



**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

**11-12 September 2021  
Twenty-Forth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year B**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus says that anyone who wants to be his follower has to deny herself. She has to take up her cross daily. But how do you do this?

You might think that denying yourself requires you to give up any desires of your own and just accept whatever God sends. If God wants you to live, you are happy to live. On the other hand, if God wants you to die, you are happy to die. *Anything whatever* that happens is fine with you.

**To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny.**

But if anything whatever is always fine with you, you will never have a desire that is frustrated. Nothing that happens will ever cause you sorrow; nothing will make you weep. You will be content with anything whatever.

This is to try to deny yourself by having no desires of your own, in fact, no self of your own at all. But, then, how could you count as crucifying yourself? You can't crucify a self you don't have. And so this can't be the kind of self-denial Jesus is calling us to when he tells us to take up our cross daily.

If we take Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane as our model, we see a different kind of self-denial.

In that prayer, Jesus asks God to let the cup pass from him. Jesus has a desire of his own. *Anything whatever* is definitely not fine with him.

He wants to live. He does not want to die.

But Jesus finishes his prayer this way: "not my will but yours be done." He wants God's will to win out over his own will, if his own will and God's will are in conflict. He wants his own will to be frustrated if it has to be frustrated in order for God's will to be done.

So here is what Jesus' prayer teaches us. To deny yourself requires first having a self to deny. It requires having desires for ordinary good things, for life rather than death. But it also requires trusting the love of God and wanting God's will to win out over your own, when God's will is opposed to yours.

This self-denial is compatible with frustration and sorrow; it allows for tears when you lose the good things you wanted and your desires are denied. But if you crucify your self in this way, then your sorrow and tears come with trust and love for the Lord who carried his cross for you.

## 2. MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER O.P.

Dear friends in Christ,

Announcements have been made today about Sydney beginning to reopen once 70% of the adult population has had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, and foreshadowing further easing once we reach 80%. The roadmap states that places of worship will be included in this reopening.

In discussions with the NSW Government and NSW Health, I joined other religious leaders in insisting that worship is an essential service, not mere recreation for many people. We explained that all our faiths are inclined to allow all comers to worship, that many pastors and faithful would be uneasy with restricting worship to the fully vaccinated, and that doing so could prove very divisive. With Anglican Archbishop Kaniska Raffel, I would insist that "Jesus is Lord of all, and his gospel is a gospel for all. A 'No Entry' sign at the door of the church is wholly inconsistent with the Gospel preached inside." Race, gender, ethnicity, age, education, wealth or health status (including vaccination) must not be points of division within the Christian community or barriers to communion with Christ Jesus.

We are working with a leading infectious diseases and risk management specialist to devise a plan that would allow for safe reopening of churches and safe return to worship for all. Some easing of restrictions on both outside and indoor Masses is on the near horizon. Greater numbers will also be allowed at weddings and funerals. And other sacraments (e.g. Baptism and Confirmation) and devotions should also be possible.

We expect that clergy will continue to be allowed to deliver pastoral care in people's homes.

The religious leaders have undertaken to do all we can to ensure that places and activities of worship are safe, to promote reliable information about vaccination and other preventative measures, and to people to avail themselves of these. I repeat my exhortation to clergy to be vaccinated to ensure that they can provide pastoral care in venues such as churches and schools, hospitals and aged care homes going forward.

Many people in recent weeks have communicated their longing for a return to Mass, and I know that our clergy are eager to welcome people back. I will continue to work with other faith leaders to advocate on your behalf. When we have something more concrete, I will let you know. In the meantime, please do not be too concerned or jump to any conclusions over media reports. There is still a long way to go before NSW reaches 70% and then 80%.

Please also pray for your church and civic leaders as we aim to work together to have our churches and community open and functioning again. With the other bishops and priests I am praying daily for you.

### 3. 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.

### 4. Mass Intentions

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

### 5. 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. ***Please note that it is a requirement to continue to volunteer at any ministry requiring Working with Children Checks.*** Please email the Parish Secretary if you have any questions.

### 6. 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](mailto: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. Thank you for your generosity

## 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.

This week we have been advised of several changes on the Working with Children Checks and safeguarding workshops by Head Office. Our template requires the following information to be added. Could we ask you to email the following so our records are up to date.

- Date of Birth
- Date of Commencement of Ministry (a rough estimate is fine)
- Ministry undertaken

### 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)

### Parish roles that **DO NOT** require a WWCC

Cleaners  
Gardners  
Choir members  
Musicians (where children are not involved)  
Finance Committee  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Counters  
Audio Visual Coordinators  
Piety Stall  
Flower Arranger  
Offertory  
Hospitality Workers  
Ministers of the Homebound  
Welcoming/greeting Ministry  
St Vincent de Paul

Please contact the Parish office by email or leave a message on the answering machine if you like any further information. All information is kept private and confidential.

Thank you to all the volunteers in the Parish.

## 8. Child Protection Week— Safeguarding Sunday 12 September 2021

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for, protect and listen to the Children and Young People in our communities.

To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed two new resources; the *Children's Activity Book* and *A Guide for Young People to Better Understand their Wellbeing*.

Additionally, the Safeguarding Offices of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta and the Diocese of Broken Bay, have collaborated on the development of a resource. Entitled *Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities*, this guide promotes community awareness to support, engage, listen to and communicate with Children and Young People.

These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

I encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People.



### 9. 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.

### 10. Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

### 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@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.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?](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

### 13. Planned Giving Receipts

If you would like a tax receipt for your Planned Giving please email the Parish Secretary and a receipt will be emailed or posted to you. The secretary is working off site so procedures have been difficult whilst in lockdown.

### 14. 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](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



### 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>

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God Bless,

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

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:**

John Argyle, Fr John Neill OP , Fr Romuald Josko, Melvin Corpuz, Mary Lyons,

#### **Anniversaries:**

Giuseppina Carbone, Vera and Angelina Najdek, Lucija Beuk, Gerald Onwukwe, Mary Low, Carmel Ferraro, Marc Arcuri,

#### **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 Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva , Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family

#### **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.

#### **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*

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## Charismatic Retreat - Online

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."

Presented by Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR and Fr Tony Alex MGL

**Dates: Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September, 2021**  
**Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day**

A life-changing experience for people new to charismatic renewal and a time for fresh anointing and renewal for old timers. The retreat will include prayer ministry to receive healing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Click **HERE** to register. There is no fee to participate in the Zoom Retreat Weekend. However, we invite your generous support for the Ministry of both the priests by contributing to their stipend. Details will be sent to you when you register.



Fr Hugh has been active in charismatic renewal since 1973 and spent much of his life as a missionary serving in the Philippines, Indonesia and West Australia. He has led many retreats and Life in the Spirit Seminars in several countries, including the USA.

Fr Tony is a member of the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). He is currently at the MGL Sydney Mission. He serves the parishes of St Declan's, Penhurst and Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst. Along with his parish duties, he helps groups with retreats, days of reconciliation and healing services.