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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.**

**21-22 August 2021
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Tasting in Order to See

The readings this week highlight the importance of wisdom. But what is wisdom? And how do you get it? Taste and see that the Lord is good, the Psalm says.

In the world of Nazi Germany, everyone in the Nazi party got a party badge. Hitler's own party badge was made of gold. To the Nazis, Hitler's badge symbolized all the things in the world most worth having. At the end of his life, Hitler gave his gold badge as a gift to Magda Goebbels; and she said that it was the proudest moment of her life when he did. But he gave her that gold badge in the bunker under Berlin as Germany was losing the war. In that bunker in the last days of the war, Magda killed all six of her children and herself in an appallingly misguided act of loyalty to Hitler. When the invading soldiers of the Allied armies conquered Berlin and found her body, one of them took that little bit of a gold badge from her dress and pocketed it as a souvenir.

Magda shows us what folly is, doesn't she? She couldn't tell the real goods, the real gold, from the fake goods, the things that glitter but are worthless. The gold badge that symbolized what Magda Goebbels lived and died for is a fitting symbol of the terrible foolishness of her life. Wisdom is the very opposite. It is the ability to discern between the real goods and the shiny fakes. But among the very best of the really good things is the goodness of God. And so wisdom is the ability to see the goodness of God wherever it is to be found in the world.

The [Psalm](#) tells us how we get the capacity for seeing the goodness of God, so important for us if we are to live our lives wisely and not foolishly, like Magda Goebbels. We get this capacity by tasting! Taste and see that the Lord is good, the Psalm says.

Taste *what?* The Gospel gives us the answer: Christ is the bread from heaven, and every person who tastes this bread will live. He will have the real goods, not the worthless fake goods; and he will see the difference between the two, because he will see God's goodness in Christ. Here is the end of the story then: Taste the bread from heaven and see the goodness of the Lord. Wisdom lies in this!

2. Pray for Afghanistan and Afghan people

You all would be following the unfolding situation in Afghanistan. There is a strong feeling of despair about the crumbling of democratic government that took two decades to build. Our Defence Force members sacrificed a lot to see a stable government in Afghanistan and some paid the ultimate price in the course of the effort. Some who survived and are now back home are living with PTSD, anxiety, depression and even later died due to their experiences while in Afghanistan. I want to assure those who fought for peace in Afghanistan that Australia is proud of you and thanks you for your service. And we acknowledge those who lost someone through this service. We are with you in prayer. Just know you are not alone and there is always someone to talk to.

If you are struggling to come to terms with the unfolding circumstance, please call Safe Zone on 1800142072. Please stay safe.

Similarly, several Catholic organisations have signed a Refugee Council of Australia petition that calls for the Government to take seven steps to support people in Afghanistan and Afghan nationals currently in Australia. The steps include providing additional resettlement places for Afghan refugees, increasing aid to the region and evacuating people who are at grave risk, including those who supported the Australian Government and Defence Force.

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) has written to Government ministers, calling for swift and compassionate action for Afghans. Let us continue to support any initiative that will help Afghan nationals at this time.

3. 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. If you did have the opportunity to grab your envelopes prior to lockdown we will still leave them at the back of the church.

4. Our Faith Our Works App

The Fundraising and Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a new app "Our Faith Our Works" that will hopefully assist us as a parish and parishioners in two ways.

Keeping the fire of faith alive amongst parishioners with spiritual formation resources (videos and podcasts) and Easy access to support our parish by setting up a monthly (or one-off) donation from the comfort of one's living room.

To download the app visit:

www.ourfaithourworks.org/app or Scan the QR Code



5. 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. We will keep you updated of any further advice received from the Government. In the meantime, please keep safe.

6. Sydney Archdiocese Website

If you require any further spiritual nourishment, Sydney Archdiocese offer free seminars. Look on their website and see which one may interest you.

