



**ST ANTHONY'S  
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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**

**27-28 March 2021  
Palm Sunday**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.. Hosanna in the highest .

**Responsorial Psalm:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it your will be done

**Dear Parishioners,  
Today we celebrate  
Palm Sunday**



In the [Gospel](#), Jesus is acclaimed as King of Israel by a crowd of people as he rides to Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a great triumphal parade, a high point of local fame and popular success for Jesus.

**The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion.**

But I want to ask about the donkey. It's not Jesus' donkey. How did he get it?

The [Gospel](#) says Jesus sent his disciples to a neighbouring village to untie it and take it away. But why would anyone let the disciples of Jesus simply make off with somebody else's donkey? As far as that goes, how did Jesus even know a donkey was there in that village? Here's one possible answer. The Gospel says that Jesus was near Bethany when he sent his disciples to get the donkey. So maybe that donkey was in Bethany. Bethany is the home of Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Like the donkey, which is a humble beast, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are small and ordinary people. Nobody would acclaim them in great parades. But they are nonetheless the particular friends of Jesus. Maybe the donkey belongs to them or to their friends. Maybe Jesus knows exactly where that donkey is because he has seen it when he was visiting Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Maybe the villagers are so ready to let the disciples of Jesus take the donkey because they know and trust Jesus.

On this way of reading the story, with the people shouting and acclaiming him King, Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the small beast which comes from the village of his particular friends, two ordinary women and their equally ordinary brother.

And here's the sequel. The crowd that acclaims Jesus so greatly is next seen shouting for his crucifixion. That's how much fame and popular success are worth. And here's what particular friendship with the Lord is worth. When Jesus ascends to God the Father, do you know what place he chooses as the site for his ascension? It's Bethany ([Luke 24:50](#)), where his friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus live.

And so in his royal procession, on that little donkey, our Lord shows us what is truly worth caring about, the small things, the particular things so dear to us and to our great King.

## 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 – 10.00am
- Good Friday— Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3pm
- Holy Saturday – Easter vigil – 7.30pm
- Easter Sunday – 7.30am & 9am

## 5. Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection on 2nd April 2021

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and support Christians who live in the Holy Land. Thanks for your generosity.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Singing in the Church

From Monday 29 March, there will be no caps on the number of guests allowed at weddings and funeral. Restrictions on singing and dancing in all venues will be eased. One person per 2 two square meter rule will still uphold

In our church, we shall now start singing the parts of the Mass from Monday but ensure to maintain our covid hygiene rules – sanitizing our hands and cleaning our pews before we leave the church. Our priority is to make our parish COVID safe.

## 8. Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes are still available in the church foyer if you have not collected yours. The boxes will be collected on Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper

## 9. 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.

## 10. Lenten Program

Thank you to Wendy Tourle for leading this year's Lenten group.

## 11. Booking for Mass

With the 2 square metre rules in place, there is no need to pre book for Masses. Sheets of paper are provided at the church entrance for you to write your name and contact details.

## 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. Working Bee

Thank you to those who attended the working bee. We especially give thanks to Anthony Zanetic and Josie Musso who organised this event.

### 17. Safeguarding Workshop

It is important that all ministries from cleaning, reading to choir complete not only their Working with Children Form but complete their Safe Guarding Children workshop with Natasha Steimbessier. It is a requirement handed down from the Archdiocese that this be completed for all ministries in the Church. If you have not done this Workshop please call the Parish Office to register your name so a date can be set by Natasha for another workshop. Thanks to Natasha for leading this ministry.

God Bless,



Fr Kene

**Cleaning Roster - 29 March—2 April**  
Matalena Patolo, Julianna, Lila and Beka



### EVENTS IN THE PARISH

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 29 March:	4th Reconciliation Class
Tuesday 30 March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 31 March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 1st April:	Mass of the Last Supper – 7.30pm (Holy Thursday)
Friday 2nd April:	Stations of the Cross (10.00am) and Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 3.00pm (Good Friday)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April:	Easter Vigil – 7.30pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April:	Easter Sunday Masses – 7.30am and 9.00am

### **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

connect@catholiccare.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

### 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

- We salute you, Fr Kene Onwukwe
- Armidale marks 150 years young
- Students celebrate St Patrick's Day Mass
- Farewell to Anglican Archbishop Davies
- Movie review: *Raya and the Last Dragon*
- A rich history of Plenary Councils



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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:** David Cutri

**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