



## 2-3 April 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent—Year C



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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:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

### **Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

In the [Gospel](#) Reading, the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.



**Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.**

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit your doing anything you want to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If he is looking down and she is standing up, then he isn't looking at her. And so he is protecting her in her shame by helping her be hidden from him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then; and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to keep it themselves. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't he? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up his eyes and look at her.

And so, by his justice for her, and his mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls him "Kyrie" ("Lord," "Sir").

## 2. Welcome to our weekend Mass

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor to our community, we are happy and blessed to have you celebrate the Mass with us. Please make yourself comfortable by participating in the prayers, responses and the gestures in the holy sacrifice of Mass. These help to lift us in body and mind unto Christ as one who sacrifices and the object of sacrifice.

May we continue to follow the necessary protocols in avoiding infection such as keeping some physical distancing in enclosed spaces, staying home and getting tested of Covid 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.

The liquid sanitizer is at both sidewalls of the entrance to the church to clean our hands when we enter and exit the church.

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. The alcohol-soaked wipes have damaged some of our pews and we are considering some alternatives. At the moment, 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. Holy Week Rehearsal

Thank you for those who have volunteered. There will be a holy week rehearsal on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7pm in the Church. Please note that your attendance will be appreciated as it will ensure that all who volunteered are aware of their roles during Holy Week. Please let the Parish Office know if you are unable to attend.

## 10. Safeguarding Workshop

A safeguarding workshop is now being organized for those who have yet to complete their initial safeguarding course. This will be held in our **Parish Hall at 6.30pm, Wednesday 6th April 2022**. Please note that it is a requirement for certain ministries such as reading in the church, eucharistic minister, children liturgy etc to attend the workshop. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

### 11. Choir

We would like to extend our Choir groups at each mass. If you can sing, and would like to be 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.

### 12. Camino of St Joseph: An Overnight Pilgrimage for Men

*Friday 29-Saturday 30 April.*

*Join in this challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.*

The Camino will begin with 9pm Mass on Friday April 29 at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday April 30 with 5.30am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's – Punchbowl, to St Felix – Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary – Sefton, St Peter Chanel – Berala, St Joachim's – Lidcombe, Sydney Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Register Here - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXRIT> - Cost is \$15

### 13. Thank you

Thank you to John Bonano for cleaning the sacred vessels, candle stands, other gold-plated materials and the tabernacle in the church.

### 14. A message from the Aid to the Church in Need Australia.

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses)

### 15. 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.

### 16. 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.



### 17. Holy Week Program

#### Palm Sunday

Saturday 9th April —5pm

Sunday 10th April—7.30am, 9.00am and 5pm.

#### Holy Thursday— The Lord's Supper

Thursday 14th April 2022—7.30pm

#### Good Friday—Stations of the Cross

Friday 15th April 2022—10am

Passion of the Christ - 3pm

#### Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday 15th April 2022—7.30pm

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday 17th April 2022

7.30am and 9am

**NB: No 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

### 18. Birthday Wishes

Please join our Parish in wishing a Happy Birthday to Mrs Anna Vartuli who turned 99 on Wednesday and a Happy Birthday to Mr Frank Alvaro who turned 95 on Monday. May God bless them and their families.



**God Bless,**

**Fr Kene Onwukwe**

#### Dates to Remember

Monday 4th April 2022—Feast of St Isidore

Tuesday 5th April 2022—Feast of St Vincent Ferrer

Thursday 7th April 2022—Feast of St John Baptist de la Salle

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

### **Recently Deceased:**

Nancy Chelliah, Father Barry Reabow, Ian Farrell, James Dimech, Alfred Casha, Carmela Luppino, Dicembre Antonio Armando

### **Anniversaries:**

Lourdes Ever Juan, Raffela Pelli, Donald Low, Roza and Vella Families, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Tessie Bonanno

### **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, Maria Luisa 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** 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.

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