



13-14 March 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 4.30pm & 5.30pm

Sunday - 7.30am & 9am

Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

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: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Alleluia**

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

**Today we celebrate the
4th Sunday of Lent**

As the [First Reading](#) describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. It's all lost, their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple. **God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life.** In the [Psalm](#), there is a poignant picture of the people's heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem wanted the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land," the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

The [Second Reading](#) declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn't God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed? The answer to the question lies in the Readings. God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the [First Reading](#) implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them. And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too. As the [Gospel](#) Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed. Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the [First Reading](#) explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy. And so heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere ([Ps 37:3-4](#)) the Psalmist says, "put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart." When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story. Joy in finding your heart's desire is.

2. Contact Details

Please note that our parish email addresses have changed.

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3. Covid Update

Australia's COVID-19 vaccine is out and will become available in phases. Priority groups have been identified using public health, medical and epidemiological evidence. It is the hope of the Australian Government to have as many people vaccinated as possible in 2021. Identified priority groups will get the first available safe and effective doses of vaccines. More people will have access to a vaccine as more doses become available throughout 2021. The phases range from 1a–3:

1a: Quarantine, border and front-line health care workers
1b: Elderly adults (70 and above) and adults with an underlying medical condition; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (55 and above).
2a: Adults (50 -69); and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (18-54).
2b: Remaining adults and others unvaccinated from previous phases
3: Those less than 16 if recommended.
We hope this helps you get vaccinated at your appropriate time.

4. Singing in the Church

The NSW government have allowed up to 30 performers to sing indoors. The congregation can sing if they maintain 4 square meter rule and wear masks. At this stage, only members of the choir are allowed to sing in our liturgies so as to still maintain our 2 square meter rule. If you would like to sing, it is strongly recommended that you sit with the choir. Thanks for your understanding.

5. Holy Week

Volunteers are needed for the Holy Week celebrations. We need the readers, acolyte, altar servers, those whose feet will be washed, ministers of Holy Communion, those to carry the cross, etc. I know some will be away but could you indicate on the sheets of paper provided on the table at the foyer if you are available and would like to help.

6. Reconciliation

Our reconciliation program has commenced. We ask that we pray for the children in our parish currently going through the program. For any information, please contact the parish or email Natalie at sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org

7. Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes are now available in the church foyer for collection.

8. Want to Become Catholic

Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email at admin@stanthonysaustral.org. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

We ask for your prayers for Zoey Bugarija who will be welcomed into full Communion with the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday.

9. Lenten Program

The Lenten program is a wonderful way to pray, know and reflect on the gospel with inputs from different participants. It's never too late to join. They are held every Tuesday during lent in the church at 7pm. Thank you to Wendy Tourle for leading the group.

10. Stations of the Cross

The way of the Cross is the Way for our Salvation. The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during the season of Lent after the 9.00am mass. Please join us.

11. Booking for Mass

With the 2 square metre rule in place, there is no need to pre book for Mass. Sheets of paper are provided at the church entrance for you to write your name and contact details. Our priority is making our parish a covid-19 safe parish.

12. 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.

13. Silence in the Church

Allow five minutes before Mass in the church to be a time of silence and quiet reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. No group prayer at this time and, at all times, no noise in the church.

14. Transportation Assistance Request

Some of the elderly in the parish need assistance in transportation to and from mass either on a Sunday or a weekday mass. If there is anyone in the parish who could help please contact the parish office who can pass on details. Most of the elderly do not live far from the church so there will be little inconvenience involved.

15. Volunteers

There are so many ministries in the Parish especially behind the scenes. If you feel that your talent or time can be of a service please consider being a volunteer.

16. Working Bee

Have you thought about doing something extra during this Lenten Season? Can you spare one hour or more of your time to help our Parish? We are organizing a working bee to help keep our church building and its surrounding tidy.

Date is Saturday 27th March 2021 between 10am and 2pm at the church. There are so many jobs big and small that are needed to make our Parish ready for Easter. We hope to have barbecue during the time. If you feel that you can spare some time please contact the Parish Office. We would love to see you for as little or as much time as you have.

