



7/8 November 2020 32nd 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: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd.: there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**Dear Parishioners,
We Celebrate the thirty-second Sunday of the Church Year.**

We There Yet?

How can it be that the "typical questions" of children pass down from generation to generation? They do. Our family car was half way to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honoured question, "Mommy, are we there yet?" It was a real question, and I wasn't quoting someone else, so I thought. By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.

God's delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know.

As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the "not yet." We call it "delayed gratification." We may want to be home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over the fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, put our feet up and relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually "we get used to it." But we shouldn't get overly used to it. That is the point of this week's readings. Since we are not children, we can overlook the joy or pleasure when our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven't seen (at least virtually) in a year?

Sunday's [First Reading](#) reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The [Responsorial Psalm](#) boldly names our craving for God! It says, "my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." And, the [Gospel](#) adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish. Do not forget to be ready. We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge fractures in our surface. Our souls ache for the gentle, courteous and tender outpouring God wants to do—not a thing like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn. Let's face it. You and I desire God more than anything else. At the centre of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.

"Your kindness is a greater good than life," the [Psalm](#) says to God.

What did you say? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God's delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know, greater even than being alive. It is worth the wait, no matter how long. So, be excited like a child. Let yourself say "I want," like kids do. But also, be calm like an adult. Know that when our desires are thwarted we can wait, as wisdom waits for us.

2. From the Priest's Desk

It is already 3 weeks I took over as the Administrator of this parish and it seemed like yesterday.

Thank you all for your prayers for our children preparing for their first Holy Communion and their families. Please keep praying, that their experience of receiving Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist will be divine. The Masses for the First Holy Communion will also be live streamed for parishioners and family members who cannot attend due to COVID-19.



Dates and times for the Masses are on the bulletin. I'm still adjusting my time so I can be in my parish office on weekdays as I complete my Military contract.

My office is open to you parishioners on weekdays
Tuesday to Friday 6 -7pm (rarely but sometimes, I can be there in early afternoon)

Saturday 10 – 11am. This will continue until the end of the year but is adjustable. I am available to organise for funerals, weddings, house blessings, sick calls, etc. however, making appointments for these would be helpful. I am hoping to meet with different groups or societies operating in the parish. If I have not met with your group members, please ring the office Tuesday or Thursday to organise a meet and greet with your group members.

God bless

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.
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4. Wearing of Masks

NSW Health and the Archbishop are encouraging parishioners to continue to wear masks while attending weekend or weekday Masses. We are reminded regarding social-distancing as we approach the altar for receiving the Eucharist. Please keep the 1.5 metre rule as you approach the Minister to receive the Eucharist.

5. 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

6. 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 Wollongong 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.

7. Mass Bookings.

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 Natalie, 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 call or email if you can or cannot attend mass.

8. 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.

9. Remembrance Day Mass

As you may be aware, the month of November is the time we remember our loved ones who have died. I therefore invite you all to join in our remembrance Mass for our family members who have died. We invite in a special way, the families whose members died in the last 12 months.

There will be time in the course of the Mass for us to light a candle and place it at a space to be provided in front of the Altar, in memory of our deceased relatives. Names of those buried from our parish and our loved ones buried from elsewhere who died in the last 12 months will be mentioned at the beginning of the Mass. Also bring their mementos.

This Mass will be held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 7pm (different from November 2 All Souls' Day Mass)

There will be **no** 7.30am Mass on Nov 11 due to the 7pm Remembrance Mass

For COVID-19 restrictions, if you would like to attend please contact the Parish Office by telephone or email to book (details above). While booking, families of deceased loved ones should include the name or names of their deceased family members.

10. 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 and put in the collection plate or give to the priest, Fr Kene.

11.. Charitable Works Fund

November 2020—Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will be happening this weekend and we need your help. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

May God Bless You

Fr Kene



CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

9-14 November

L Pecotich, M Gimellaro,
M De Vries, V Laferla

16-21 November

J Bartolo, J Camilleri,
M Camilleri



READERS ROSTER

7-8 (32nd Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Sarah Casha

Readers:

Sarah Casha : 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha : 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Mark O'Niell

Readers:

Mark O'Neill 1st Reading

Heidi O'Neill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

Sunday: 9am

Commentator: Frances Musso

Readers:

Frances Musso: 1st Reading

Frances Musso:: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

14/15 November (33rd Sunday)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: David Casha

Readers:

David Casha: 1st Reading

Veronica Casha : 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: Mica Pace

Readers:

Mica Pace: 1st Reading

Mica Pace:: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

7-8 November

Saturday Vigil

Rose Crescini & Julie Dimech

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

14-15 November

Saturday Vigil

Victoria Bugeja & David Casha

Sunday 7.30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power



ACOLYTES ROSTER

7/8 November

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

14/15 November

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

November

TBA

December

TBA



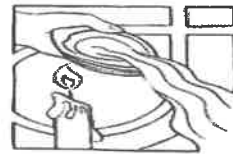
Catholic Weekly—Available \$2.00

- Kids love their Saints
- NZ targets the vulnerable with euthanasia law
- Ambassador assists Becciu investigation
- Honouring Mary in October
- Movie review: *On the Rocks*
- A step forward for foster care

BAPTISMS AT ST ANTHONY'S

We welcomed into our Faith-Community
This last week

Grace Eve La Delfa
(Child of Avid and Alison)



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Antonia Romeo.

Anniversaries: Abella Family, Maria Camilleri

Also for: Franco Mosca All 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, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Man-on, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Cathy Zammit, Renzo Martignago, Renee D'Silva



We request that all Priests of our Parishes display the Safeguarding notice below in all future parish bulletins.

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.



Holy Father Stresses Importance of Prayer

Jesus wasn't guided through his life on earth by popularity polls, the pursuit of wealth, a passion for fame, or the influence of the rich and powerful. His path was paved by prayer.

That was the gist of Pope Francis' commentary during his November 4, 2020, general audience. Due to increased pandemic restrictions, the Pope broadcast the event live from the Apostolic Library of the Vatican, absent an audience.

"Prayer was the *rudder that guides Jesus' course*," the Pope proclaimed. "It was not success, it was not consensus, it was not the seductive phrase 'everyone is searching for you', that dictated the stages of His mission. The path Jesus charted was the least comfortable one, but it was the one by which He obeyed the Father's inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in His solitary prayer."

Pope Francis went on to recount some characteristics of Christian prayer in the Catechism (no. 2607):

- First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is *the first desire of the day*, something that is practiced at dawn before the world awakens. It restores a soul to that which otherwise would be without breath. A day lived without prayer risks being transformed into a bothersome or tedious experience:
- Secondly, prayer is an art to be practiced *insistently*. Jesus Himself says to us: knock, knock, knock. Jesus Himself says to us: knock, knock, knock.
- Another characteristic of Jesus' prayer is solitude. Those who pray do not escape from the world, but prefer deserted places.
- Finally, Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to Him.

The Holy Father concluded by urging everyone to pray and reap the benefits of its practice:

"Dear brothers and sisters, let us rediscover Jesus Christ as a teacher of prayer in the Gospel and place ourselves in His school. I assure you that we will find joy and peace."

