



**19 –20 March 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Lent—Year C**



**ST ANTHONY OF  
 PADUA  
 CATHOLIC  
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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.

**Entrance Antiphon:** My eyes are always on the Lord,  
 for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and  
 have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ  
 Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you,  
 Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the  
 water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**Dear Parishioners,**  
**Today we celebrate the Third  
 Sunday of Lent**



In the [First Reading](#), God promises Moses  
 and the Israelites a land flowing with milk  
 and honey. We are so used to the  
 description of the land in God's promise to  
 Moses that it doesn't mean anything to us anymore. We just hear  
 "landflowingwithmilkandhoney."

But if we stop to think about it, the land promised is funny.

**The promised land is worth yearning for. But what we most need to  
 live God reserves to himself to provide.**

Milk and honey are no doubt very good things, but the first thing to see  
 about them is that neither one of them is a product of agriculture. You  
 don't grow milk or honey.

Milk comes from animals who eat grass, which doesn't grow as fast as  
 they eat it. So if you are getting milk, you are on the move constantly,  
 getting fresh pasture for the animals. And that means that the honey  
 doesn't come from bee farms. You can't both move with the cattle and  
 stay put with the bee hives. The honey of the promised land must then  
 come from wild bee hives. When you find one, you get honey. When you  
 don't, you don't.

So the good things of this promised land are not things you get for  
 yourself by farming. You are dependent on the animals for the milk,  
 which they produce for their offspring when the offspring can't feed  
 themselves. And the honey comes to you by chance, when you happen  
 to find it. The milk and honey of the promised land, then, are things that  
 bring home to people their dependence and vulnerability.

And here's the other thing to notice: you can't live on milk and honey.  
 Honey is more nearly dessert than dinner. And milk may be the perfect  
 food, in some nutritionist sense; but only babies can live just on milk.  
 Adults need more than milk.

What kind of promised land is this then? You get the good things of it by  
 dependence and chance; and even when you are lucky, you are still  
 missing the main part of what you need to live. What is missing in this  
 promised land is *bread*.

And so here's the point. The promised land is worth yearning for. But  
 what we most need to live God reserves to himself to provide. Ultimately,  
 our bread comes from him. In Christ, God himself is our bread.

## 2. Update on Covid Protocols

As you know, most COVID restrictions has been lifted. This does not mean the virus is completely out of human space but that we should take a reasonable care to avoid infection such as keeping some physical distancing in enclosed spaces, staying home if we are ill or symptomatic and by maintaining a good hygiene while in the church and other places. Please note that while wearing of masks are no longer mandatory for liturgical and parochial gatherings, they are still recommended. However, they are required for hospital visitation, aged care visitation, home visitation of the sick and some school settings.

Choirs and congregational singing are now permitted, and Holy Water fonts can be replenished but we shall keep using our Holy water electronic dispenser (removed during Lenten season).

The Registration sheets and QR Codes are now removed as they are no longer supported by the NSW Health. But our liquid sanitizer and wipes are still provided for cleaning our hands and pews.

Unfortunately, it would not be prudent at this stage to resume the shaking of hands at the 'Sign of Peace' and reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice during Mass.

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. We have bucket/s at the foyer where you are to dispose them after use. Your safety and our Parishioners' safety are our priority.

## 3. 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.

## 4. Easter Confession

We will be holding an Easter confession liturgy on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm in the church. All are welcome

## 5. St. Anthony's Feast Day

The feast of St Anthony of Padua is 13th June 2022. To celebrate, the Parishioners will again mark the feast with a mass, lunch and entertainment on Sunday 19th June 2022 in the parish grounds. To co-ordinate and organize such an event, we will need to set up a committee. If you think you can assist or for further details, please contact the Parish office. In the meantime, if you are a business and willing to donate items for raffles, or have a stall you would like to set up please contact us. We look forward to celebrating this Parish event with all parishioners and visitors to our Parish.

## 6. Lenten Program

Thank you to Wendy Tourle who leads our Parish Lenten Program this year. The program is on every Tuesday in the Parish Hall during this Lenten season. Please feel free to attend on any Tuesday. All are welcome.

## 7. Stations of the Cross

Every Friday after the 9am mass during the Lenten season, we will be holding Stations of the Cross in the Church. All are welcome.

## 8. Want to become Catholic through RCIA Program

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.

