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Sacramental Life

<u>Celebration of the Eucharist:</u> <u>Mass Schedule:</u> 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

<u>Sick Calls</u>: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation with Funeral Directors.

13-14 November 2021 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness,

to place my hope in God the Lord.

Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

In the <u>First Reading</u> and also in the <u>Gospel Reading</u>, there is a prophecy about a time to come that will be very bad. The First Reading says that in that bad time God's people will escape the trouble. In another Gospel, Jesus says that in that bad time Christians will be hated, afflicted, and killed (<u>Mt 24:9</u>).

So what does happen to Christians in bad times? Do they lose and lose and lose, as the Gospel of Matthew says? Or do they win by escaping the trouble, as the First Reading says?

Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity

But what is losing? Is losing a matter of being hated, afflicted and killed? Christ was hated, afflicted and killed, too. And yet Christ did not lose on the cross, did he? He won.

And here we should notice that, in both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, there are *two* endings of the story of a human life, not just one. There is the end of the story in this world, when Christ's true disciples will be hated and afflicted. And then there is the real and final end of the story, at the last judgment, where each person will see himself as he really is.

At that last chapter of each human story, the <u>First Reading</u> says, some people will be seen as the horror and disgrace that they really are. Others will shine like the splendor of the stars. The winners in the battle of life, those who shine like stars, are those who have turned many to justice, the <u>Reading</u> says. Acting with courage and integrity for justice, goodness, and truth can get a person hated, afflicted, and even killed, can't it?

And now we can see what it is to escape bad times. Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity, honored by the world around you. Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good.

This is an escape that God will give anyone who is willing to take up his cross daily.

And so the losing that is the cross, the willingness to be hated and afflicted for the sake of justice—that is the way to the final winning where God's people shine with the splendor of the stars.

3. New Rules

For the sake of clarity:

- Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- The only limit on attendance within a church is now the density limit: following the most recent update, that is now one person per 2sqm.
- Masks must be worn while inside a church.
- Only the members of choir (fully vaccinated) are permitted to sing and can remove their masks only while singing.

Our church is now allowed to accept more parishioners in mass. This is great news especially as we approach our Advent Season. No bookings are required at all four masses. However, you will still be required to sign your name on the sign in sheet and check in using the QR codes Your safety and our Parish's safety is a priority.

4. Columban 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. No Livestream masses

With the 2 sq metre rule now in place, we will stop our Sunday livestream masses. You will be updated if this decision changes.

8. Confirmation

Our Confirmation program has now commenced. We ask that you keep the children of our Parish in your thoughts and prayers.

9. 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.

10. CWF Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend. Your generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make adonation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

11. 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 23 November 2021 in 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.

12. Hampers

We understand this year has hit some families harder than others. The Liverpool Catholic Club have asked our Parish to pass on hampers to those in our Parish in need on their behalf. If you would like a food hamper please contact the Parish Office. All information will be kept confidential.

13. Parish Vision

Please see flyer on the next page

14. Getting Our Church Ready for Christmas

Advent is fast approaching and therefore our Church needs to be ready for this celebration. If you could spare some time on Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 9am to assist with the Christmas Tree and preparing the altar please contact the Parish Secretary. Children are always welcome to help.

15. Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

'That Catholic Shop' stocks a great supply of Christmas items to decorate your house or to gift to family and friends. The proceeds of your purchases go to support persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world! Visit: <u>www.thatcatholicshop.com/christmas</u>.

16. Christmas Confession

Our Christmas confession is as follows: Date: 16 Dec, 2021 Time: 6:30pm The is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Christmas celebration. You are invited.

17. Catholic Club Christmas Carols

Given that the Liverpool Catholic Club is unable to hold their annual Christmas Carols on the oval due to capacity restrictions, they are now holding a smaller indoor concert in their auditorium on Sunday 5th December at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 and will be available from 10/11/21 from the rear foyer of the Club or via their website **liverpoolcatholic.com.au**. A flyer is on the Noticeboard if you require further information.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Baptisms in the Parish

Levi Anthony Godfrey Son of Sean and Chantelle And Alara Eve Cengiz Daughter of Ilhan and Olivia And Melvin Frederick Michael Son of Michael and Monisha



Dates to Remember

Monday 15 November - St Albert the Great

Wednesday 17 November – St Elizabeth of Hungary

Thursday 18 November—The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

The Catholic Weekly is now available to purchase *(please place \$2 in the poor box)*

- ACT NOW! Archbishop urges all to oppose Euthanasia
- It's a miracle! Prayers for Cleo answered, says priest
- Dooley's drops the Catholic label
- New lease of life for St Agnes
- Movie review: *Eternals*
- An exceptional Catholic man. Meet Sydney's 'thief of hearts'

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

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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:

Pasquale Cantanzariti, Rodney Kelsey, Christine Cselka, Natalina Tallarico Anniversaries:

Carmelo Cilia, Grace Cilia, Syliva Farrugia, George Velso, Donald D'Souza, Maria Camilleri, Vince Camilleri,

Also for:

Antonio Pisano, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, Paolo Politio, The Departed Members of the Legion of Mary, Deceased members of the Vella Family,

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



Creating a Vision

Austral is a growing area, and our parish has the opportunity to be at the heart of the Catholic community in south west Sydney.

We want to hear your views about the future of St Anthony's. All ideas are welcome as we create a shared vision for our parish.

Join us at one of three parish information sessions to have your say:

Saturday 27 November after 5pm Mass Sunday 28 November after 7:30am and 9am Masses