17. Easter Confessions

There will be 2nd rite of reconciliation in the parish church on Friday 26 March at 6.30pm. We ask that you utilise the opportunity to prepare for the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

18. Safeguarding Workshop

A safeguarding workshop has been organised for Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 6.30pm in the hall. If you have commenced a new ministry in our church it is strongly advisable that you attend this workshop. This includes all new and existing acolytes, cleaners and readers (if you have not attended a Workshop in the past) to attend.

Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP.

EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Lenten Program: Every Tuesday during the Lenten season at 7pm in the church cry room.

Legion of Mary Prayer Group: Every Thursday after the 9am Mass in the parish church cry room.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday during the Lenten season after 9am mass.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15 March 2nd Reconciliation Lessons

Wednesday 17 March Feast of St Patrick

Friday 19 March Feast of St Joseph

God Bless,



Fr Kene

Cleaning Roster - 15 March—19 March

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri



A Message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

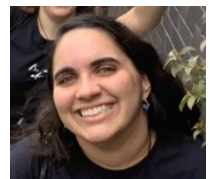
Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with the crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or

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.

Chairperson of Parish Council speaks

My name is Veronica Casha and I am the Chairperson for St Anthony's Parish Pastoral Council. I attend 5.30pm Mass each week with my family, where I serve through Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist, reading, preparing presentations for Mass, the Liturgy Committee and music ministry. We have assembled a team of representatives from across our diverse parish community who will meet regularly to discuss the life of our parish, to enhance our love of God and each other. In our 2 years of service, we hope to invigorate the St Anthony's community by bringing new life to our ministries in a way that elevates our experience of Christ in the Eucharist, while incorporating events that will allow our parish to develop socially. In our endeavours, we hope to welcome new members, while reigniting a love of God in all those who are already a part of our growing community. Above all, the Parish Pastoral Council is here to serve YOU! So, if you have any questions, suggestions or feedback about how we support our community, please don't hesitate to have a chat with us or email the parish office.



Do you need help finding help in Liverpool?

A community care worker has joined All Saints Parish, Liverpool for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.



Call for a free consultation

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CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

Congratulations to our new members of our Faith-Community

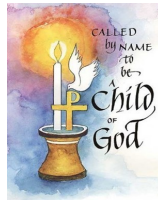
Ilana Inzitari
(daughter of Jason and Gisella)

&

Valentino Joel Gauci
(son of Joel and Carmela-Rose)

&

Connor Charlie Mandas
(son of Dean and Bettina)

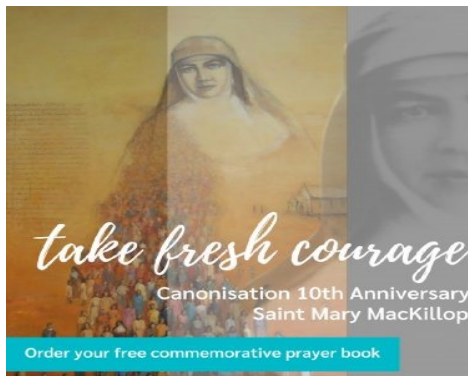


The Paduans Prayer during the Pandemic

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.

This week's Catholic Weekly

- Pilgrimage of Peace. Iraq trip brings together Muslims and Christians
- Shoemaker to Papal Saint
- Monica Doumit: We've seen this before
- German Schism?
- Movie review: *The Mauritanian*
- Mark Shea on Lent



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of *Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer*

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

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MARY MACKILLOP
today

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Maria Romano, Ronald Niche, Nelly Ma and Francesco Nasso

Anniversaries: Lidia Pjanic, Edgardo B Ocampo, Teresa Bonnano, Sharon Ajkay, Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt.

Also for: Maria Guiseppa Simone, Michael Sammut, Angelina Fetrin, George Anthony Velso and Luigi Fabiano, Mangila Family, the Canturi Family, The Dimech Family,

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, Hane Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzanti, Renzo Martignago, Renee D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia