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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

**28-29 August 2021
Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus and the Pharisees have a public fight about the Jewish tradition of washing your hands before dinner. Jesus puts the Pharisees and their tradition down with a scathing denunciation. He calls the Pharisees “hypocrites,” who have God on their lips but not in their hearts.

So, what does this story say about tradition?

Well, we might think, if cleaving to tradition gets the Pharisees the denunciation of the Lord, then so much the worse for tradition!

When the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don’t transmit what Moses gave them.

And yet where would we be without tradition? Our whole religious understanding and practice, even our creeds, are shaped by tradition.

The solution to the perplexity lies in the story. When the Pharisees ask Jesus why his disciples don’t keep the tradition of hand-washing, their question isn’t a request for information. It is a challenge to his whole ministry. From the point of view of the Pharisees, a person couldn’t be from God and not wash his hands before dinner in accordance with the tradition. A tradition hands on something precious from one generation to another. But the tradition the Pharisees cling to does not in fact convey the God of Moses, does it? What kind of God would make his total acceptance or rejection of a person dependent on whether or not he washed his hands before dinner? Where is the righteous, merciful, loving God of Moses in this view of the Pharisees?

In the [First Reading](#), Moses orders the people to communicate God’s commands without adding or subtracting *anything* from them. The Nicene creed, which is part of the tradition that structures our faith, does not violate this order of Moses, because the Nicene creed does not change biblical teachings. It only unfolds them and gives deeper insight into them. But when the Pharisees privilege hand-washing above the true goodness of Christ, they don’t transmit what Moses gave them. They wreck it, in the name of tradition. And that is why Jesus says the tradition of the Pharisees is the tradition *of men*. These defenders of religious tradition have lost their grip on the very thing they were supposed to pass on, God’s goodness and love. That is why Jesus calls them ‘hypocrites.’ It is a cautionary tale for all of us, isn’t it?

2. What I want is mercy, not Sacrifice (Matthew 9:13)

The instance of today's gospel is not the only place where the pharisees and Scribes' interpretation of scripture was put to question. Jesus had challenged them on their teaching on love (Matthew 5:44), forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35) and application on the decalogue (Matthew, 5), just to mention a few. Today, they showed their adherence to the letter rather than the spirit of the law by observing physical cleansing of the body, cups and plates more than spiritual cleansing of their hearts which 'are far from me [God]'.

By curing a crippled man on the Sabbath as well as touching a leper and curing him, Jesus is stamping out the idea that holiness was something acquired by being quarantined or separated from anything or any person.

Rather than being defiled from his contact with the leper or from working (healing a man) on a Sabbath, Jesus allowed his life to flow into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them in body, mind, spirit and holistically, making them holy.

Jesus' teaching today challenges us to think about the spirit of law and in its application in our different circumstances. Attending to the needs of others beyond the letter of the law is tantamount to allowing the spirit of Christ in us to flow into others making them well again. As Christians, let us in our own capacity, contribute to whatever may help alleviate the sufferings of members of our families, friends, brothers and sisters in our community.

3. Improved sound system on Livestream Masses

Thanks to those who gave a feedback on the echo that prevents clarity of voice in our livestreamed Mass through Facebook. I am happy to announce that this has been resolved. This weekend's Mass and subsequent ones will be much clearer, thanks to Leanne and Mark who made this possible. Our livestream Masses are still 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

In the meantime, please keep safe.

4. 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

5. Retreat on a book by Sr Faustina Maria Pia

The Life Marriage Family team will be holding a formative retreat called 'Jesus, I trust in You: Personal Retreat with Litany of Trust'. For more details, go to the Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/VuKt75XF>. To register, follow the link: <https://bit.ly/3mfaopp> And eBook can be accessed via the link: <https://amzn.to/3sDKoVW>

6. 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



7. 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.

8. 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.

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. Please call the office or email

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. Thanks to all for your generosity.

12. 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@stanthonysaustral.org so an application form can be sent to you. Thank you to those who have made enquiries thus far.

13. 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?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87979047248?pwd=NTFoR005OHJnY28yWm1sSmViaENuUT09)

[pwd=NTFoR005OHJnY28yWm1sSmViaENuUT09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87979047248?pwd=NTFoR005OHJnY28yWm1sSmViaENuUT09)

Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248

Passcode: 90pfig

14. 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.

15. 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>

• ID:868 2274 4315*

16. Baptisms

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

17. Assisting Live Stream Masses

For those assisting in live stream masses can you please ensure that you check in using the QR code that is placed on the window prior to entering the Church. Your time in assisting is greatly appreciated.

18. Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon



As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kene Onwukwe".

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Friday 3 September 2021—St Gregory the Great

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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:

John Argyle, Fr John Neill OP , Fr Romuald Josko, 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,

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 Garzaniti, 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.