



## 8-9 May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B



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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:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**Today we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter**

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ suggests a remedy for any problem we have. The Father will give you anything you ask for, he says, if you will just ask for it in Christ's name.

But what is it to ask for something in Christ's name? It can't be a matter of simply tacking the name of Christ on to any prayer. "I would like a Porsche, please, *in the name of Christ.*" Prayer isn't magic. It isn't a matter of using the right magical formulas in order to make God do what you want him to do.

**Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own.**

It helps here to consider the homely cases in which one person asks something in the name of another. A secretary can ask for the mail in her boss's name: "I'm just here to pick up the mail for my boss!" A child can ask a neighbor for a cup of sugar in his mother's name: "Mrs. Murphy, my mother wants to know if you could lend her a cup of sugar." In these cases, the person asking can ask in the name of another because he somehow identifies himself as in relationship with that other: *my* boss, *my* mother. Something—a connection of shared work, a family relation—binds the two of them together.

To ask in Christ's name is like this, too. You ask in the name of Christ when you are in the kind of relation to him that lets you say "*my*" with respect to him. And what would bind the two of you together in this way? What should follow that "*my*"? It shouldn't be "*my servant,*" as the magician in effect says in his heart of hearts. No, not "*my servant,*" but "*my Lord.*"

Take him as Lord, and you have to recognize that, as Lord, he loves and cares for his own. He knows what to give to those who are *his* in answer to their prayers. So if you ask the Father for something in the name of Christ, then you are doing the opposite of what the magician does: you ask being prepared to accept what *your Lord* wants to give you. What you are given will be a good gift if it is in accord with his will, even if it isn't in accord with yours.

## 2. Happy Mother's Day

The parish of St. Anthony of Padua wish all mothers especially mothers of our parish a Happy Mother's Day.

We thank and acknowledge you and all women who are like mothers for your



support in families as wives and mothers as well as your amiable contribution in the pastoral life of our parish. God bless you.

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

## 7. 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.

## 8. 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.

## 9. 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. Thank you to those who have volunteered thus far.

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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.

## 13. Holy Communion

Our Parish will be holding a compulsory information evening on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 14. 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.

## 15. 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.

## 16. Scholarship at the Cathedral with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Loss of Trust and Crisis of Leadership: Responses with the Help of St Thomas Aquinas.

After a year's break, during the COVID-19 pandemic, these free public talks are now resuming again, led by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, in partnership with the University of Notre Dame Australia's Institute for Ethics and Society.

Date: 20 May 2021

Venue: Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral

Time: 6:30pm

## 17. Our Lady Help of Christians

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

God bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

## Prayers for Mothers

O Loving Lord,  
You have created mothers in love and blessed them with children.  
As they work tirelessly to support their families may they be showered with your blessings.  
Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live each day under your care.  
May those who are joined in your love, support mothers by their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer.

Amen

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

Julian Alexander Morris  
(son of Andrew and Stephanie)

&

Jack Robert Delise  
(son of Anthony and Bianca)



## Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper- The Catholic Weekly

In this week's edition:

- Rosary Marathon: Pope picks St Mary's Cathedral
  - Prayers for India in COVID pandemic
  - Movie Review: Son of the South
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## 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.*

### An Irish blessing for mothers

*There is but one and only one, Whose love will fail you never.  
One who lives from sun to sun, With constant fond endeavor.  
There is but one and only one On earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done When God gave us a Mother.  
- Author Unknown*

### 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

Friday 14th May 2021—Feast day of St Matthias

Wednesday 19th May 2021—Compulsory Meeting Holy Communion at 7pm in the Church

### 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:** Anne Boyce, Lourdes Ever Juan,

**Anniversaries:** 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:** 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