



6-7 March 2021 3rd 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: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Bless are they who dwell in your house., for ever singing your praise.

Dear Parishioners,

**Today we celebrate the
3rd Sunday of Lent**

In the [First Reading](#), God gives Moses and the Israelites the ten commandments. These are God's basic instruction manual for life. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount ([Mt 5-7](#)), that basic instruction manual is supplied with more details. The ten commandments forbid murder. The Sermon on the Mount commands you actually to love your enemy, turn the other cheek to him, and so on. **There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us**

The rules of God's instruction manual for us are helpful; but, as we all have learned, it is hard to know in what circumstances they apply. Suppose you take the commandment about turning the other cheek to apply to someone who is beating his wife. If you apply it to mean that you should not try to stop him, you will simply be cooperating with his evil. The trick is to see that the commandment about turning the other cheek has to be applied in the context of the broader rule: love your enemy. If you enable your enemy to become more evil, how have you loved him?

Elsewhere in the Gospel ([John 2:15](#)), Christ uses a whip to chase the moneychangers out of the Temple. In doing this he helps us understand how to apply the rules. In cases where turning the other cheek would make your enemy worse instead of better, loving your enemy requires helping him to stop his evil in some other way. And that is why the same Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount drives out the moneychangers. If he had turned the other cheek to them, he would have been an enabler of their evil. Instead, it is good for them, as well as for others, that they stop the evil they were doing. And so Christ uses force to get them to stop.

Here is the thing to notice, then. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to the sets of rules in the ten commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. There is a medieval saying: every act of Christ is a teaching for us (*Omnis Christi actio nostra est instructio*).^{*} Christ's life and actions, as they are set out in the Gospels, are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

2. Contact Details

Please note that our parish email addresses have changed.

Fr Kene: pp@stanthonysaustral.org

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3. Covid Update

Australia's COVID-19 vaccine was out over the week 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. Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes are now available in the church foyer for collection. Thank you for your generosity.

7. Reconciliation

Our reconciliation program will commence this Monday. For any information, please contact the parish or email Natalie at sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org

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. New members are most welcome to join. They are held every Tuesday during lent in the 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. 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.

14. 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.

15. Congratulations to Fr Kene

On Tuesday 2 March 2021 Father Kene was awarded by the Army for his service as a military chaplain for his help in the bushfires and the COVID pandemic. God Bless and congratulations to Father Kene on all of his achievements. He was presented with a certificate and medal.



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

Saturday 6 March 2pm Readers Formation
Monday 8 March 1st Reconciliation Class in the Hall

This week's Catholic Weekly

- Spirit of the outback
- Palliative Care 'is dying in Australia'
- Helping the babies, helping the mums
- Women's teams, trans athletes: What gives?
- Movie review: *Judas and the Black Messiah*
- Monica Doumit: Killing compassion

Counselling and Psychotherapy

Do you need to speak to someone, do you need counselling or support for relief from:

- Emotional disturbances such as depression, anxiety, and stress.
- A history of failing relationships
- Difficulty in forming new relationships.
- Trauma, grief, or life crisis.
- Fear or phobias.
- Loss of meaning.

Please contact Kylie Cullen on 0403 453 620 or by email at kylieccullen@gmail.com

God Bless,

Fr Kene

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.

Cleaning Roster - 8 March— 12 March

M De Vries, U Morizzi, A Zappia, N Valenzisi

Discernment Retreat for Men (12-14 March 2021)

Take a glimpse into life and formation into the priesthood, by attending this discernment retreat at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. This retreat is designed to assist men ages 18-35 discern their vocation and who are seriously thinking about the diocesan priesthood. The retreat will offer time away from your daily routine and provide an opportunity for personal prayer and reflection to examine God's call; to listen to inspiring talks and guidance for discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills, one-on-one time with spiritual direction from a priest and Q & A/discussions with seminarians.

Keynote Address: **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP**

Retreat Speaker: **Fr. Ed Travers MSC**

DATE: **12-14 March 2021**

WHERE: **Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush.**

REGISTRATION COST: **\$75**

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

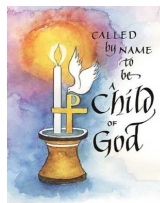
Ava Jayde Tourneur
(daughter of Todd & Krystal)

&

Luca Maccarrone
(son of Joseph and Kirsten)

&

Joana Pule l'langite Hu'akau
(daughter of Mele Vavahe'a Simafuauta Hala Tukutona Siola'a and
Paula Telesilo Hu'akau)



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.

Remembering Holy Saturday

This retreat will be made available during the Holy Week. It explores the mystery of Holy Saturday, on what it means to live in "in-between" times, liminal times. There will be video talk everyday starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This retreat will be given by an oblate of Jamberoo Abbey, Rev Catherine Eaton. For more information, go to our website: <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/holy-week-retreat/>

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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: Arthur Hodson, 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, the Mangila 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, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzanti, Renzo Martignago, Renee D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri