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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday—6pm

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

**30-31 October 2021
Thirtyfirst Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B**



Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I love you Lord, my strength

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, a scribe asks Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?”

Maybe the point of asking this question is like the point of asking, “what are the most important requirements for this course?” A student who wants that information is trying to figure out what is crucial for passing the course. In his view, if he does the most important thing, maybe he doesn’t have to do everything else.

What person among us loves God with all his heart?

In response to the scribe’s question, Jesus tells him not only the commandment that is the first of all but also the one that is second. Taken together the two commandments cover the ground. “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength..... [And] you shall love your neighbour as yourself.*”

So if the scribe does just the most important things, he will have done pretty close to everything, won’t he? If he was hoping for a way to get through without doing everything required for the kingdom of heaven, these two commandments will show him that he hasn’t got a chance. If he doesn’t do everything, he will have done virtually nothing, because he will have failed at the most important stuff.

There is something that the scribe likes about the answer of Jesus: it privileges morality above ritual. And so the scribe thinks that he has found *something* that isn’t crucial for getting into heaven. *Yes*, the scribe says to Jesus affirmingly, *obeying these two commandments is better than sacrifice*. Jesus doesn’t disagree. But what he says to the scribe is, “you are not far from the kingdom of God.”

Not far?! How can the scribe be distant in *any* way if he understands these commandments and accepts them as most important for the kingdom of heaven?

But here is the thing to see. What person among us loves God with all his heart? Who loves his neighbour as himself? If obeying these commandments is the most important thing for getting into heaven, what hope is there for anybody?

The answer is—Jesus. He is the Savior, who came to rescue people from their failures to obey the most important commandments.

All true hope of the kingdom of heaven lies in him.

2. Welcome Back

If this is your first time coming to this church in this post lockdown, **WELCOME BACK**. I am very happy to gather again with you all in this house of God to celebrate the Eucharist. Make yourself comfortable by acclimatizing yourself with our Covid restriction routines. The details are on the bulletin on how to register with QR scan, sanitize your hands with alcohol on the two side walls on the entrance to the church and mark off or write your name on the sheet of paper provided. These are to be done before taking the bulletin, taking the wipes on the table and signing yourself with holy water from the holy water dispenser.

Today's gospel reiterates the connection between our vertical and horizontal love to God and to our fellow human beings respectively. Our love for God is not and should not be an abstract configuration in the mind. It is seen from our love for others. One of the little ways we can show this is to help encourage others to come back to our community worship in the sacrifice of Mass. Our priority is for the safety of everyone and so, Covid will not hinder us from reciprocating God's love for us.

3 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. Thank you to those who assisted over the weekend.

4. 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.

5. Covid Marshalls

Given the rules are quite strict with check-ins and numbers we would like to have two covid marshals 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. Rosters

A new roster has been sent to all readers, acolytes and counters in our Parish. A hard copy is also available on request. The Cleaning roster was drawn up until Christmas. Please continue to work off that roster. If for some reason you cannot attend to your ministry, this includes the cleaners, please contact the Parish Secretary so alternative arrangements can be made. If you would like to be part of any volunteering at this Parish in roles such as cleaning, preparing the flowers for our Church, reading or counting please also contact the Parish Secretary. Your help is greatly appreciated.

8. 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.

9. Remembrance Mass

On Thursday 11th November at 7pm there will be a remembrance Mass for all our deceased loved ones especially those who died in the last 12 months,. 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.

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. Confirmation

A reminder that this Sunday at 5pm there will be a compulsory Confirmation Information evening held after the 5pm mass in the Church. Attendance is compulsory with one parent and all children celebrating this Sacrament are to attend. Please email the Sacramental Co-ordinator on sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org for any information.

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)

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Meeting ID: 879 7904 7248

Passcode: 90pfig

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. Church Donations

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

16. All Saints Day and All Souls Day

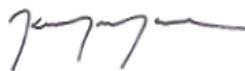
With the return to public masses due to begin on 25th October 2021 there are a few days in the Church calendar where we come to celebrate outside our weekend masses which may interest you. This year we will hold the following masses to acknowledge All Saints and All Souls Day

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@stanthonysaustral.org.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 1st November 2021—All Saints Day

Tuesday 2nd November 2021— The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Thursday 4th November—St Charles Borromeo

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- **Hold the line!** Archbishop urges NSW to stay strong on anti-slavery law
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- **Hayden Ramsay:** The new normal? The challenges in working from home permanently
- **Domestic Church:** Maronite faith in the home
- Justice for refugees
- Domus Australia (Fr Bob)



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

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:

Maria Camilleri, 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

An elderly man with white hair, wearing a yellow polo shirt, is sitting on a wicker chair outdoors. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In the background, there are green trees and a blue sky. The advertisement includes the Catholic Healthcare logo, a list of services, and contact information.

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Are you or a loved one in need of extra support?

Call now 1300 883 261 for a chat with our friendly team.