



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
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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.

**17-18 April 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious  
praise, Alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, let your face shine on us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word  
plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day  
rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins  
must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today the Third Sunday of Easter Year B**

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, "What are we supposed to do?" ([John 6:28](#)). The Second Reading raises this question for us too. The [Second Reading](#) says that if you don't keep God's commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar. **We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.** Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don't keep the Lord's commandments, you don't know the Lord. That is the worst, isn't it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord's commandments. That is why you lie if you don't keep the Lord's commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle ([1 John 1:6-8](#)) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don't we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren't keeping the Lord's commandments, aren't you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don't know the Lord. Well, then, what *are* we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, "Believe on the one whom God has sent." Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it doesn't follow that we don't keep God's commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Savior, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do. And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins. It can be true then that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord, both, if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness.

So this is what we are supposed to do: know *him*.

## 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). Please endeavour to be counted by being present on those four weekends

## 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. 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.

## 9. Office

With the Parish growing so is the need for storage in the office. With many of the Parishioners now downsizing or selling their homes you might have items such bookshelves or other storage items you might want to offload which our office could utilize. If so please let us know.

## Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. To find out more, you are invited to our online information sessions on Wednesday 28 April at 12.30 – 1.30pm.

To book call  
**Family Spirit 13 181 9**  
[connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)  
8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



### **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.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

### **40 Hours for Vocations**

St Joachim's parish in Lidcombe is hosting 40 Hours for Vocations from 7:30pm on Friday 23 April until 9am on Sunday 25 April. You are invited to pray for an hour during this time to help young men and women answer God's call to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. The event will conclude with a Mass for Vocations celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at 10am on Sunday 25 April which is Good Shepherd Sunday. There will be opportunities for Confession, communal and personal prayer and guided reflections before the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for an hour of prayer here: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/40-hours-for-vocations-5/> and invite your family and friends to participate via the dedicated Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/1hRJ0o4qu> Parishes are also invited to post the attached flyer around their entrances which includes a QR code for registration. For more information, contact the Vocation Centre for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney via email: [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 02 9307 8424.



### **Camino of St Joseph**

Men, it's time to take up a challenge to honour our Spiritual Father on his Feast of St Joseph the Worker in the Year of St Joseph! The Camino will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Umbers at 8 pm on Friday the 30th of April at Holy Family, Menai. During our walk we will stop at several churches: St Patrick, Sutherland; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda; St Finbarr, Sans Souci; and St Thomas More, Brighton-Le-Sands. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will conclude with a sunrise Mass and breakfast at Brighton-Le-Sands, finishing up at 7 am on the 1st of May. To register, visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/camino](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/camino)

### **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)

### **Cleaning Roster— 12-16 April 2021**

J Bartolo, J Camilleri, M Camilleri



## 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

- Archibald biography is 'Portrait of a Legend'
- Parents: The next 'I am trans' email could be for you
- Aussie cardinal shaped history
- John Brennan: The godfather of radio
- Movie review: *Godzilla Vs Kong*
- Way of the Man: Men's ministry dates

### **Events in the Parish — Legion of Mary Prayer Group:**

Every Thursday after the 9am Mass in the Parish church cry room

### **Dates to Remember**

23 April 2021—Feast of St George

### **CALARCO LEGAL**

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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, David Cutri, Frangiska Dimech

**Anniversaries:** 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,

**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