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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.

22-23 January 2022
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty
and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good
News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your
faces not be abashed.



Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate the third Sunday
in Ordinary time year C

As [First Reading](#) describes it, when the Jews, newly returned to
Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon, listened to Ezra read God's word,
they were minded to weep.

Who can blame them? Everything around them was so far from what it
ought to be, from what God planned it to be, from what they themselves
wanted it to be. All around them lay the ruins of what Israel and
Jerusalem and the Temple and God's people had once been and were
meant to be.

And who among us fails to understand their attitude?

Joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We look at the mess we have made of the earth, and we are so
discouraged. We see the unspeakable suffering of the afflicted, and we
groan inwardly for our world. We look at the Church itself, which ought to
be the light of the whole broken world; and we are tempted to despair.
We turn inward to our own hearts and what we see there makes us want
to be invisible to others. In safe and quiet moments we are minded to
weep too, like the Jews of Ezra's time.

And so the [last line](#) of the First Reading is more than a little surprising:
the joy of the Lord is our strength!

It is, of course, not surprising to hear that we must be strong. When
everything lies in ruins around you, you can't afford not to be strong.
But being strong is a matter of grim determination and hard work, isn't it?
Not according to the [First Reading](#)! It tells us that our strength lies in joy.
In fact, joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. When a person opens to
God and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in him, then that person becomes
fruitful; and joy is one of the fruits he bears. Because the God he loves is
present in him, he has joy in the presence of his beloved Lord.

But if the Lord himself is with us and for us, what can be against us?
And so the prayer of St Patrick makes sense: Christ with me, Christ
before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me. ... I arise today through the
mighty strength of the Lord.

Who would not rejoice surrounded in this way by the Lord? This is
strength indeed.

2. Protocols

As you enter the church, please follow these protocols:

- Put on your masks (compulsory)
- Scan on 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.
- The church is subject to the 1.5 metre distance rule. Please ensure you and your family maintain a safe distance.
- If you do wish to congregate outside the church please do so safely and away from the main doors.

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.

3. Welfare

Given we are in another wave of covid there might be some people in our parish that need a welfare check in. If there is anyone you would like us to call on your behalf, please notify the parish office.

4. Rosters

Rosters for cleaning and reading for the next month have been drafted and emailed. If you require hard copies, please ask Fr Kene immediately after the weekend Mass and he will make it available to you. Thank you to everyone that assists in all ministries we have in our Church.

5. Volunteers – We need your assistance

We have started drafting rosters for this 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. 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.

8. Ministries

A training session will be organized for Lectors and extra-Ordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist. We ask that you consider being a member of these ministries for growth and evangelization of our parish life. The training will be held in the church on Thursday 17 February 2022 at 7.30pm

If you would like to join in these ministries ring the parish office or send us email to indicate your interest.

Thank you to those who already volunteer in our Parish.

9. Safeguarding Workshops

It has been three years since we first commenced holding safeguarding workshops in line with Archdiocese rules. It is now time for a refresher for those who completed their courses in 2019. Our Parish Safeguarding Officer will soon release dates for workshops which will be held both day and night. For those who are interested in volunteering and are yet to complete this course, this will be a great time to get the course done as well. We will be in touch with dates soon. If you require any further details, please contact the Parish office.

10. Covid Testing Clinic

We advise that the testing clinic has reopened. Their new hours are 8am – 12.30pm from Monday to Saturday.

11. Want to become Catholic through RCIA

Please register your interest by calling the parish office or send us an email. We look forward to sharing Jesus Christ and His life with you.

12. Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools.

Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.

Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level: <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.

Talk with Fr Kene as Parish Priest or Catechist Coordinator Margaret Cvetko via the parish office.

13. Aid to the Church in Need Australia

As we begin a new year we ask for your support to help the Suffering Church. Your offering allows ACN to aid our suffering brothers and sisters to keep the faith alive in countries that are becoming increasingly harder to practice the faith. Please visit www.aidtochurch.org

14. From the Vatican: Pope asks pontifical council to begin planning Holy Year 2025

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Preparations for the Holy Year 2025 have already begun, and Pope Francis has asked the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization to take charge of the efforts. To continue follow the link below: https://www.osvnews.com/2021/12/28/pope-asks-pontifical-council-to-begin-planning-holy-year-2025/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_email=Omeda&utm_campaign=NL-This+week+with+The+Priest&utm_term=3469D0011034D2W&oly_enc_id=3469D0011034D2W

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 24th January 2022—St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 25th January 2022—The Conversion of St Paul

Wednesday 26th January 2022—Australia Day

Friday 28th January 2022—St Thomas Aquinas

The Catholic Weekly—

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- Chant is Back
- Prayers for Tonga
- Trust the Science
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Pope Joan?
- Movie Review—King Richard

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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:

Michael Farrugia, Joseph Carra,

Anniversaries:

Anka and Frano Banicevic, Maria Giuseppa Simone, Mary Agostino, Ben and Catarina Xerri, Adolfo Steimbeisser , Anthony Ziccoli, Emma Marsili, Anthony Vella, Vincenzo Camera, Antonino Ieroianni, Charlie Vella.

Also for:

Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Gixti, Victor Vella and Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, and Domencio Crestani, The Agostino and Raso Families, The Dimech Family, The Pace Family & The Bonanno Family, 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, Charito San Jose, Flossy Lobo, Peter Domazet, Linda and Family; Romeo San Joe and Renato San Jose,

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.

