



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
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AVENUE  
AUSTRAL 2179

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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

**9-10 January 2021  
Baptism of the Lord**



**Entrance Antiphon:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Responsorial Psalm:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

John saw Jesus approaching him and said: this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the  
Baptism of the Lord  
Year B**

When the Lord was baptized, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there? **You stand out as the particular human being you are, where the Lord is concerned.**

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are *there, then*. What about everybody else? Surely, it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son. And the same sort of puzzle arises from the [First Reading](#). It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were *there, then*. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed? And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But you stand out as the particular human being you are, where the Lord is concerned. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals, one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him. But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but *you*—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you, whatever your needs and sufferings are. Come as yourself, as you are, *here and now*.

## **2. Thank you all and Happy New Year**

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the Christmas masses.

## **3. Masks**

NSW Health have now stated that it is compulsory to wear masks in places of Worship for anyone over the age of 12 years old. Therefore we ask that all parishioners wear a mask to masses.

However we ask that you are not feeling too well or been in contact with anyone from the hotspot areas please refrain from attending mass until you are feeling better.

## **4. Counters**

Thank you for those in the parish who have volunteered as counters. We will have a meeting at 10.30am this Tuesday 12th January 2021 in the parish office. Please feel free to attend if you are interested.

## **5. Booking for the Mass**

With the 4m<sup>2</sup> rule, back in place, our parish will go back to booking masses. This weekend sheets will be provided and you are invited to write down your names and contact details. With the list, your names will appear every weekend except if you have indicated otherwise either by calling or emailing the parish office. If you do not turn up to mass and your name is on the list your name will be taken off the following week if no notice has been given. For those attending masses this weekend no bookings are required. Your names will be automatically on the list next week. Our priority is making our parish a covid-19 safe parish.

## **6. Acolytes**

An invitation to attend a course of Formation for Acolytes. This course is primarily intended to prepare lay men to be instituted into the ministry for the "Service of Altar". The course will concentrate on the structure of the Mass, its elements and parts, and the functions of the Acolyte within the various rites of the Mass, as well as his collaboration with other liturgical ministers.

## **7. 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.

## **8. Want to become a Catholic?**

The RCIA program starts early next year to prepare you on becoming a Catholic Christian and participate in the sacraments. Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

## **9. Legion of Mary**

Every Thursday after the 9.00am Mass we will meet in the cry room.

We pray together, we share our stories and we learn our faith and how to share it with others by word and example.

We booked a seat for you and a friend so do come and bring the rosary beads with you and see what happens. It will be over in an hour. Mary our Mother needs our help how can we say no. Thank you and God Bless.



## 10. Parking for Mass

Please reserve the parking in the church yard for the elderly seniors so they don't have to walk a long distance from their car to the church. You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please reserve the green grass parking area for the seniors of the church.

## 11 St Anthony of Padua, Facebook

Please join us on our Facebook page at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Austral or follow the link

<https://www.facebook.com/stanthonys.padua.33>

You can join in for the livestreamed weekend mass if you are unable to participate with us physically. Weekend masses to be livestreamed are 5.30 (vigil) and 9am.

## 12. Prayers of the Spiritual Communion and during the Pandemic

These prayers will be introduced in our church from this weekend. Let us join in praying for our members who can't gather with us due to the pandemic and for the prevention of the spread.

## 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. Seat plans altered again

We are going back to our old seating plan in the church to fulfil the 4 square metre rule. Please DO NOT SIT in the pews marked DO NOT SIT HERE as indicated in the picture



## 15.. Holy Water Dispenser

A COVID free holy water dispenser has been installed at the back of the church. Place your hand underneath the wooden box for a squirt of holy water on your palm to sign yourself. There is no need to touch any part of the dispenser.



## 16 2021 Volunteers

Moving into the new year we plan to set up a roster on a month by month basis for all the volunteer jobs in the church. The roster will be emailed at the beginning of the month. Printed copies will also be available in the presbytery. Could everyone please fill in the form or call the Parish Office even though you are a volunteer already so everyone is accounted for.

Further please note that all volunteers need a valid Working with Children Check and are required to attend a Safe Guarding Workshop with our safeguarding Officer Natasha Steimbessier.

## 17. Youth Group 2021

With the rise in the pandemic, the proposed luanch of the parish youth group will be shelved until further notice. Thanks for your patience.

God Bless

Fr Kene

## Prayer of Spiritual Communion (St Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite my-self wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/if-you-cant-receive-communion-make-a-spiritual-communion>.

**Catholic Weekly—Available**  
**Please put \$2.00 in the poor box.**

**BAPTISMS AT  
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA,  
AUSTRAL**

We welcomed into our Faith-Community  
last weekend

Valentina Rose Edouard  
(daughter of Christopher and Simone)



**The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic**

*Merciful God of hope and life,  
during this time of pandemic,  
May we hold to attitudes and behaviours  
that profess our faith in Jesus Christ,  
May we act with care and responsibility to keep our community safe,  
May we be beacons of hope to those feeling overwhelmed and fearful.  
Heal those who are infected by the virus,  
Guide healthcare professionals and researchers in their work,  
Inspire politicians, business and community leaders by your wisdom,  
Bring those who have died to yourself and comfort their loved ones.  
We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.  
Mary, Mother of God: pray for us. All Saints: pray for us.*



**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 Torrissi , Geyta Bugeya

**Anniversaries:** Charlie Vella, Adolfo Steimbeisser, Anka Banicevic, Frano Banicevic, Kristie Scibilia, Agata Emmi, Vince Camilleri

**Also for:** Franco Mosca, Guiseppe Catenea, All Souls of Purgatory, All Souls, Tresa Rappai, Sijo Jose, all special intensions, all members of the Gauci and Vella Families

**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, 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,