a profound document," says Cardinal John Dew, vice-president of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. "It can change minds and hearts. It can be one avenue to do nothing less than 'renew the face of the Earth.' Take it and pray."

Pope Francis signed *Fratelli tutti* on 4th October after celebrating Mass at the tomb of St Francis of Assisi. It is the third encyclical of his pontificate and focuses on friendship and human solidarity at this time of international pandemic and polarisation. The title has been translated from the Latin as *Brothers and Sisters All*, a key phrase in the document. Cardinal Dew says *Fratelli tutti* is not about making adjustments here and there to our personal and community lives.

"Rather it is very much about a way to re-read and to live the Gospel for our times. The Pope writes about the need for us to survive not only the coronavirus pandemic but the many other things our contemporary world needs to do to survive. It is that serious. It is that compelling. It is that demanding."

Fratelli tutti pleads on behalf of the world's poor, the handicapped, the infirm, and the elderly – people who often live on the margins of society but who ought to be at the center, says Cardinal Dew.

"This is an invitation for everyone to broaden our perspective to view a world without borders and to view every single person on the planet, and yes, the planet itself, as brother and sister."

Pope Francis wants to offer "a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain on the level of words," says Cardinal Dew.

"As we would say today, he wants us to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. It is a primer on the Catholic Christian way of viewing life and living life in dialogue among all people of goodwill."

