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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.

18-19 December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C



Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Dear Parishioners,
The Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C



There is peace for the troubled psyche of every person too. God turns In the Readings for Sunday, there is the sketch of a wonderful world. In that world there are angels, who take care of human beings. There is a ruler, who shepherds people and protects them. By his power and his goodness he brings peace to all the earth.

What world are the writers of the Readings living in?

Each unsettled, uneasy, unhappy heart to himself. And, turned to God, every heart can be at peace. There is salvation from sin and even holiness. God has redeemed his people and consecrated them to himself. They are the saints of God.

And there is glory.

Who was this Elizabeth? An ordinary Jewish woman of her time, distinguished by her barrenness and not much more. And yet look at her in the Gospels, filled with the Holy Spirit and exercising the office of prophet to Mary, mother of the Lord. She is glorious in this story, isn't she? In the world sketched by the Readings there is the glory and beauty of holiness available for all God's people.

But consider the everyday world we live in. Do we find angels, majestic rulers, goodness protecting the people, peace in the world, holiness in our hearts, glory in our lives? Look around the mall, listen to the news media. What world are the writers of the Readings living in? And yet our own experience of grace gives us hope in the world of the Readings, doesn't it?

The ugliness and the evil, so easy to see, overlies a deeper reality, which we can sense in the quiet moments of our lives when, like Mary, we are open to the call of the Lord. The everyday world of the mall and the news media, which looks so compelling, is a thin thing which will crumple and dissolve in time. What will remain is the world we hear about in Sunday's Readings.

In Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms!" ([Dt 33:27](#)). Underneath, in the refuge of the everlasting arms, is where the truth of the Readings lies. And the Truth behind the Readings lies in the womb of Mary, waiting to be born.

2. Merry Christmas and Happy holiday

On behalf of our Parish family, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Please take the time to rest, recharge and connect with loved ones. Those who are able to travel to visit family or for leisure, we wish you safe travels. The pandemic and its restrictions have affected us in many ways but I hope we take this time rest and reconnect.

I don't know yet if I would be traveling or not as there are some hitches along the line I need to sort out. You will hear more if I'm traveling in the first week of January. May we continue to pray for one another and encourage each other.

3. Parish Assembly

Thank you to those who participated in the organisation and helped in the Parish Assembly especially members of the Parish Council and St. Anthony of Padua School Principal, Mrs Lea De Angelis. Thanks to all the parishioners who have been helping in various ministries this year. Thanks too to those who participated in the Mass and the gathering in the hall. We hope to apply our experience and your feedback in our various activities and ministries next year.

4. For the sake of clarity:

NSW Health has announced a further easing of restrictions on churches, effective from 15th December.

There will no longer be restrictions placed on attendance at Mass.

Face masks are no longer mandatory.

To attend Masses, no bookings are required at all the four masses. However, please follow these routines when you come to the church:

- Scan the QR code on the pillars or on the doors at entrance to the church.
- Sanitize your hands with liquid alcohol on the walls on both sides at church foyer.
- Write your name on the sheets of paper provided on the table at church foyer.
- After mass, use the alcohol-soaked wipes to clean your pew and dispose the wipes on the refuse buckets at the church foyer.

Please, **DO NOT** leave the wipes on the pews or on any wooden surface as they corrode the woods and fade the paint on them. Also please stay at home if you feel unwell. Your safety and our Parish's safety are our priority.

5. Volunteers – Important

As we are reaching the end of the year, we would like to begin drafting rosters for next year. However, we need more assistance in all ministries. If you are a young family moving into our Parish, this is a great opportunity for you and your family to start getting involved in our parish activities.

At the moment we are in need of counters, cleaners and anyone that can assist in church preparation for events. We ask that you consider volunteering in our growing Parish. At the back of the church is a volunteer sign up sheet. Please write your name and which ministry you would love to volunteer your time for next year. To all the wonderful parishioners who already volunteer, could you please also indicate which ministry you will continue to assist with in the new year.

