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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

**16-17 October 2021
Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to
give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear
him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep
them alive in famine.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, James and John ask Jesus if they can sit on his right and
on his left in his glory. The other ten apostles are indignant when they learn of
it. In response to the apostles' indignation, Jesus gives them a lesson in glory.
On worldly views, the great ones are the rulers. On Jesus' view, the servants are
the truly great ones. Real glory doesn't come from lording it over others, but
from serving others. Jesus is most glorious in his crucifixion, when he has lost
everything but love.

Jesus does not rebuke James and John for their request. He grants it.

So Jesus' response to the indignation of the apostles shows us that they were
thinking of glory as kingship. And they were indignant with James and John,
because they thought that kind of kingship was what James and John were
asking Jesus for.

But notice that Jesus does not respond to James and John by explaining to them
what true glory is. What Jesus says to James and John shows us what those two
apostles were thinking, just as Jesus' response to the others shows us what
they were indignant about.

To James and John, Jesus says, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" This is the
cup that Jesus prayed might pass from him. It is his crucifixion. So James and
John have the right idea of glory. They are not asking for thrones in heaven, as
the other apostles think they are. They are asking whether they might be
crucified with Jesus, on either side of him.

And here is the most powerful thing to notice in this story. Jesus does not
rebuke James and John for their request. He grants it. They *will* drink his cup
with him. But Jesus denies them their request to be beside him in his glory. That
gift is already prepared by God for others, Jesus says. And which others? Well,
for those two thieves, crucified on either side of Jesus. Who else? *
God gave that great gift that James and John wanted, not to any of the
apostles, but to two unknown, low-down, petty criminals.

And what happened?

One of those thieves wasted the gift. The other one was glorious, wasn't he?

2. Some changes in our parish

From 25 October, programs in the church will be as follows:

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 6pm

Wednesday – Friday – 9am

Weekend Masses

Saturday – 5pm

Sunday – 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Sacrament of reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday - 4.15pm – 4.45pm

If you have any issues, please send it through the suggestion box

3. Covid update

Through the effort of our Archbishop Anthony and other Faith Groups, the Premier has recognized that people of Faith worship are more like essential service than a recreation. We now eagerly look forward to the opportunity to gather once more to celebrate our faith and give thanks to God. The re-opening of places of worship will be staged in line with the NSW Government Roadmap. As at Friday 15^h October, these are the details we have:

STAGE ONE – WHEN 70% ARE VACCINATED – ESTIMATED DATE 11 OCTOBER

This stage commences when 70% of eligible people are fully vaccinated (already in place). We were entitled on this date to open churches to the vaccinated only, but the Archbishop has decided that **we will patiently wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach 80% fully vaccinated before re-opening our churches to the public**, and conducting public Masses etc.

However, ceremonies such as Baptisms can be conducted at this stage but for families who are fully vaccinated (apart from children not yet eligible for vaccination). People should still wear masks and maintain social distancing during these ceremonies at this stage. Fr Kene is still available to visit some families after 9am Sunday Mass for pastoral reasons like Holy communion. Please email the Parish office if you would like a priest's visit for certain pastoral and welfare services. Please note that no more than the same five families will be able to utilize this service.

Other stages will be communicated as and when due.

4. Covid Marshals

Given the rules are quite strict with check-ins and numbers we would like to have two covid marshalls at each mass. This will mean that they ensure everyone has signed in via the QR code or manually on paperwork at the front desk, everyone is abiding by the four-square metre rule and no one walks in after we have reached our threshold. Please consider assisting Fr Kene in this role which will make for a safer environment for all in our community. Your health and safety are our priority.

5. Livestream masses

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. This is expected to continue until we move out of 4 sq. metre rule. We will keep you updated of any further advice received from the Government. In the meantime, please keep safe.

6. Florist

Every week the church needs to be set up for the weekend masses. This includes fresh flowers, watering the plants, ensuring the cloths on the altar adhere with the Church calendar. Are you able to assist in this role in our Parish? It will only be one hour per week. Also, if you have a garden and you wish to donate any surplus flowers or plants to fill up our vases, please contact the Parish secretary.

7. Cleaning

We are now getting ready to reopen and with that, the Church will need a clean. If anyone is able to assist on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 10am please meet our Parish Secretary at the church. You do not need to be part of the cleaning roster to assist in this role. If you have some time, it would be wonderful if you could assist. Many hands mean light work. Please contact the Parish Secretary if you are able to assist. To the wonderful cleaners of our Parish the cleaning roster will resume the week beginning 1st November 2021.

