



**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

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

**20-21 March 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! **Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:** Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**Today we celebrate the  
5th Sunday of Lent Year B**

In the [Gospel](#), some Greeks ask to see Jesus. Jesus responds by saying that anyone who loves his life will lose it. To gain your life, you have to be like a grain of wheat: it brings forth much fruit only by falling into the earth and dying. **God honors those who seek to honor him.**

The Greeks must have been baffled. What has this speech of Jesus' got to do with their request to see him? But consider those Greeks. They accord Jesus rock star status. They don't even ask to talk to the great man. They want only to see him. And they don't dare come to Jesus directly. They just approach one of his friends, Philip, and they call Philip "Kyrie," that is to say, "Lord." Even Lady Gaga's groupies wouldn't call one of her friends, "Lord," would they?

Jesus' response helps those Greeks to see him—the true Lord, not the rock star the Greeks were looking for. The true Lord did not come to get status and power. He came to lose his life, to fall and die, like a grain of wheat.

The point is made emphatically at the end of Jesus' response to the Greeks. He ends with a prayer: "Father," he prays, "glorify your name." Jesus, the true Lord and not the rock star, came to seek God's glory. He did not come to seek not his own. The final part of the lesson for the Greeks, and for us, comes in God's response to Jesus' prayer. God honors Jesus by answering his prayer out loud: "I have glorified My name, and I will glorify it again!"

"This voice didn't come for my sake, but for yours," Jesus tells the awed bystanders. God's voice came to finish the lesson: God honors those who seek to honor him.

True glory lies not in rock star status, then, but, on the contrary, in being willing to fall and die like a grain of wheat. It lies in being willing to let go, to lose one's life in this world in love for the glory of God's name.

And so the Greeks do get what they asked for. In the response of Jesus to them, they, and we, see the true Lord, and with the true Lord the pattern for racing for glory in our lives, too. Glory, glory, hallelujah!

## 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. Holy Week & Easter programs

Palm Sunday – Saturday – 4.30pm & 6.00pm.

Sunday – 7.30am & 9am

Holy Thursday – Commemoration of the Lord's Supper – 7.30pm

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross (Dramatized) – 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm

Holy Saturday – Easter vigil – 7.30pm

Easter Sunday – 7.30am & 9am

## 5. Reconciliation

In your prayers, remember our parish children currently preparing for first reconciliation. The sacrament will be celebrated on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March 2021. For any information, please contact the parish or email Natalie at [sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org)

## 6. 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.

## 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](mailto: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 rules 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. 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.



### 13. 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.

### 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. Easter Confessions

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

### 17. Safeguarding Workshop

A safeguarding workshop has been organized 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

### 18. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 19. Easter Mass Rehearsals

Thank you to all the parishioners who put their names down for volunteering in the Easter Services. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 25th March 2021 in the church commencing at 7.45pm. We hope to see you all there.

### 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 22 March	3rd Reconciliation Classes
Wednesday 24 March	Safe Guarding Workshop in the Parish Hall
Thursday 25 March	Annunciation of the Lord Easter Services Practice in the church

God Bless,



Fr Kene

**Cleaning Roster - 22 March—26 March**  
V Casha, S Arcuri, M Cvetko



### **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](mailto: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.

## 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

**131819**

[CatholicCare.org](http://CatholicCare.org)

connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

### Congratulations to our new members of our Faith-Community

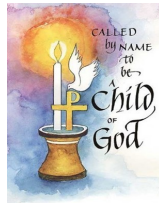
Sofia Maria Wilson  
(daughter of Dominic & Tiana)

&

Lorenzo Domenic Signoretti  
(son of Michael and Natalie)

&

Kaden Alexander Destura  
(son of Alexander and Kristine)



### 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

- The Priest in Blue
- No blessings for Gay unions
- Big risks for Ethicists
- Faith on Amazing Race
- Movie review: *Chaos Walking*
- Blacktown Campus for ACU

### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Johnny Grima and Alexandria Thomson who were married on Saturday 20th March 2021 in our Church.

God bless the happy couple.



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### 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:** Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Ernest Rust, Isidoro Biachi, Raffella Pelli

**Also for:** Maria Guiseppa Simone, Michael Sammut, Angelina Fetrin, George Anthony Velso and Luigi Fabiano, 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, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia