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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

2-3 October 2021
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven, and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven. you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him to the soul that seeks him.

Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

In the [Gospel](#) Reading Christ as a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry?

Who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? The [First Reading](#) describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the [First Reading](#), God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

2. Total Dependence on God

The Readings today, on the surface, are about marriage and divorce, but it seems to me that they really have something to say about relationship and how we apply God's principles in our daily lives including our marital lives. In his teaching on the institution of marriage, Jesus takes us to the original plan of God for man and woman who are entering into marital union. It highlights the complementarity of marriage as an expression of the inner drive for husband and wife to find themselves in each other.

In order to perpetuate this original plan of God, we are called to take ourselves like a little child who has an unalloyed trust and confidence in the unlimited ability of his parents. Children exude innocence and dependence as they grow to adulthood. Our total dependence on God's principles will support our healthy relationship in all aspects of our life including marriage. If we can forgive, support and apply common sense for the good of the other, we will be saved from many breakdowns of life including marriage, relationship, mental and emotional wellbeing.

However, we are called to show compassion and understanding to those who had to go through the process of divorce especially when the failed marriage is as a result of deep flaws in one of the partners. Majority did not have divorce or separation as a plan before committing themselves in such union. We pray for healing, understanding, forgiveness, fidelity and fruitful love in the two flesh that has become one through the sacrament of matrimony.

3. Covid update

The month of October looks promising in terms of lifting the lockdown restrictions. Through the effort of our Archbishop Anthony and other Faith Groups, the Premier has recognized that people of Faith worship is 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. These are the details as we presently understand them.

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

This stage commences when 70% of eligible people are fully vaccinated – this is expected to be 11 October.

Even though we would be entitled on this date to open churches to the vaccinated only, 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 Marshalls

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. Covid 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.

6. 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.

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

7. Baptisms

We are now in the process of rescheduling baptisms. Thank you to those who were accommodating with the new dates and rules.

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. Please take these rules and regulations seriously. They have been handed down by the Catholic Archdiocese Safeguarding Office. Parishes need to forward all the information to Head Office twice per year and therefore all procedures need to be followed.

9. Advent Program

Advent begins on the weekend of 27-28 November 2021 in the Church. We will 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. 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 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.

11. 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.

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. 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
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. 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. 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 some interesting articles for you in this weekend's edition'.

16. 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

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 4 October 2021— St Francis of Assisi

Tuesday 5 October 2021—St Faustina Kowalska

Wednesday 6 October 2021—St Bruno

Thursday 7 October 2021—Our Lady of the Rosary



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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:

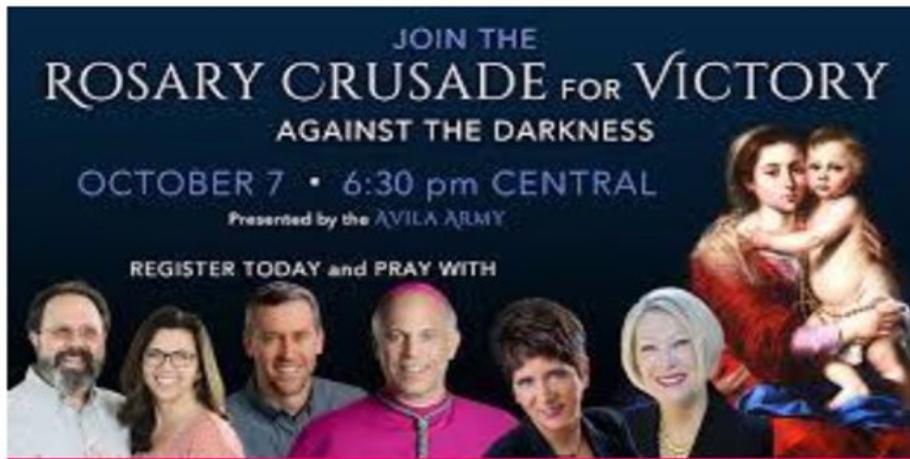
Ian & Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, James Dimech, Jean Poles, Hanee Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Carmela Garzaniti, Rene D'Silva , Mrs Mary Vella, Lena Xerri, Anita and Anthony Zappia, Charito San Jose, Flossy 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



Dear friends,

We have something very exciting to share with you.

Even in this time of worry, confusion, and darkness, there are tremendous signs of hope, including a renewed devotion to Our Lady and the power of the rosary, and a firmer trust in her promise at **FATIMA** that *"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."*

In that spirit, we are inviting you to gather to pray the rosary with other believers around the world as Ralph Martin, Lila Rose, Kimberly Hahn, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Boniface Hicks, Fr. Josh Johnson, Chris Stefanick, and many other Catholic teachers and influencers lead us through the sacred mysteries.

This will be a live, worldwide, virtual event at 6:30 pm central on October 7, 2021—yes, that's right, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary! You will need to register in advance to receive the link to join in. Here's where to sign up:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/avilafoundation/568089#>.

We are asking you to share this information with all of your praying family and friends. Imagine what will happen as thousands gather to pray with Our Lady's weapon in hand! Encouraged to gather together and watch, pray, and participate as a community. Make an evening of it!

Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!

For **we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what **we have SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

In three weeks, Catholic Mission will share the essential mission work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies during their time of need.

You will have the opportunity to respond to this great work and help Sister Chalaad reach out to more mothers and their babies.

Please come with an open and generous heart.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

