



**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
with Funeral Directors.

15-16 May 2021
The Ascension of the Lord



Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder
at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into
heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare
of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my
gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end
of the age, alleluia.

Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord Year B

In the [Gospel Reading](#), before his ascension Christ gives his disciples a
last command. Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And
he adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who
obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages,
handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the
sick by the laying on of hands.

**Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these
things for his traveling people.**

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's
followers?

Well, think of it this way.

Once when one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a
list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him
safe. Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that
there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was
definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are
obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do,
don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous;
but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full
of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact
with infected ground.

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on
Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly
drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons
weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have
thought of anything to say about them.)

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother)
might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since
Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it
is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to
worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already
thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy
he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that
characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads
the journey of their lives takes them on, the care of the Lord
encompasses those who travel in his name.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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

5. Welcome to our Parish

We are a growing community and we are happy to have all of you who have moved recently to become members of our Parish community. If there is any way we can be of help to make you comfortable, do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office. Please collect a Parish Census form at the foyer, fill it out and give to Fr Kene or send to the parish office.

6. 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.

7. Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful

If you 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, please contact the parish office. Also put on something red on that weekend.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Holy Communion

Our Parish will be holding a compulsory information evening on Wednesday 19th May at 7pm in our Church. Please attend if you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion this June. Your child does not need to attend. If you cannot come to the meeting, please contact the Parish office to make an appointment with Fr Kene.

11. 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.

12. Parish Finance Committee

Our parish is planning to set up a parish finance committee members. It will comprise of 4 to 6 members plus the parish priest. If you have experience in banking and/or accounting sectors, please consider being a member of the Parish Finance Committee. If you wish to help or would like to suggest someone, contact Fr Kene directly or through the parish office.

13. Our Lady Help of Christians

Monday 24th May is the Solemnity in honor of our Lady Help of Christians. Mass will be held at 9.15am in our church. You are all welcome

14. Your Generous donation much appreciated

Through your generosity and kindness, our parish raised these sums in the following appeal:

Charitable Works Fund: \$2116.65. For more information, please visit

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal: \$171

Thank you immensely for love and kindness towards others.

15. Suggestion Box

Suggestion box has been provided for our parish. This serves as a platform for your concern, suggestion, input and support in the parish affairs. For authenticity and to make sure response is duly dispatched, please include your details.



16. Rosary Procession



We are teaming up with St Rafqa Maronite Catholic Church for a Rosary procession in honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary in the month of May and for her intercession on the pandemic that is ravaging

the world at this time. Procession starts from St. Anthony's Church at 105 Eleventh Avenue to St. Rafqa's Church at 135 Eighth Avenue, Austral.

Date: 29 May

Time: 10.00am

All are welcome.

God bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper- The Catholic Weekly

In this week's edition:

- Where Christianity is booming - Greg Sheridan
- Leila Abdallah: Mother of the Year
Mafia victim beatified

On sale after Mass for \$2.

St Vincent De Paul

St Vincent de Paul outreach projects recommence on 19 April and we are looking for some volunteers. Please send me your details via email to take part in this initiative:

veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au



We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 people to assist each day and unfortunately, because space is limited at the centre, no toddlers are permitted

Pentecost Sunday 2021: Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter, "Lead us Back to Mass for the Church's Birthday!" and Parish Resources from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has released a new Pastoral Letter inviting Catholics to return to Mass on Pentecost Sunday (23 May) and beyond.

A copy is also available online on the *Go Make Disciples* website: www.gomakedisciples.org.au

In the letter, Archbishop Fisher urges the Faithful to draw inspiration from the first apostles who went out after Pentecost and proclaimed their faith to others. That same message is at the heart of our Archdiocesan Mission Plan, *Go Make Disciples*.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-Austral-584855168825581



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.

Events in the Parish —

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

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

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 19th May 2021— Compulsory Holy Communion Information evening

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.

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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: Romeo Cabiluna Jr, Anne Boyce, Lourdes Ever Juan, Kitty and Charlie Micallef

Anniversaries: Guiseppina and Fillipo Musso, Alfonso & Annunziata Gioffre, Giovanni Macerola, Anna Luciani, George Velso, Stephen Vella, Nicole Simone, Molly Morton, Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Caterina Kairuz, Maria Louisa Crestani Corolla, Tony Macri, Teresa Brassil, Alfredo Pjanic, Ross Cavallaro and Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Ernest Rust, Isidoro Bianch,

Also for: Antonio Pisano, 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, Haneer 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