



# 1-2 May 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B



### **ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CHURCH**

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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  
with Funeral Directors.

**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your  
people.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in  
you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches,  
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in  
plenty, alleluia.

### **Dear Parishioners, Today the Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B**

The first command God gave to human beings was “be fruitful and multiply” ([Gen.1:28](#)). In the [Gospel](#) Reading, there is a kind of reiteration of this command. At any rate, the text describes the bad things that happen to people who are not fruitful. **You can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self.**

In Genesis, the fruitfulness has to do with reproduction. It comes from union between a man and a woman, and it multiplies God’s image in the production of children. The fruitfulness at issue in the [Gospel](#) comes from connection too, but connection with Christ. It comes when Christ is in you, and you are in him.

This reciprocal being-in is a funny state of affairs, isn’t it? You can put a bowl in a box, or you can put a box in a bowl. But the box can’t be in the bowl when the bowl is in the box!

Boxes and bowls can’t manage reciprocal being-in. But persons can, because of love. Love unites you and your beloved without either one of you losing your identity. The union of love is not a fusing; it is a mutual indwelling.

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ says that he always remains in his own. So if you yield to Christ in love, you have what is needed for the mutual indwelling of love. You are your beloved’s, and he is yours. ([Song of Songs 6:3](#)) There is joy in this love, because Christ is so much with you that he is in you. There is peace, too, because there is rest for the heart in having your beloved with you.

Your sins and the storms of life retain their power to afflict you. But you can more easily put up with things, even your own troublesome self, if your beloved is yours and you are his.

In that mutual indwelling, then, there is love, joy, peace, patience and longsuffering. But these very things are fruits of the Holy Spirit. When they grow in you, you are bearing fruit.

Finally, consider: is there a more powerful witness than a life lived in love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering? If you have the fruits of the Holy Spirit in you, you will multiply God’s image in others too. And so, by remaining in Christ, you are doing what will make you be fruitful and multiply.

## 2. COVID-19 update

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule singing is followed.

Congregational singing is now allowed. The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details. Please use the QR code sheets that are on the entrance doors of the church and also write your name on the sheets provided. You are encouraged to keep maintaining necessary self-care and hygiene when we come to church. Our priority is making our parish a covid-19 safe parish. More information is available online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>.

## 3. 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.

## 4. 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.

## 5. 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.

## 6. Mass Attendance Count

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has advised that the 2021 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May (starting 1 May 2021 and concluding 23 May). Thank you to the counters who have volunteered to assist.

## 7. 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 Steimbesser. 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. Also, if you are having difficulty obtaining your WWCC, please contact the parish office.

## 8. Welcome to our Parish

We are a growing community and we are happy to have all of you who have moved recently to Austral and neighbouring suburbs into our Parish. If there is any way we can be of help to make you comfortable in our community, do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office. You are also welcomed to join in any ministry of your choice in the church.

## 9. Booking of Mass Intentions

For any Mass intentions you will like to have, please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the church foyer, clearly fill in the details and leave on the collection plate or give to Fr Kene when it is convenient to do so. Another option is to contact the parish office on Tuesdays and Thursdays earlier.

## 10. Charitable Works Fund— May 2021 Appeal



CWF May Parish Appeal The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities. Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

## 11. Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful

Those who would like to join in saying the Prayers of the Faithful at the 5.30pm and 9.00am mass on the weekend of 22 and 23 May 2021, Pentecost weekend, from different languages are invited to contact the parish office.

## 12. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. So, I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Thanks for understanding. Same goes for the electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired so a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. If you do not know how to operate them and you need it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training.

## 13. Children's Liturgy

We would like to re-introduce Children's Liturgy back into the weekend masses. If you would like to volunteer please let the parish office know. Even though you were a volunteer prior to Covid, please confirm that you will continue to be part of the children's liturgy team. The masses it will cover will be the 5.30pm and the 9am masses only. All new volunteers are welcome.

## 14. Monday Prayer

The Monday Rosary prayer that stopped due to COVID-19 will resume again on every Monday morning at 10am, here at St Anthony of Padua Church. Through the Rosary, we unite ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in living life of true faith and devotion. You are welcome to join us in praying for your intentions and intentions of the world. The Rosary prayer starts this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## 15. Cleaning Roster



A cleaning roster has been drawn up until the end of the year. If there is a week you cannot join in cleaning the Church, please contact the parish office so alternative arrangements can be made. In the meantime, if you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact the office. A copy of the roster has been printed. Please grab a copy from Fr Kene at mass this week. If you would like the roster emailed please call the office on Tuesday.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

**Be A Man: Online Course in Masculine Theology**  
Join author of *Esto Vir* (Latin for *Be A Man*) Fr Paul Chandler on Zoom as we journey deep into God's plan for masculinity. This is a very exciting free opportunity for men: Fr Paul has a PhD in Masculine Theology, and all you need to purchase is Fr Paul's book!

**Dates:** 21 April; 5 May; 19 May; 26 May; 09 June (All Wednesdays)

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Visit** [www.sydneycatholic.org/beaman](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/beaman) to register. You will receive a Zoom link in your confirmation email.

**Cost:** Free!

**All Enquiries:** [chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org)

## Emmanuel Pentecost Retreat - Saturday 22nd-Sunday 23rd May 2021

The Emmanuel Community in Sydney welcomes you to join us for our Pentecost Retreat in 2021! The theme is "Be Filled", inspired by Acts 13:52. This retreat is an open event for all aged over 18 and is designed to enflame our hearts and receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, just as the apostles and Mary did at the first Pentecost.

Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW 2566

Cost: \$130 Adults or \$100 Students – including all meals and twin share accommodation.

Registration is now open. Book by clicking on the link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQOMO>

For more information, please email [emmanuelstdevents@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelstdevents@gmail.com)

## Vocations Weekend with the MGL Sisters: 14-16 May

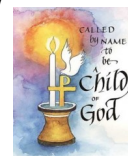
The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite young women (18-35) to a vocations weekend of prayer, input, sisterhood and sharing. This weekend is aimed at helping you discern your direction in life. RSVP to Therese on 0432 228 250.

## Bicentenary Mass to honour arrival of first priests in Australia

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is celebrating a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 9 May 2021 at 10.30am to mark the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of the first official Priests to Australia, Fr John Joseph Therry and Fr Philip Conolly. If you have any questions, please contact Kym Newman on 9390 5992 or [kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org).

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

Angelo Carlito Mamone  
(son of Peter and Laura)



## 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

- Latham Law: Don't weaponise activists against our children
- Monica Doumit: Beware push for Federal funds to screen, end lives of ill children
- Religious freedom recedes
- Call yourself pro-life? Really?
- Movie review: *Love and Monsters*
- Priesthood - golden opportunity

### Events in the Parish —

Every Monday in May at 10am Rosary Prayer in the Parish church cry room

Every Thursday Legion of Mary Prayer Group after the 9am Mass in the Parish cry room

### Dates to Remember

Monday 3 May 2021— Feast day of St Philip and St James

### 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.

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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:** Lourdes Ever Juan,

**Anniversaries:** Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Caterina Kairuz, Maria Louisa Crestani Corolla, Elizabeth Maiolo and Cosimo Tassone, Tony Macri, Rosa Chiera, Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Ernest Rust, Isidoro Biachi, Raffella Pelli

**Also for:** The Dimech Family and Grace Cilia.

**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, Rene D'Silva, Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia