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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

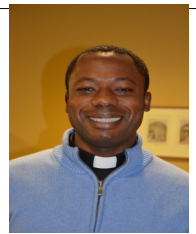
4.15pm—4.45pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: Every 2 months - check
bulletin for dates

9-10 October 2021
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom
of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who
seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit
eternal life?” In response, Jesus says to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go,
sell what you have, and give to the poor”.

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a
house, a car, a bed. And that’s just the beginning, isn’t it? There’s also the
computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up
religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed.
And so Jesus’ exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually
taken as a call to religious life. Understood in that way, Jesus’ advice to the rich
young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do
to be perfect in *this* life.

But here’s a puzzle worth noticing. You don’t have to be perfect to go to
heaven. You don’t have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven.
But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: “What
must I do to inherit eternal life?” And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young
man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A
counsel of perfection is by its nature *not* an answer to the rich young man’s
question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich
young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else?

Does *everybody* have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don’t
sell everything you have, are you going to hell?

The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking
Jesus the question: he is the *rich* young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his
wealth. Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of
music, of many other things. But whatever a person’s gifts are, they are meant
to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your
gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus
and use your gifts to the full when you do.

2. Some changes in our parish

We are almost there – by 25 October, the church doors in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will open to the public. We will again have the opportunity to gather as one parish family around the Lord's table in the Lord's house to worship Him. He has not been away from us. He has been with us in our pandemic and lockdown journey, showing Himself and His face in the good things we do. The action of Christ has manifested in our lives through the virtue of patience which we have shown by observing the Covid rules and the restrictions.

But to have the opportunity to gather as we used to, as a community and in the house of God in worship, is a special blessing we cherish. So many faces have not seen each other in the past few months and what a privilege to hear how we have differently and individually endured this time of lockdown. Let us hold each other in prayer and in anticipation of the day when we will see face to face.

And in the meantime, it is good that we note some changes in our Mass times. 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 8th October, these are the details we have:

STAGE ONE – 70% VACCINATED

Though NSW are now 70% fully vaccinated this stage is to be activated on 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 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. 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 have been directed to be off site during our weekend Mass times.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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/>

13. 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

14. 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.

15. November Envelopes and Mass Intentions.

In the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. November envelopes are available in the church for you to write the names of the deceased you would like to remember. Please submit the envelope to the Parish Office or pass it onto Fr Kene. This is open from now and until the end of November.

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

17. 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@stanthonystraustral.org.

18. Remembrance Mass

Still on the month of November, there will 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.

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.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 11 October 2021—St John XXIII Pope

Thursday 14 October 2021—St Callistus I

Friday 15 October 2021—St Teresa of 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:

Fr Zenon Grodz, 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