## 9. Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal

To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account below:

BSB: 037-889

Account number: 1061 5829

Name: DOL Flood Appeal

To donate from other countries please use this PayPal link: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=DDS9CFAWSPLYN](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=DDS9CFAWSPLYN) This link can also be used within Australia. Please note that donations to the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal are **NOT** tax deductible. For enquiries, please email [appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## 10. 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.

## 11. Project Compassion

The church Lenten season has now begun. The church encourages us during this season to practice our faith through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the Archdiocesan initiative called Project Compassion, our parish community have supported peoples of the world who are suffering. And this year's 'Thank You For All Future Generations' is a good opportunity to help in preserving and conserving our world and all in it (Ps 24:1). Please consider contributing to Project Compassion by taking a box. They will be at the back of the church. Thank you for donations in assisting with this program.

## 12. Safeguarding Workshops and Refreshers

If you are yet to complete a safeguarding course, and require to complete one, please contact the Parish Office. The courses are now offered online. If you would prefer a face-to-face workshop, please also let the Parish office know. Once we are able to gather a group, we will set a date for a workshop. You must have a safeguarding certificate to assist in some ministries in the Church. Also, if you are requiring to complete a refresher course, please contact the Parish office.

## 13. Reconciliation – First Confession

This Wednesday and Thursday evening we will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with 76 children from our Parish. Please keep them in your prayers

## 14. Volunteers for Palm Sunday and Easter Masses

Thank you to those who volunteered to assist in Palm Sunday and Easter masses. There are still some spots available in certain masses. Please contact the Parish office if you wish to volunteer.

## 15. Stations of the Cross—Good Friday

All parishioners aged 12 and up are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am. Volunteers are required for actors and readers. All volunteers must be available for practices on Tuesdays at 4pm, beginning 15th March in the Church. Please write your name on the sign up sheet at the back of the Church or fill in the Google Form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVd7U-4wQ2DLRChYCWtjvTd3pRB8Ujrmi6AMtEAqi\\_kPJS8Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVd7U-4wQ2DLRChYCWtjvTd3pRB8Ujrmi6AMtEAqi_kPJS8Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## 16. Home Care for Seniors

Thank you to those who attended the information morning from the Catholic Care team. We hope that it assisted you and your family.



## 17. St. Patrick's Feast Day

Thank you for joining us for the celebration of St. Patrick. We were in our greens.



## 18. Choir

We would like to extend our Choir groups at each mass. If you can sing, and would like to part of our choir, please let the Parish office know. If you are talented enough to play an instrument, especially the piano, we look forward to hearing from you.

## 19. Parish Working Bee

On Wednesday 6th April 2022, after the morning mass, we will hold a working bee to prepare the palms and the holy water for our Palm Sunday and Easter services. We welcome anyone who can assist for as little or as much time as they can spare. If you have secateurs bring them along. Tea and coffee will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.



*God Bless,*

**Fr Kene Onwukwe**

## *Dates to Remember*

Friday 25th March 2022—The Annunciation of the Lord

**The Catholic Weekly  
Please place \$2.00 in the Poor Box**

- The chilling of our charities: Soaring prices bite
- Aussies dig deep for Ukraine: Caritas appeal \$1.5m - and rising
- Life after death? The new book telling amazing stories
- Monica Doumit: The lies they tell our girls
- Plenary: Warning from Germany
- Philippa Martyr: Where preppers go wrong

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN NEED OUR PRAYERS

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

### **Recently Deceased:**

Ian Farrell, James Dimech, Alfred Casha, Constantina Cascio, Carmela Luppino, Dicembre Antonio Armando,

### **Anniversaries:**

Donald Low, Roza and Vella Families, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Francesco Nasso, Tessie Bonanno Angela Dimarco, Alfredo Pjanic, Joseph Szafranski, Edgardo B Ocampo, Silvester Oros, Angela Revine, Ben and Catarina Xerri

### **Also for:**

The Morton, Clark, Drabble, King, Roberts, Tobia and Musso Families, Carmelo and Anunziata Vella, Christina and Joseph Grixti, Victor Vella, Leonard Hoven, Stephen Vella, Members of the Pelli and Vartuli Families, Sebastiano, Euridice, and Domencio Crestani, 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:**

Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, 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](mailto: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.



### **Congratulations**

Our Parish congratulates Domenic Anthony Martorano and Kristel Hindy who were married in our Church on Saturday 19th March 2022. We wish them all the best for the future. God bless



### **Baptisms in the Parish Welcome to our Faith Community**

*Indiana Louise King &  
Amelia Stevie King  
Daughters of Arron and Emily*

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