



**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.

**3-4 July 2021**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your  
right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his  
mercy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon  
me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

In the [Second Reading](#), Paul says that he is content with weaknesses,  
insults, hardships, and persecutions. Why would any rational person be  
content with these things? All of them look like the very things to avoid if  
you possibly can.

Well, what *would* anyone be content with? How about beatitude? That  
would be worthy of contentment, wouldn't it?

**Beauty and love in life with the Lord are our final state. They are our  
home.** But in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ connects beatitude to  
persecution: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's  
sake (cf. [Mt. 5:9](#)). Actually, in the very next verse, Christ connects  
beatitude to being insulted, too.

And now it is easy to see why anyone would be content with persecutions  
and insults, and so with hardships, too. Beatitude goes together with  
them.

Christianity turns the ordinary standards of the world up-side  
down. When we follow Christ and suffer persecution, insults, and  
hardships with him, we are not among the world's losers. We are the  
prize-winners. Beatitude is ours!

But that still leaves weakness. Paul says his own weakness comes from  
Satan. And, of course, one kind of weakness that comes from Satan is  
sin. Could anyone—*should* anyone—be content with his own sin?

Of course, a person shouldn't accept his sins! Out with them! Out with  
them NOW!

Just expressing the thought this way explains Paul's point, doesn't it?  
Hardship, insult, persecution, and most especially the wretched sin that  
besets us—these things are not our final state. Beauty and love in life  
with the Lord are our final state. They are our home.

But we do not get home by ourselves. Only God has the wisdom and the  
power to get us there. And so we have to wait for him, even for the  
removal of those sins that we would so dearly love to be rid of—and, of  
course, would also so dearly love to keep.

And that is why Paul can be content even with weakness. That is why we  
can be patient even with our own sins. God's grace is sufficient for each  
one of us, not just where insults and hardships are concerned, but even  
when it comes to our sins. If only we do not stop waiting for him with  
trust, with peace and contentment in him, he will rid us of our sins in his  
own time. He will get us home.

## 2. What is God saying to us at this time?

It has been a difficult time for many reasons. With the social, economic and financial effects of COVID-19 that have disorganized families and groups from their mission and focus, the pandemic, which we thought we were winning the war, started surging again. The lockdown that ensued due to the rise in cases has now prevented us from gathering as a family for the celebration of the Eucharist around the Lord's table. I for one, find myself planning, replanning and changing my plans for myself and for the parish community over and over again.

The personal effect of the situation we are in is that we could be enmeshed in anxiety, nervousness and rash decisions and judgement. This time, more than any other, is a time to pause and listen ... to God. What is God saying to me and to you as individuals at this time. Perhaps, this is the time to pay attention to what God is actually saying to you in these imbroglis. The kinsmen of Jesus in today's Gospel took him for granted and as such, could not receive all the blessings and revelations God has for them in Jesus Christ. May we see in this present time the need to come to Jesus with attentiveness so He will come into our lives with his blessings and protection.

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

This week, we are still in mandatory lockdown as per State Government regulations. 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. We will keep our Parish updates 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 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 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

A date has been set for confirmation. A compulsory information night at this stage will be in the Church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00pm. We ask that you make it a priority to attend this evening. The sacrament date is **Sunday 22 August 2021 is A-K 11am and L– Z 2pm**. Children need not attend the information evening but a parent or carer must attend on the child's behalf. All children making the sacrament must be in year 6 or older. With our Parish growing, Confirmations will now be celebrated yearly. Should you have any enquires regarding confirmation please email us at [sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org)

## 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. 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. Booking of Mass Intentions

Please book your Mass intentions by using 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.

## 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.

## 11. Safeguarding Workshop

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

## 12. Catholic Mission: India COVID-19 Appeal

The aid agency, Catholic Mission, has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to Catholic Mission, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website here: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>.

God bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe



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**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:** Rev Anthony Simari, Jane Azzopardi, Emma Marsili, Michael Bailey Charlie Bonanno (in Canada) Caterina Daidone, Vincenzo Maiorana, Renzo Martignago, Lindsay Paul, Donald D'Souza, Anne Boyce, Kitty and Charlie Micallef .

**Anniversaries:** 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, Grace Cilia, 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, Haneer 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