6. The Sacristy and Electricals

Our church Sacristy is too small to contain even a few numbers of people who must use it at a given time. Could I ask that if you do not have important need to go in there, especially when the priest, Acolytes and Altar servers (with their parent/s vesting them) are getting ready for Mass, please do not go in. Same goes for electronic gadgets and electricals in the church. They are sophisticatedly wired and a little misapplication can disrupt the whole system. If you do not know how to operate them and you need it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

7. St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners donated items towards St Vincent de Paul. Thank you to Mr Marc Ghignone, Religious Co-ordinator from the College and parishioner Mrs Leanne Ferreri for assisting in delivery of the donated items.

8. Ministries

Thank you to those who already volunteer in our Parish. There may be something that may interest you within the parish such as becoming an acolyte or eucharistic Minister. Next year we hope to run training sessions for ministries such as altar services, acolytes, lectors and eucharistic ministers. If this is something that interests you, please email the parish secretary or perhaps chat with Fr Kene.

9. St Mary's Cathedral Light Show

The Parish Council has organized transport for all Parishioners to the light show at St Mary's Cathedral

Date: Monday 20th December 2021

Time: 5.15pm – 9.30pm

5.15pm Depart Austral from the
Church Carpark to the
Cathedral

6.15pm Approx arrival
into the City where you are free
to view the light show at your
leisure and spend time at the
Cathedral.

9.30pm Depart the City and return to
Austral

Cost: \$16.00 per
person including children
and pensioners

If you are interested,
please contact the Parish
office by email or phone if
you require any information
information or to book your
seat on the bus. Please
note that to secure your seat on the bus
payment is required prior to this event.



There are plenty of food trucks on site so you can enjoy the atmosphere of the light show with a bite to eat and/or a coffee. This is will be a great opportunity to get together as a Parish prior to our Christmas celebrations. Please also note before you enter the bus proof of double vaccination is required to be presented to the bus driver if you are over 16 years. Masks are also compulsory for anyone over the age of 12.

10. Advent Program

Thank you to Wendy Tourle who led the Advent Program. Thank you to all who attended.

11. Parking

Please reserve the parking in the church yard for the elderly seniors who find it difficult to walk a long distance from their car to the church. You may use the street parking on Eleventh Avenue or the carpark between the church and the hall. You may drop off anyone but please reserve the green grass parking area for the seniors of the church.

12. Christmas and Sunday Masses

At this stage we will hold the following masses over Christmas

Christmas Eve—24th December 2021
5.30pm and 7.30pm

Christmas Day—25th December 2021
12 midnight, 7.30am and 9am

Boxing Day—26th December 2021
7.30am , 9am and 5pm

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 21st December 2021—St Peter Canisius

Facebook: www.facebook.com/St-Anthony-of-Padua-Catholic-Church-Austral-584855168825581



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:

Anthony Vella, Vincenzo Camera, Antonino Ieroianni, Emmanuel Musso, Rosalia Tobia, Maurice Flynn, Charlie Vella, Alfina Torrisi, Joan and Emanuel Aquilino, Carmelo Cilia, Grace Cilia, Syliva Farrugia, George Velso, Donald D'Souza, Maria Camilleri, Vince Camilleri,

Also for:

Stephen Vella, Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, and Domencio Crestani, The Agostino and Raso Families, Antonio Pisano, Vincenzo Simone, Michelina Inzitari, Carmelo and Anuizzata Vella, 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, Hane 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

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

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.

Baptisms in the Parish - Welcome to our Faith Community

Sophia Marie Vitocco - Daughter of Domenic and Jessica
Billie Therese Coggan— Daughter of Elizabeth and Michael
Hunter John Sorensen— Son of Shaun and Rochelle



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Climate summit flags ALP shift
Let's recover Christianity: Nine News editor speaks out