



## 23-24 October 2021 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



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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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

### **What Do You Want?**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**Today we celebrate the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

In the [Gospel Reading](#) blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him. At this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does find his way to him, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind! **Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.**

And when Jesus heals him and Bartimaeus can see, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved? Here we need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he *really* wants before Jesus asks him. Then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire—and Bartimaeus finds it: I want to *see*. Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing the Truth himself.

So Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going away, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him. Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted.

And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

## 2. Welcome

To you my parishioners and visitors to our parish, I join in welcoming you all to this 2021 post lockdown liturgical gathering. We all have missed our liturgical celebrations, our community gathering and more so, our meeting with Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. But we know that God is with us through out the lockdown we couldn't go to church. We thank Him for the virtue of patience and calm.

If you know anyone from our parish who had the virus or died of Covid and would like us to reach out to the person or the family, please let me know or let the person contact me. This will be treated with utmost confidentiality. All we want is to make sure you are having the necessary support you need and our prayers and thoughts as parish community are with you.

The healing of the blind man in today's gospel who then became His disciple shows that God can remove any obstacle that prevents us from being His true witnesses. May the Lord heal us physically and spiritually in order to be true followers of His gospel.

### 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. 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](https://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.

## 4. Bookings and Protocol

We ask that you please book. It is so important that you assist us with this request. Bookings via the phone will be cut off by Thursday at 4pm. Once you arrive to the Church, please allow yourself some extra time to check in and cross your name off the list. Please show the covid marshal that you have checked in. We ask that you follow the rules once you have entered the church such as sanitizing yourself and remaining at 1.5m distance from each other except if you are of the same household. Thank you for your patience and your understanding. Please note that masks are compulsory.

## 5. 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, ensure 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.

## 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

Thank you to everyone that assisted in cleaning last Thursday morning. Our church is now ready for mass. Your help was greatly appreciated. Please note that the cleaning roster will commence on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

## 8. Safeguarding Workshop

A safeguarding workshop will be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6pm. If you are interested and require a safeguarding certificate, please contact the Parish Secretary to register your name.

## **9 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.

### **10. 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.

### **11. Office Hours**

The office is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please email any enquiries or leave a message on the answering machine any other days.

### **12. 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.

### **13. 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  
Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248  
Passcode: 90pfig

### **14. Mass Intentions**

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

### **15. 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](mailto: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

### **16. 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.

### **17. 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.

## 18. All Saints Day and All Souls Day

With the return to public masses due to begin on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day – 7pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:admin@stanthonysaustral.org).

## 19. 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.

## 20. Columbian Mission 2022 Calendar

This calendar will be placed at the back of the Church for sale. They will be \$10.00 please place money in the poor box if you wish to purchase a 2022 Calendar.

## 21. Planned Giving Envelopes

For those Parishioners who are yet to pick up their Planned Giving envelopes for the 2022 Financial year please do so now that churches are open. Please email the Parish Secretary if you wish to be become a Planned Giver or will not have an opportunity to pick your envelopes up from the Church. Thank you to all the parishioners who donate to our Parish. Your support is appreciated.



## 22. Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Your generosity donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf).

## 23. Confirmation

The postponed confirmation has now been rescheduled to Friday 3 December 2021 at 7.00pm. We have also scheduled Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.00pm just to ensure that all families are accommodated for given our limited capacity in numbers allowed in the church for each mass. If you are interested in your child being confirmed please email the sacramental co-ordinator on [sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org) for further information. Please note your child must be in year 6 or older.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

### *Dates to Remember*

*Thursday 28th October 2021—Sts Simon and Jude*

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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, Fr 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](mailto: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*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
30-31 October 2021

Ministry	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5pm
Acolyte	Jim Cassidy	Paul Bonanno	George Ajkay	Volunteer
Reader 1	Nicole Hext	Pasqualina Catanzariti	Frances Musso	Mark O’Neill
Reader 2	Julie Dimech	Kylie Xerri	Maria Zucco	Patrick O’Neill
Counters: 2 November 2021: Ted and Ted				