



**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)

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

5-6 December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



Entrance Antiphon: O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behind the joy which comes to you from God.

Dear Parishioners,

**Today we celebrate the
Second Sunday of Advent Year B**

1. In the [First Reading](#), the prophet reports a command given by God: 'Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God!' In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Who would not melt with gratitude at the tender comfort of God? But what is comfort?

Sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep. We don't want to walk along the road of our life to the Lord. We want God to carry us.

But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to have to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on. And comfort isn't a matter of giving weakness. It's a matter of giving strength—strength for walking, even over very rough roads.

In fact, the "-fort" in "comfort" comes from the Latin word for "strong." The "com-" in "comfort" is from the Latin word for "with." To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him. But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it?

The [Gospel](#) says that Christ baptizes his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ.

That is why no one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism of the Holy Spirit walks the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him. If God is for us, even within us, who can be against us? This is strength indeed.

And so no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is "the Comforter."

2. Congratulations to first Holy Communion Candidates

Congratulations and God bless to the children who made their First Holy Communion over the last two weekends.

Thank you for all involved. This could not have happened without the following Father Bob, Mrs Lea De Angelis, all staff from St Anthony's College, especially Mrs Ianni and Mrs Leva, Josie Musso, Margaret DeVries, Sr Rosa, Nicole Hext, Mary Grima, Frances Musso, Faye Palamara, George Ajkay, Joe Cilia, Jerry Crescini and Anthony Zanetic

God Bless for all your efforts which did not go unnoticed.



3. Advent Program

This is an opportunity to reflect on the gospel of the following Sunday from different points of view and how they apply to your daily lives. Members also join in prayer for individual and community intentions. Please invite your friends.

Venue: Parish church Hall

Date: Tuesday

Time: 7.15pm (tea and biscuits) for a 7.30pm start.

4. Want to Become Catholic?

Whether you are a unbaptised, or baptised in another christian religion, we welcome you to join our Catholic Community.

The RCIA program starts early next year to prepare you on becoming a Catholic christian and participate in the sacraments.

Please indicate your intention by a call to the parish office or the parish email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with



5. Booking for the Mass (Excluding Christmas masses)

We are pleased to announce from 7 December places of worship will change from the 4 square metre rule to 2 square metre rule in our church. That means we can now have up to 150 people at each mass.

Therefore you will not need to make any bookings for the masses prior to Christmas which are the weekends of 12-13 and 19,20 December 2020. Masses will be open to the first 150 people who attend.

You will still need to write your name and contact details on the papers provided. Could you please write one name only on each line and once the booking sheet reaches its capacity please use the next page. Please inform others especially those who have not been coming to church due to previous restrictions of this change and invite them to church.

Our priority is making our parish a covid safe place.

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. Fr Kene to attend burial of his brother

The burial/funeral of Fr Kene's brother Gerald Chukwuemeka Onwukwe has been scheduled to be held on 28/29 January 2021. He is looking forward to taking an annual leave from 18 January to 15 February 2021 to enable him travel to Nigeria for the burial ceremony. Details of travel to be communicated.

8. Christmas Mass Bookings

Christmas is less than 3 weeks and this year will be unique and different due to COVID-19. To accommodate all worshipers who would like to attend, mass we are having five masses over Christmas. Mass times are Vigil 24th December 5.30pm, 7.30pm and 12 midnight. On Christmas day, 8.30am and 10.30am. Please ring the parish office from 15 December 2020. It is important that you book for your family only.. We would be disappointed if too many people miss out.

9. 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.

10. From Sydney Archdiocese

Launch of 2020 Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral is again hosting the magnificent lights of Christmas with the event officially being launched on 10 December with the lights display commencing at 8:30pm. The lights will be displayed each night until 11pm, concluding on Christmas Day.

Please help us spread the word about this beautiful event in the lead up to Christmas by sharing the attached banner and tile on your parish social media platforms.

11. Christmas Reconciliation

I plan to devote an afternoon/evening from 5pm to 7pm on Wednesday 16th December 2020 for all Parishioners who would like to attend confession for Christmas. There is no booking necessary but I will open the church to anyone who would like to attend.

12.. Parking for Mass

It has come to my attention that parishioners are parking on the grass around the church. Could we please ask that you may drop off anyone but please park either on the road on Eleventh Ave or the carpark between the church and the hall.

13. Temporary Closure and detour at Eleventh Avenue from 18 December to 26 January, 2021

Due to construction works to the existing Eleventh Avenue and drainage works in front of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, access to Eleventh Avenue including the church, hall and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic College will be via Edmondson Avenue.

14. Can you play tennis?

If you can play tennis (intermediate), Fr Kene is looking for a partner to play with. Contact the parish office if you would like to have a hit.

15. Christmas Volunteers

In the Christmas celebrations please let us know if you would like to be a Reader, Eucharist Minister, Acolyte or Warden. Please let the Parish office know .



Dates to Remember

7 December

St Ambrose,

8 December

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

God Bless



Fr Kene



Catholic Weekly—Available

\$2.00

- Illegal to pray? Victorian law alarms experts
- NSW Labor: Open our churches
- At the heart of the storm
- Monica Doumit: This law is dangerous
- Movie review: *The Croods - A New Age*
- Spiritual books to brighten your life

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Antonia Romeo, Sylvia Wells, George Velso, Alfina Torrisi

Anniversaries: Charlie Vella, Adolfo Steimbeisser, Anka Banicevic, Frano Banicevic

Also for: Franco Mosca, Guiseppe Catenea, All Souls of Purgatory, 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 Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzanti, Renzo Martignago, Renee D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Jocelyn Baclor, Connie Bianchi

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

7-11 December

V Casha, S Arcuri, M Cvetko

14-18 December

M Patolo, Julianna, Lila, Beka



READERS ROSTER

5-6 December (Second Sunday of Advent)

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Marcelo Steimbeisser

Readers:

Marcelo Steimbeisser: First Reading

Natasha Steimbeisser: Second Reading and

Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday: 7.30am

Commentator: Patrick O'Neill

Readers:

Patrick O'Neill First Reading

Mark O'Neill: Second Reading and Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday 9:00am

Commentator: Faye Palamara

Readers:

Faye Palamara: First Reading

Mica Pace: Second Reading and Prayers of the Faithful

12-13 December

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Commentator: Vanessa Casha

Vanessa Casha: First Reading

David Casha: Second Reading and Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday: 7:30am

Commentator: Wendy Tourle

Wendy Tourle: First Reading

Wendy Tourle: Second Reading and Prayers of the Faithful

Sunday: 9:00am

Commentator: John-William Fisher

John-William Fisher: First Reading

Tessie Christophers: Second

Reading and Prayers of the Faithful



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

5-6 December

Saturday Vigil

Julie Dimech & Victoria Bugeja



Sunday 7:30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9:00am

Pam Ajkay & Frances Musso

12-13 December

Saturday Vigil

David Casha & Veronica Casha

Sunday 7:30am

Virginia Romeo & Pasqualina Catanzariti

Sunday 9:00am

Faye Palamara & Karen Power

ACOLYTES ROSTER

5-6 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

12-13 December

Saturday Vigil

Gerry Crescini

Sunday 7.30am

George Ajkay

Sunday 9am

Anthony Zanetic

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19



Nursing Home

On Hold due to Covid



