

3/4 October 2020-Year A
27th 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: Within Your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; You are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

Dear Parishioners,

We Celebrate the Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Church Year.

1. Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because it doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him. **If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.**

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others. These penalties are fearful. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. Our part of the process is to not resist the Spirit.

And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? It will not be success, brought about by our own efforts. It will be the fruits that God's Spirit works in us. And these are love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

2. Sacrament of the Anointing

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing at our Thursday Morning 9am Mass on this Thursday October 8.
All Welcome.

3. 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.

4. Welcome Sarah Elliott

On this Sunday at the 9am Mass, we will welcome Sarah Elliott into our faith and community. Sarah and her fiancé Patrick were looking to me to celebrate their nuptials, but they declined the offer to celebrate in Rome. They don't know what they are missing !!! So, during the Sunday 9am Mass, we will celebrate the three Sacraments of Initiation with her-Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We wish her and Patrick every blessing as they journey in faith now and in their Sacrament of Marriage.
Ad Multos Annon.

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. 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.



7. 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.

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.

8. My Replacement

I wish to inform you that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Kene Onwukwe as the new pastor to St Anthony of Padua. I am sure you remember him when he was here last year while I was on sabbatical. I am sure that you will make him welcome and support him in his ministry to this community as you have supported me. I wish him every blessing in his appointment.

May God Bless You

Fr Bob



Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware Father Bob will be leaving our parish as he embarks on his next adventure at Domus Australia in Italy. As the former Chairman of the ex-Parish Council I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Bob for his service to our community at Austral. The Saint Anthony of Padua community has grown and witnessed a new school during Father Bob's appointment as our parish priest. It is unfortunate that we cannot celebrate Father Bob's care and commitment to our parish due to COVID-19, however we have set up a "Wishing Well" Box at the entry of the church for all parishioners who would like to show their gratitude to Father Bob for his servitude, care and leadership of faith. Father Bob's last masses will be the weekend of 10-11 October 2020.

Thank you Father Bob.

Kind regards

Anthony Zanetic



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

5-10 October

Volunteers

12-17 October

S Mercieca, M Farrugia,
T Gimellaro, K Puric



READERS ROSTER

3/4 October

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Readers:

Vanessa Casha: 1st Reading

David Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Liz Habib

Readers:

Liz Habib: 1st Reading

Linda Katsibras: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

10/11 October (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Teresa Calarco

Readers:

Teresa Calarco: 1st Reading

Sarah Casha: 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: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: 1st Reading

Mica Pace: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

3/4 October

Saturday Vigil

Veronica & Sarah Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

10/11 October

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Margaret de Vries

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso



ACOLYTES ROSTER

3/4 October

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

10/11 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



POPE FRANCIS COLUMN



Pope Francis Picks Theme for 55th World Day of Social Communication in 2021 'Come and see' (Jn 1,46). Communicating, Encountering People As and Where They Are: SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

The following is the theme the Holy Father Francis has chosen for the 55th World Day of Social Communications, to be held in 2021: "Come and see" (Jn 1,46). Communicating, encountering people as and where they are.

"Come and see". These words of the apostle Philip are central to the Gospel. The Christian proclamation, before words, is made up of looks, testimonies, experiences, encounters, closeness. In a word, life. These very words, from the Gospel of John (1, 43-46) were chosen by Pope Francis as the theme of the 55th Message for the Day of Social Communications, which will be held in May 2021. "Communicating, encountering people as and where they are", is the subtitle.

This is the Gospel passage: "The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee, He met Philip and said, 'Follow me'. Philip came from the same town, Bethsaida, as Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth'. Nathanael said to him, 'From Nazareth? Can anything good come from that place?' Philip replied, 'Come and see'".

In the epochal change we are experiencing, in a time that obliges us to social distance due to the pandemic, communication can make possible the closeness that is necessary to recognize what is essential, and to understand truly the meaning of things.

We do not know the truth if we do not experience it, if we do not meet people, if we do not participate in the joys and sorrows. The old saying "God meets you where you are" can be a guide for those engaged in media communications work in the Church. In the call of the first disciples, with Jesus who went to encounter them to invite them to follow Him, we also see the invitation to use all media, in all their forms, to reach people as are and where they live.

Cardinal Pell Is Expected in Rome This Week: His First Trip to the City Since 2017 SEPTEMBER 29, 2020.

The Vatican's former Minister of the Economy and Finance, Cardinal George Pell, 79, is expected in Rome this week, confirmed the diocese of Sydney (Reuters' Katrina Lee) on September 28, 2020, after the news appeared in the Herald Sun (Andrew Bolt).