8. Ministries

With Churches reopening a roster will be put back into place for lectors, acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers. Please note that you will have to have the following in place to help in any Parish

1. Volunteer Registration – Acceptance Form
2. Read and signed a Code of Conduct
3. Completed a Safeguarding Workshop either online or with our Safety Officer Natasha Steimbessier
4. Completed a Working Children Check with Service NSW

If you are not sure if you have completed any or all of the above, please contact the Parish Secretary. It is important that we take these guidelines seriously as they are a directive from the Catholic Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office. Our Parish along with other Parishes are under an obligation to forward all information to Head Office twice per year. Thank you to those who have responded.

9. Advent Program

Advent begins on the weekend of 27-28 November 2021 in the Church's calendar. We again invite all Parishioners and visitors to our Parish to join the Advent program this year. The Program will begin on Tuesday evening 22 November 2021 in the Church cry room after 6pm Mass (around 6.30pm). If you are interested in partaking in this Program, please advise the Parish Secretary. If you would like to lead the program, please contact the Office or Fr Kene.

10. Office Hours

The office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are limited so if it is unattended, please continue to email or leave a message on the answering machine.

11. Testing Clinic

A covid testing clinic is now on site in our Church carpark. Medlab has set up to assist our community in providing testing. They are available seven days per week from 8am until 4pm and will be offsite during weekend Masses when we resume officially.

12. Rosary Prayer Group via Zoom

This will continue until we open the church to the public. It is held each Thursday at 5.30pm. Please consider attending as it is a good way to observe the October Devotion.

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. 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.

14. 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@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. Thank you for your generosity

15. November Envelopes and Mass Intentions.

November is the month we remember our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. November envelopes are available for you to write their names and submit to the parish office or give to Fr Kene. Their names will be published on our parish Book of Life and will be placed at the Altar and prayers offered throughout November Masses.

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 . There are many articles that may interest you.

17. Your invitation to Family Christian Meditation

We can all do with some quiet meditation at this time so on Tuesdays between 2pm-2:30pm for the first four weeks of Term 4 your whole family can join us for a zoom meditation session. These sessions will be led by Ivanka Rancic from Sydney Catholic Schools, Mission and Identity team. We will join together with families from Holy Spirit Carnes Hill and St Catherine of Siena at Prestons. It is an opportunity to learn different ways to find calm in our days. If you would like to attend, please complete this expression of interest form and we will send you reminders for each of the events. Any questions please feel free to give me a call on 0416277334

18. All Saints Day and All Souls Day

With the return to public masses due to begin on 25th October 2021 there are a few days in the Church calendar where we come to celebrate outside our weekend masses which may interest you.

This year we will hold the following masses to acknowledge All Saints and All Souls Day

Monday 1st November – All Saints Day – 7pm

Tuesday 2nd November – All Souls Day – 9am and 7pm

Given we are still subject to the four-square metre rule in church and numbers and seating is restrictive, it is important that you book for any mass with which you would like to attend. Bookings will commence on 26th October 2021 for the two masses. The Parish secretary will be in the office to take the bookings via telephone or you can email our office at admin@stanthonyaustral.org.

19. Remembrance Mass

In November, there will also be a Remembrance Mass for all our deceased loved ones especially those who died in the last 12 months, on 11 Nov at 7pm. Due to Covid restrictions, all may not participate physically but it will be livestreamed via our parish Facebook. Physical attendance will be communicated in due course.

20. Hall Keys

We would like to know who may be holding any keys to the Parish Hall, if so, could you please let the parish office know. Please call the parish office or send us email once restrictions are over. Thank you for your cooperation.

21. Safeguarding Workshop

A safeguarding workshop will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 6pm. Please note if you require a safeguarding certificate if you will be required to attend this workshop on this date. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Secretary to register your name. If you are not sure whether you are required to complete this course please contact the Parish Office.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 18 October 2021—St Luke

Friday 22 October 2021— Pope John Paul II

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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

Anniversaries:

Vince Camilleri, iFr Zenon Grodz, Jerome Igboanugo Ekwensi, Fillipo Musso,

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, 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





Our next Foster Care Information session

Our October online information sessions will be held on the following date:

- **27 October** 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Those interested can register by [clicking on this link](#). Family Spirit's Information Sessions provide interested parties with an opportunity to learn about:

why children come into care

the process of becoming a carer

support available to foster carers.

For more information, please call our CCareline on 13 18 19 or visit familyspirit.org



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