



**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**

**3-4 April 2021  
Easter Sunday**



**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate  
Easter Sunday**



**Wildness, Stillness**

In the last great plague God visited upon Egypt, he killed all the first-born among animals and among every human family—but not in the community of the Jews in Egypt. In that community each family put the blood of a lamb on its doorpost and there was no death among any of them. **Within every human being, there is slavery to the evil that kills beauty and joy.**

In the Exodus from Egypt, God instituted the Passover for the Jewish community. Every year, the Jews were to celebrate their liberation from Egypt by offering God a lamb, in the place of their firstborn, whom God spared. During the Exodus, God also commanded the Jews not to eat the blood of anything. In Egypt, blood was smeared on the doorpost to save the Jews from death. And so meat with blood in it wasn't for ordinary eating. Now we are conscious that there are things more destructive to human wellbeing than slavery in Egypt. Within every human being, there is slavery to the evil that kills beauty and joy. There is also something worse than biological death. There is a living death that never ends, and it is more to be feared than the death of the body. And so on Good Friday all the old images are exploded in complicated patterns that theologians have traced for ages. There is still a first-born son who dies. But now it is the first-born son of God. He dies in order to free us from our slavery not to Egypt but to sin. The death of the Paschal lamb keeps us from the living death into which our sins bury us. And now in the liturgy we drink blood, the blood of the incarnate Son of God. When we do, that blood is not transformed into our bodies, as ordinary food is. Instead, it makes us into the body of the Lord, whose blood it is. Then his Holy Spirit comes to dwell in us, uniting us to God. What a wild love it is that does these things, that suffers these things! What can anyone say to do it justice? Stillness before it is our best response.

## 2. Happy Easter and Thank You

As we wish everyone a happy and COVID safe Easter, we take this opportunity to thank everyone from the youngest to the oldest of our parish. Your presence at Masses and liturgies makes us a community who gather to share the word of God, pray for one another and draw strength from our collective support. Special thanks go especially to those giving their time, sharing their talents and assisting when required. In no order of importance, we thank the following persons/groups:

Acolytes

Lectors

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Altar Servers

Members of the Choir with Frances Musso and Veronica Casha arranging the power points each week.

The Money counters

The cleaners who ensure that the church is clean and tidy.

Church/Altar decorators team led by Faye Palamara. This includes those who helped with the Palms – Joe Cilia, Veronica Leva and St. Anthony Catholic College Students

Members of the Parish Council.

Members of the Liturgy Committee especially for your dedication to service these Holy Week ceremonies.

The daily Rosary and Legion of Mary team led by Joe Cilia.

The Lawn Mowers especially Joe Cilia and Joe Vella.

The Lenten Program group led by Wendy Tourle

The Safeguarding officer, Natasha Steimbesser

All the Parishioners who volunteer to support the parish.



All Parishioners who attended the Working Bee organized by Anthony Zanetic and Josie Trueba.

St Anthony of Padua, College, the principal Mrs Lea D'Angelis, staff and students.

The Bonanno Family including John, Paul and Andrew who have done so much over the last few weeks, from polishing our gold hardware, cleaning the outside of the church from the roof to the gutters, constructing and installing the notice board and making crosses for Good Friday.

Thank you all. We are a community – a parish and one family. May you have a blessed and fruitful Easter.

## 3. Thank you to Deacon Paul Naggar

After twenty-four years of service as a permanent Deacon, Deacon Paul Naggar will be retiring from his parish duties after Easter. Paul has been serving our parish since last year and we are deeply grateful for his remarkable contribution and ministries to our parish community. We pray that he will enjoy a peaceful and joyful retirement with his wife, Julianne.

## 4. Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Reconciliation during the week. May God bless all.

## 5. Congratulations to Zoey Bugarija

Zoey made her first reconciliation on Good Friday and will receive her first Holy Communion and confirmation on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Zoey for her commitment and we pray that she may experience the love of God through her participation in our parish community. Thanks to Julianne Naggar for helping Zoey in her Catechism lessons.

If you wish to become a Catholic or you want to refer someone, please ring the parish office or send us an email at [admin@stanthonystral.org](mailto:admin@stanthonystral.org). We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

## 6. 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.

## 7. What is the fate of our Parish community going forward?

Considering the rise in population and houses in our local community, the question may have popped up in your mind. Archbishop Anthony Fisher in his vision on 'Go Make Disciples', reiterates on the changes in population in Sydney both on numerical strength and in cultural diversity as well as change in the way we live, work and worship God. In our perennial profession of one faith, one Lord and One Baptism, new methods need to be injected in our way of evangelization and community-building.

In this light and with the changes, the Sydney Catholic School have taken the lead by building the Catholic College which will take care of academic needs of our children in the area and beyond. But our local church building as we have it now may not be big enough to contain the people that can gather at any one time for Liturgies in the near future. However, the Archdiocese of Sydney during the time of Fr Bob have proposed to site our church building close to the new Catholic school with a sitting capacity of between 500 and 750. It is the hope of the church in Sydney that the proximity of school and local church will ignite the youth interest in being part of the church community. The present property we have now where the church sits will eventually be sold in plots and the money realized from the sale is to be used in building the new church.

This is a heads up on what is on ground going forward, but it is still in its early stages with refinement of the project feasibility and developing a design brief for the new church and other parish facilities starting this week. Following this will be information/engagement with parishioners. Before the engagement stage comes, I'm happy to discuss further your concerns.

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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.

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. Fr Kene is away 9 – 24 April

Fr Kene is attending a Military course in Queensland. Arrangements have been made for supply of priests on the weekends he is away. Supporting the Military chaplaincy is an assignment given to Fr Kene by the Sydney Archdiocese.

Hope you enjoy the Easter celebration and holiday  
Happy Easter to you all.



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](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.

## **Cleaning Roster—5-9 April**

M De Vries, U Morizzi, A Zappia, R Mastroeni

## 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

### 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

- Parishes and Priests embrace 'Go Make Disciples'
- New ACU VC installed
- I don't get it. Why has St Peter's banned private Masses?
- Why I baptised by son
- Movie review: *A Week Away*
- Greg Sheridan: Mugged by the Sexual Revolution

### No Big Deal

A story that didn't quite make it into the Gospels for some reason. But it is a story that takes place on the Saturday after Good Friday. Joseph of Arimathea is resting and hanging out in his back yard. He quietly ponders the events of the previous day. His neighbor comes up to him and after exchanging the friendly neighbourly small talk asks Joseph, "What were you thinking yesterday? I mean you gave over your tomb to that criminal, that trouble maker. You worked long and hard to save up enough money to buy that thing and now you have just given it up. Have you lost your mind?" To which Joseph replied, "It's really no big deal. He only needed it for the weekend."

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

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

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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, Frangiska Dimech

**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