



**26-27 March 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year C**



**ST ANTHONY OF  
 PADUA  
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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:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**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 Fourth  
 Sunday of Lent**



In the [First Reading](#), the Israelites are finally at the promised land. The Exodus is over and the Israelites eat parched grain from the produce of the land.

The Exodus was a tough time for the Israelites. But, almost from the start, there was one peril in the desert from which the Israelites did not suffer: lack of food.

**It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who hand-fed his people in the wilderness.**

That is because God himself fed them.

A funny kind of food appeared on the ground, and the Israelites gathered it in. When that food first showed up on the ground, the Israelites said, “WHAT is THAT?”—“MAH NA” in their language. (And ‘manna’ is what it came to be called by them, and by us.)

The Israelites learned fast what the answer to their question was. That stuff on the ground, the manna, was like Tolkien’s lembas or Elven bread. It was unbelievably nourishing. You could go a very long time on just a little of it. And it was delicious. It was light; it had something of the taste of coriander about it; and there was a suspicion of honey in it, too. It was magically good, and it came from the hand of God, who hand-fed his people in the wilderness.

Who would ever want to give up manna?

But when the Exodus ended, the manna did too. One night the Israelites ate the parched grain of the promised land, and the next day there was no more manna.

I don’t know what parched grain is, but it doesn’t sound worth having by comparison with manna, does it? It doesn’t sound delicious. It doesn’t come from the hand of God; you have to get it for yourself. And you have to work to grow it. It doesn’t just magically appear on the ground in the morning.

Who would ever want to trade manna for parched grain?

But the parched grain was the beginning of life in the promised land, where the Israelites found a home. The consoling sweetness of manna came out of the harshness of the conditions of the Exodus. Out of the sorrow of trading manna for parched grain there came the consolation of home. And here is the lesson for us. The Lord’s goodness never fails. It changes in character, but it is always there for us.

## 2. Welcome to our weekend Mass

Whether you are a parishioner or visiting 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. 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. 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.

### 11. Safeguarding Workshop Date

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, it is a requirement for certain ministries in the church to complete a workshop. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

### 12. Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP in the early hours on **Saturday at 3am**, joined in prayer/Mass with the Holy Father Pope Francis for the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Mary's Cathedral. Please continue to offer in your prayers for the restoration of peace and tranquility in Russia and Ukraine.

### 13. Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

### 14. 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.

### 15. 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

### 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. Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder. Please visit the Archdiocese website and following the links to sign the petition.

### 18. Day of the Unborn Child, Sunday 27 March

Remembering the lives of unborn children lost to the grave injustice of abortion. Held to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation, marking the day of Our Lord's conception in the womb of His Blessed Mother. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. A rosary procession will follow which will make its way past the NSW Parliament House. It will conclude with Benediction at 1:30pm.. For more event details: <https://fb.me/e/2gekw7yQ8>.

**God Bless,**

**Fr Kene Onwukwe**

### The Catholic Weekly

**Please place \$2.00 in the Poor Box**

- Britain says 'No!' to assisted suicide
- Mary, Ukraine's strength
- