



**ST ANTHONY OF  
PADUA CATHOLIC  
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**Sacramental Life**

**Celebration of the Eucharist:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

**Reconciliation: Saturday**

4.15pm—4.45pm

**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.

**10-11 July 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold  
your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us  
your salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how  
great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a  
nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

In the [Second Reading](#), Paul says that God has blessed us with every  
spiritual blessing and chosen us to be holy and without blemish before  
him.

These are wonderful words, aren't they? I'm not sure I know the names  
of every spiritual blessing in the heavens, but here are some of them:  
love, joy, peace, patience, long-suffering. Not only are we blessed with all  
of these, according to Paul, but there's also being holy and without  
blemish! **We are what we are now, but we have won the lottery of life.**

And now could we have a reality check? Is there anyone who supposes  
he is without blemish? And what about holy? Even to ask the question is  
to risk laughter, isn't it? And then there's love, joy, peace, patience, and  
the rest. What would you give for just an hour of these blessings in any  
day of your life? So what does Paul mean by saying that God has  
blessed us with all these good things?

To see the answer, imagine that you are desperately poor, unable to pay  
the medical bills, worried about the mortgage, afraid the car will give out,  
anxious about the school costs for the children. And then you get a  
phone call: you have won the lottery. No, no, the caller says, it's really  
true! You have won *millions* in the lottery. The state administrators of the  
lottery are now doing the paperwork, and by the end of next month the  
check will be in the mail. Now what? Well, you still can't pay the medical  
bills this month, and all the other bills are going to be a big problem,  
too. You are still desperately poor—*this month*. But you will face your  
poverty very differently once you know you have won the lottery, won't  
you? The problems are all still exactly the same, except that you know  
you have won the lottery. Your problems are not going to last. The check  
is in the mail. *This* is what Paul is talking about. We are what we are now,  
but we have won the lottery of life. God's grace works its way slowly in  
our lives, but his blessings are promised and sure. And so our struggle  
with our sins and failures is not desperate, but hope-filled. Hope is itself  
one of God's spiritual blessings to us.

## **2. As Jesus sends the Apostles, so He sends us**

One thing we have learned or struggle to learn in this pandemic is to be in lockdown and still be productive. For some, working from home has brought out their ability of being polychronic while for others, it is distracting. But the reality is that most of us have spent times in our homes during this pandemic more than any other time. We will perhaps think of how to attend to our daily life demands while still maintaining the 'new normal'.

As the gospel chronicles the sending out of the Apostles by Jesus and giving them authority over unclean spirit, we find ourselves, as present-day apostles of Jesus, face to face with Him. He may not be sending us to physically visit people with the lockdown still in place, but the 'sending' covers our Christian virtues of reaching out to the lonely and those who may need our support. Through prayer, phone call and facetime, we can achieve Jesus' mandate in healing the wounded souls and broken hearts and homes. Our friends and loved ones can still come to full reconciliation with God through our support and care. May the pandemic not weigh us down from being Christ's disciples to our family and friends.

## **3. COVID-19 update—the current rules**

The NSW government has extended the lockdown to one more week. This means that places of worship are still closed. We will continue to livestream our 5pm Saturday vigil mass and our 9.00am Sunday mass through our Facebook account. We will keep you updated of any further advice received from the Government.

Please stay safe.

## **4. Pastoral Care**

Please keep our parishioners especially the elderly in your prayers. Our Parish has a few elderly parishioners that live alone and attend Mass on a daily and/or weekly basis. We ask that you reach out to the lonely at this time. If you are concerned about any parishioner, please contact our office so we can make contact with them to ensure that they are safe and doing well.

## **5. Children's Liturgy**

Due to new covid rules, this has been shelved until further notice.

## **6. Confirmation**

The scheduled information evening is now on hold. Once lockdown is over we will then arrange a date for an information evening. Should you have any enquires regarding confirmation please email us at [sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org) or contact the Parish office.

## **7. Austral Parish Engagement Session with Archdiocesan Property Manager**

The team of Sydney Archdiocesan Development Manager, Property and Infrastructure will conduct a weekend engagement session with our parishioners. This is an excellent opportunity to ask them questions and get clarifications on the possible relocation of St. Anthony's Church close to the school grounds. They will attend at all the weekend Masses and be available for chats and to answer questions. The weekend date will be TBA. ***Please note: No final decision has been finalized on this issue.***

## **8. 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.

## **9. Planned Giving Envelopes**

The new financial year planned giving envelopes have been placed at the back of the church for pick up. If you are interested in joining our Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office. All donations through the Planned Giving program are tax deductible. Thanks for your generosity throughout this financial year.

## **10. Working with Children Check**

It is important that you update your Working With Children Check once it has expired. Once you have your new Working with Children Check please send a copy to the Parish Office so we can update our records. Please note it is a requirement by the Sydney Archdiocese that any volunteer or paid employee position held in our Parish have their current Working with Children number on our records. Please call the Parish office if you require assistance with obtaining your check.

## 11. Safeguarding Workshop

The Safeguarding Workshop has been cancelled. We will advise of the new dates once they are available.

God bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

**Events in the Parish — All events are on hold until further notice**

### 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.*

In this time of enforced retreat during the COVID-19 lockdown in Sydney, the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are leading a great online reflection morning this Saturday to help draw us all closer to God in these difficult times. Well over 100 people attended last weekend's online retreat and the Sisters are offering another retreat this Saturday, this time on the topic "So you will be a blessing" (Gen 12:2). Registration is easy and you'll find more information here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/.../sce-lockdown-activities/>



The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are so inspiring and full of such wisdom, love and joy.  
— Emma retreat participant

**"KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" (MT 28:20)**  
**NURTURING DISCIPLESHIP IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

Join in an online reflection morning this Saturday with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia  
**10 July 2021 - 10am-Noon**

More details and registration online:  
[www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/sce-lockdown-activities/](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/sce-lockdown-activities/)

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

### 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.

### Dates to Remember

Thursday 15th July 2021—Feast of St Bonaventure

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Anthony Cantanzariti, Grace Cilia, Raffaella Cicino, Rev Anthony Simari, Jane Azzopardi, Emma Marsili, Michael Bailey Charlie Bonanno (in Canada) Caterina Daidone, Vincenzo Maiorana, Renzo Martignago, Anne Boyce, Kitty and Charlie Micallef .

**Anniversaries:** Caterina Vocisano, Arthur Mitchell, Irene Pendlebury, Silvester & Joann Oros, Vincent Vella and John and Mary Borg, Franco Mosca, Frano Banicevic and Anka Banicevic, Vincent Vella and John and Mary Borg, Silvester and Joann Oros, Hellen Argyle, Kristie Scibilia, Vincent & Josephine Bonnici, , Stephen Vella, Nicole Simone, and Emmanuel & Mary Grace Gatt, Fidelinga Martinez, Carmelo Romano

**Also for:** Antonio Pisano, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, Paolo Politio,

**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, Rene D'Silva , Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia, Charito San Jose, Mary Lyons, Flossy Lobo

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