7. Mass Intentions

We are still accepting all mass intentions for each weekend mass. Please email the office at admin@stanthonysaustral.org if you have an intention. The secretary will return your email to confirm details.

8. Catholic Weekly

For those of you who are missing the edition of The Catholic Weekly please note a digital version can be obtained by visiting their website on www.catholicweekly.com.au

9. Working with Children Check

It is important that you update your Working with Children Check (WWCC) 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 certain ministers, volunteers or paid employee position held in our Parish have their current Working with Children number on our records. Those who need WWCC are:

Parish Secretaries
Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
Pastoral Associates
Sacramental Coordinators
Sacramental Group Leaders
Catechists in State Schools
Children's Liturgy Coordinators
Children's Choir Ministry Leaders
Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers
Ministers of the Word/Readers/Lectors
Parish Collectors (AKA Wardens)

Please call the Parish office if you require assistance with obtaining your check.

10. Safeguarding Workshop

With further lockdowns this might be a great time to complete your Safeguarding course online. If you are interested in completing your safeguarding certificate online please email us and we will forward you a link for the online course.

11. 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@stanthonystral.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. Thanks to all for your generosity.

12. Baptisms

All baptisms are on hold. Once churches open, we will reschedule in accordance with the current church rules.

13. Confirmation

The sacrament of confirmation has now been postponed. A new date will be advised in due course. In the meantime please let us know if you wish for your child your child to complete this sacrament by emailing us at sacraments@stanthonystral.org so an application form can be sent to you Thank you to those who have made enquiries thus far.

14. Rosary Prayer Group via Zoom

Each week we will be holding a Rosary prayer group via zoom for all Parishioners. This will be held each Thursday at 5.30pm.

Zoom links:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87979047248?pwd=NTFoR005OHJnY28yWm1sSmViaENuUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248

Passcode: 90pfig

15. Office Hours

The office is closed and all administration work is undertaken off site in accordance with Archdiocesan instructions. If you require any assistance, please continue to email our office or call and leave a message on the answering machine. We will get back to you soon as we can.

16. Catholic Charismatic Renewal

During our Covid 19 lockdown we can gather together online via zoom to praise God and to listen to teachings.

We would like to draw your attention to and invite you to participate in a continuation of our Power Gathering meetings and also to a weekly Charismatic Prayer meeting conducted by the Community of the Risen Lord (CRL). As you may be aware the NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal (NSWCCR) and the CRL have close links and continue to work together on outreaches and events. CSL Coordinator Dr Suni Fernando is also a member of the NSWCCR Service Team.

CRL Weekly Praise and Worship meeting – Every Friday Evening – commencing 7.30pm and finishing at 9.30pm (Rosary starts at 7.10pm)

All welcome to join for a live message from CRL Founder, Lalith Perera, followed by live Worship and Adoration at the same time each week.

Click Zoom Link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86822744315>

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17. Thank you

A parishioner donated a microwave and was delivered in support to those in quarantine. Thanks to all for your quick response to our request.

18. Aid to the Church in Need | ACN Australia

Please consider leaving an eternal legacy.

By remembering ACN in your will you leave a lasting legacy of faith, hope and love. Your offering assists us to keep the light of faith shining brightly in a world which cries out for the peace that only Christ can offer. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/legacies

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Melvin Corpuz, Mary Lyons, Anthony Cantanzariti, Grace Cilia, Raffaella Cicino

Anniversaries:

Giuseppina Carbone, Vera and Angelina Najdek, Lucija Beuk, Gerald Onwukwe, Mary Low, Carmel Ferraro, Marc Arcuri, Caterina Vocisano, Arthur Mitchell, Irene Pendlebury, Silvester & Joann Oros

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, Flossy Lobo

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

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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Dates to Remember

Monday 23 August—St Rose of Lima

Tuesday 24 August - St Bartholomew

Friday 27 August—St Monica

Saturday 28 August—St Augustine