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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

**25-26 September 2021
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

It is part of Christian doctrine that only Christians can be saved. No one comes to the Father except by Christ ([John 14:6](#)). This is a view that can encourage tribalism.

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, the apostles see someone who is not among the group of Christ's disciples but who is casting out demons in the name of Christ anyway. When the apostles perceive the man doing a miracle in Christ's name, they tell him to stop it. As the apostles see it, unless a person is a member of their group, their tribe, he is an outsider; and, as an outsider, he is not among the saved. In the view of the apostles, that is why there is something wrong about that outsider's using God's power to do miracles.

In response, Christ defends the outsider and rebukes the tribalism of his apostles. "Whoever is not against us is for us," Christ tells the disciples. The outsider has not joined the disciples, and he doesn't know the doctrines or customs that the disciples are learning from Christ. But, in Christ's view, he is still one of Christ's own. So it is true that no one comes to the Father except by Christ.

An outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But this requirement makes Christ the one necessary and sufficient condition for salvation. It doesn't say anything about any of the other ways by which members of a group usually identify themselves. As Christ sees that outsider, the man meets the one requisite condition for salvation: he is for Christ. And so, in Christ's view, that outsider counts as one of those who come to the Father by Christ, even if he is not an official member of Christ's disciples.

But then, you might say, who doesn't count as one of Christ's own? Who actually is against Christ? In effect, Christ answers these questions by giving an example of a group destined for perdition. It is the group of those who draw children away from the Lord or who make the vulnerable and helpless worse than they otherwise would be. Those in that group would be better off being dropped into the sea with millstones around their necks, Christ says.

So here is what we need to remember. Even Judas was a member of the official tribe of Christ's disciples; but in the end Judas was not one of Christ's own. Real membership in the group of those who are Christ's own depends on being for Christ, and for those he loves.

2. CWF: Message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher

“100 years ago, when the world was struggling with the Spanish Flu, Christians offered their aid and resources to house and heal the sick, providing food, nursing and companionship to those affected.

Sadly, our current COVID-19 pandemic has not only killed millions, made others sick, and brought so much of ordinary life to a halt: it has also left many feeling isolated, lonely, abandoned, and despairing.

Now, more than ever, our community needs the Gospel message of love and its fruits in ministries of mercy.”

We appreciate this is a very difficult time for everyone, but it is also the reason why we need to support our Charitable Works Fund, which in turn supports Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and many other ministries in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Please contact the Parish Secretary via email so that donation information can be forwarded to you. Alternatively, you can go the Sydney Archdiocese website and follow the prompts. We appreciate your generosity in this current climate.

To watch Archbishop Anthony Fisher’s message, open the link:

<https://catholicarchdioceseofsydney.cmail19.com/t/r-l-trmhyyd-bnujuiukt-j/>

3. Visits for Holy Communion

With the relaxation of some covid rules and with the government allowing visitors to a residence within the LGA Fr Kene may be able to visit some families in our Parish that would like Holy Communion. Fr Kene is available to visit only five families after the 9am Mass each Sunday. The rules state they must be the same people and all adults in the household must be fully vaccinated. If you would like a visit, please email the Parish office. Please note that first five families who sent emails will be visited every Sunday.

4. 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.

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 if this is not completed you may not volunteer at any ministry requiring Working with Children Checks. Please make this a priority.***

6. Church Donations

With the lockdown now in place for a little longer and 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. Thank you for your generosity

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. Testing Clinic

A covid testing clinic is now open in our Church carpark. Medlab has been set up to assist our community in providing testing. They are available seven days per week from 8am until 4pm.

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.

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.

10. 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.

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@stanthonystral.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>

Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248

Passcode: 90pfig

13. Transformative Grief

Grief impacts us all, at different times and in unexpected ways. The only choice we have as we experience grief is how we respond to it. In this unusual time of collective and individual grief in our society, Emily Cash, Psy.D., offers skills for engaging the grieving process in a healthy way. For more details, visit <https://www.sliconnect.org/product/transformative-grief/>

14. Mass Intentions

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

15. Holy Hour Online

You are invited to join with Catholics across the Archdiocese to pray for our parish communities, our city and our nation. This will take the form of a simple online holy hour on Thursday 30 September, 7 – 8:30 PM. Further information and the registration link can be found at:

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

16. 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

Dates to Remember

Monday 27 September—St Vincent de Paul

Wednesday 29 September—Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael (archangels)

Thursday 30 September—St Jerome

Friday 1 October—St Therese of the Child Jesus



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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:

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

Anniversaries:

Jerome Igboanugo Ekwensi, Fillipo Musso, Carlo Agostino, Giuseppina Carbone, Vera and Angelina Najdek, Lucija Beuk, Gerald Onwukwe, Mary Low

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