However, the Holy See has not confirmed the news and, for the time being, has not announced a meeting with Pope Francis.

This will be the Cardinal's first visit to Rome, after an absence of more than three years, and after being acquitted of charges of sexual abuse in Australia.

The purpose of his trip to Rome and the duration of his stay are unknown. Cardinal Pell headed the financial reform desired by Pope Francis in the Vatican.



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Please put \$2 in the poor box

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community last weekend

Sebastian Angelo Joseph Mangano
(Child of Samuel & Teresa)



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday the 4th October, is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis, as we know, communed with nature and the animals. St Anthony preached to fish!
Pope John II recognised him as the patron Saint of ecology in 1979. St Francis built bonds of love with all of the kinds creatures in the animal Kingdom.
However, St Francis had a special relationship with birds who often followed him around and rested on his shoulders, arms, or hands as he prayed or walked around outside.
Birds often symbolise spiritual freedom and growth.
To celebrate the Saints Feast Day, I invite the children to bring their pets to Church for the St Francis blessing.
I invite you to gather outside the Church and process past me as I bless your animals.



TIME: 10am outside the Church.

KID'S CORNER



Q. Where should a 500lb Alien go?

A. On a diet.





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PRAYING THE ROSARY

In the month of October the Church encourages us to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is a reflection of the love of Christ and a reflection of the love of the Father for us. It is a time of opening ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit and an opportunity to ask for the intercession of our blessed Mother, Mary. We are inspired by Mary's response to God which was total and complete surrender.

We have created a Rosary Prayer Guide for this special time at <https://brucedownes.org/praytherosary/>

You can join me and my Team to pray the Rosary each day in October by going to <https://brucedownes.org/rosary/>

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we can draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

Looking forward to a powerful month of prayer with you.

We continue to need your support

We understand the difficulty some families are facing, however if you are able to continue your support of the parish this would be greatly appreciated as we still have much work to continue within our community and Church at this time, especially with those in need and the vulnerable of society.

Perhaps you might consider replacing the envelope contributions with a new direct debit at this time- either weekly, monthly or as a once only. Please contact our office and speak to Cheryl. Any assistance parishioners can give during the shut-down of the Church will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support of the Church and your Faith Community.

Direct Debit:

Account Name: St Anthony's Austral Church Account

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 0492 5002



PARISH CENSUS FORM (PCF)

Have you filled in a PCF which can be found on the table behind the pews.

Why? It's important that we have your details if we need to contact you.

Please fill in the Census Form found on the table behind the pews and leave in the Census Box.

Using the Parish Toilets

A bin has been placed in the Ladies toilets for soiled nappies and sanitary napkins.

Please use the bags provided and the bin.

Please **DO NOT** throw them in the toilet, we have had to get the plumber out too many times, and this is a big cost to the parish.

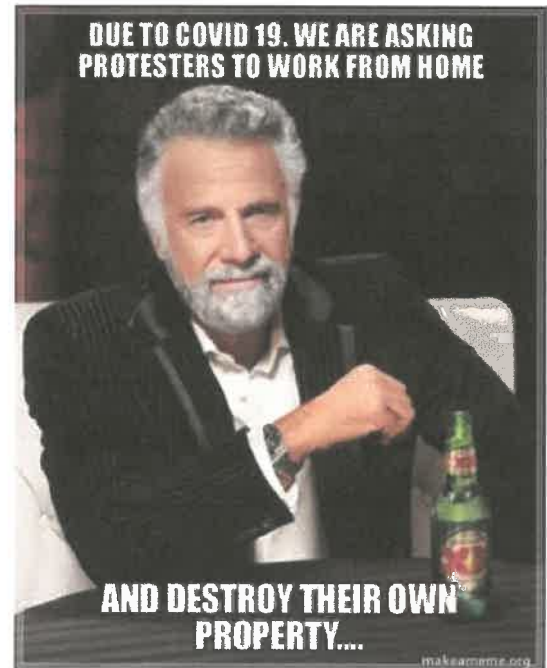
JUST A FEW FUNNIES TO HELP KEEP US SANE

When the quarantine ends and you have to put on your work clothes again..



**Good morning inmates!!!
Anyone know how much vodka goes in scrambled eggs??**

**MY CAT JUST CAME HOME WITH 24 BAGS OF KITTY LITTER.
Time to stop this nonsense.**



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: Kathleen Conforti.

Anniversaries: Vincenzo Mammone.

Also for: Carmen Vella, Grezzin Vella, Victor Vella, Len Hoven.

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, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Cathy Zammit, Renzo Martignago.

