



**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.**

**17-18 July 2021  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

The Lord is my Shepherd, [Psalm 23](#) says, but there are human shepherds, too.

In the [First Reading](#) God thunders against the human shepherds who are failures at shepherding.

**Every person has many of God's children in his care.**

Who are these miserable shepherds, these failures, with whom God is so indignant? Well, you can tell who they are by what God is angry at in them. They are the human beings who have not cared for the sheep, and those sheep are God's people.

Well, what did the shepherds fail to do when they failed to care for the sheep? They didn't help the sheep get nurture; they drove the sheep away. They led the sheep in wrong directions. They scattered the sheep, so that instead of being one flock, the sheep were divided against each other into diverse small groups.

So think about it this way. Do you lust for someone who is not your spouse? Do you think you are caring for one of God's children when you do? Do you smoke and overeat? What impact do your bad habits have on God's children? Is there no one of God's people who will grieve over you when you get sick? Do you laze around and waste your gifts by doing nothing?

Do you spend your time on foolish, frivolous things that help nobody? Do you think you are caring for God's people when you do? Do you gossip and undermine the reputation of others? Do you sow discord in your neighbourhood, in your church, in your family? Are you a divisive presence in your community? Do you think you are caring for God's children when you are? Surely no one of us is so benighted as to suppose that God's thundering against miserable shepherds is meant only for priests who aren't good enough. That thundering is a warning for each one of us. Every person has many of God's children in his care. The woman who empties your trash at work, the child in the row behind you who kicks your seat on the plane, the annoying non-stop talker at your dinner table, your old and highly inadequate mother, your very imperfect spouse—each of these is one of God's children, and each of them is in your care—a little or maybe even a lot. All these are people that we ourselves shepherd—always with our Shepherd, whose grace we need to do it well.

Let us be careful not to be miserable shepherds for him.

## **We shall all survive this Pandemic**

The extended lockdown will be challenging for all of us. No doubt, this is a trying time for families and for religious families like us St. Anthony's. I hope our individual efforts in keeping to the rules of the lockdown and restriction will significantly reduce the cases popping up here and there in the area.

I encourage us to be firm and hopeful as we work from home, support our children in their home schooling and etc. As with the Israelites who endured all the difficulties and persevered for forty years in the desert to reach the promised land, so our 'promised land' is in sight. When we are proactive in doing what we should do at this time – stay at home and go out only for the essentials, have our Covid jab and get tested when we feel sick – we shall definitely have the last laugh, even if with slight 'new normal'.

Today's gospel chronicles the return of the Apostles from the mission they were sent by Jesus from last weekend's readings. The tone of their report showed they were successful in doing and teaching what they learned from their Master, Jesus Christ. It is only in God that our success will come from. When we apply his virtues and teachings in everything we do, we see ourselves surviving and being successful even in difficult situations and settings. Obedience, patience and humility are the virtues found and taught by Christ. It will be wonderful to report to God that in our Christian living at this time, we applied those virtues in keeping to the rules to stop the spread of the virus.

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

The extension means that our church is still closed for public worship. We will continue to livestream our 5pm Saturday vigil mass and our 9.00am Sunday mass through our Parish Facebook account: [www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-Austral-584855168825581](https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-Austral-584855168825581). We will keep you updated of any further advice received from the Government.

Please stay safe.

### **4. Office Hours**

Due to covid our office is now working on limited hours. If you have any enquiries or issues please email us as all emails will be attended to. If not please leave a voice mail message on our answering machine.

## **5. Church Donations**

With the lockdown now in place for a little longer if you would like to set up direct deposits to the church straight from your bank account, please let us know. You can make a donation at any time and if you are part of the Planned Giving list just use your Planned Giving Number as a reference. Direct Debit donations are 30% tax deductible.

Please call the office or email [admin@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:admin@stanthonysaustral.org) If you would like to make a payment via credit card, please contact the Parish office who can process the payments on your behalf.

## **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 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. 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.

## **9. 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.

## 10. 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. This year we have facilities for credit card payments on the back of the planned giving envelope.

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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.*

## 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.

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

**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Lyons, 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:** Marc Arcuri, 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, Hanee 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, Flossy Lobo

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