



**ST ANTHONY OF
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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

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation
with Funeral Directors.

6-7 November 2021
Thirty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B



Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your
presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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

The [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus puts the scribes down. He says they wear
odd clothes and make long prayers in order to get noticed; and they want
to be noticed because they love being honored. They also prey on
widows.

Although Jesus noticed her, she wasn't trying to get noticed.

Widows tend to have little money and less power. A person who preys on
widows is really dishonorable. But the scribes are dishonorable even just
in striving for honor, aren't they? If you saw your mother trying hard to get
to be honored by others, you'd be ashamed for her, wouldn't you? There
is something shameful about trying to get honor.

It follows that Christians should not care about honor. In fact, if a person
who seeks honor is shameful, then it seems that a person who strives not
to care about honor is honorable. And so it seems that it ought to be a
point of honor with Christians that they disdain honor.

But here things can begin to slide out of control.

Suppose you seek the honor of disdaining honor. Does *this* seeking after
honor make you like the scribes? If it is shameful to seek after honor, is
it *also* shameful to seek after the honor of disdaining honor?

And if it is shameful to strive for honor and also shameful to strive to
disdain honor, is there any road at all to honor?

It is worth noticing that in the [Gospel](#) Reading, Jesus singles out a widow
for honor. Poor as she is, she is giving from the little she has in order to
help those who are needier than she is. Jesus praises her and points her
out as an exemplar of goodness. To be praised by Jesus is to be
honored indeed!

So how did that widow get this singular honor?

The first thing to notice about her is that she wasn't striving for honor, as
the scribes were. Although Jesus noticed her, she wasn't trying to get
noticed.

And the second thing to notice about her is that she wasn't trying to
disdain honor either. The only thing she was trying to do is to help those
in need.

And so her behavior shows the solution to the puzzle about honor. The
only true road to honor is to love the good and pay no attention at all to
honor one way or another.

2. 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.

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. 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. 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.

5. 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.

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. Remembrance Mass

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. **If you would like to attend please book with the Parish Secretary.** We have limited spacing in the church available for this mass. In the meantime, if you would like the name of anyone who has passed away in the last 12 months read out, please contact the Parish Office or send an email.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Confirmation

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

11. 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.

12. Christmas Confession

Our Christmas confession is as follows:

Date: 16 Dec, 2021
Time: 6:30pm

There is an excellent opportunity to prepare for the Christmas celebration. You are invited.

13. Parish Vision

Please see flyer on the next page

14. 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.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 9 November 2021— The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Mass common of Dedication of Church

Wednesday 10 November 2021— St Leo the Great

Thursday 11 November—St Martin of Tours

Friday 12 November—St Josaphat

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

- Archbishop slams Victorian laws: 'It's another attack on religions'
- Our heroic frontline healthworkers: Meet some of those fighting Covid
- Work from home? New realities also bring new challenges
- Faith's no obstacle to politics: Kristina Keneally on Premier Perrottet
- Movie review: *Stories of a Generation*
- From Communist to Catholic? Kevin Donnelly's not your average academic

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:

Christine Cselka, Natalina Tallarico,

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



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
