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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.

7-8 August 2021 Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop), Virgin Sunday



Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are my disciples if you have one for one another, says the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop), Virgin

The [Second Reading](#), Paul warns people not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God. It is a sad thing to grieve your mother or your best friend. It is really dreadful to grieve God himself. How does a person manage to do such a lamentable thing?

God is love, and it isn't possible for there to be union between God and what is opposed to God. You grieve God when you engage in malice, Paul says. Malice is the opposite of love. To love someone is to want the good for him and to want to be united with him, too. So you can be malicious by refusing either of these desires of love. If you want what is bad for another person, or if you utterly reject another person, you are malicious with regard to him.

So you don't have to engage in murder or theft or adultery to grieve God. As the [Second Reading](#) implies, you can grieve God just by reviling another person. You revile a person when you say bad things about him, to his face or behind his back, just for the sake of putting him down. When you do this, you take a kind of perverse pleasure in his badness. That is why reviling is malicious. It is the opposite of love's desire for the good of the other.

Bitterness is on Paul's list of ways to grieve God, too. A bitter drink is one that has no sweetness in it; it just sets the drinker's teeth on edge. Your heart and mind are bitter if you are focused largely on the bad in things, and that bad-tempered focus of yours sets everybody else on edge as they try to tiptoe around you. You can't want the good for others if all you can see is the bad in them. And you can't want to be united with them either if your bitterness blocks joy in you.

If you revile others, if you are bitter, then you are malicious; and when you are malicious, you are opposed to love. But God is love, and it isn't possible for there to be union between God and what is opposed to God. Your malice grieves God because he has lost you when you are malicious; and, for God, your loss is worth grieving. It's a sobering thought to be so loved, isn't it?

2. Never see a need and not do something about it.

Jesus in today's Gospel exhorts us not worry about our lives and what we are to eat. But St. Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) whose feast we celebrate this weekend was worried about the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia

Was she living and acting against the gospel? I don't think so. Actually, Jesus did not say we should not worry about others – what they eat or drink - and we could be judged by it (Mt. 25).

What we should not worry is about our personal earthly comfort (what to eat or drink). And so, rather than worrying about herself, Mary Mackillop cared about others. She found out that education is a proven path out of poverty and that made her to establish the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor. This bodes well with her famous saying to 'never see a need without doing something about it'.

For more than a month, we have been in lockdown and not able to gather as a community to celebrate Holy Mass. That is a worry and sacrifice we are making with hope the pandemic and Covid-19 cases will be significantly controlled.

As we continue to think (worry) about the welfare and the good of our parishioners, there are ways we can still keep in touch with one another. First is to join in Facebook livestream Mass on Saturdays at 5pm or on Sundays at 9am. Through it we'll be able to join in prayer with other parishioners and in addition, be current with the announcements that may interest us.

Thursday Rosary prayer via zoom is also another way of keeping in touch with our parish community. Subscription has been made and paid for, so we can stay on for more than 40 mins to reflect on the Word of God after the rosary. Details can be found in this bulletin.

The Archdiocese of Sydney have released an app called 'Our Faith Our Works' where we can access the spiritual formation resource as well as support our parish with a monthly or one-off donation. Details are also on this bulletin.

I encourage us to access these opportunities as we navigate around this lockdown.

3. 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



4. 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-58485168825581. We will keep you updated of any further advice received from the Government. In the meantime, please keep safe.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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@stanthonyaustral.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.

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

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

Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248
Passcode: 90pfig

13. 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

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe



Facebook: www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-Austral-584855168825581

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 10 August—Feast of St Lawrence

Wednesday 11 August—Feast of St Clare

Thursday 12 August—5.30pm Rosary Prayer via Zoom

Saturday 14 August—St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Sunday 15 August—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

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, Raffaela Cicino

Anniversaries:

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, 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

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

Jamberoo Abbey

Online Retreat

a retreat about Hope

Van Gogh - Tower in the fields

ABOUT

This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope". Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

DATE

Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021.

All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

*The Portal of the Mystery of Hope
William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Michigan USA

Meet me in the Middle

DETAILS

There are 6 conferences with two being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the two conferences within the one week.

COST

The cost of the retreat is \$250. Pensioners can apply for a reduced price- see website for details

CONTACT

Register online at:
jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats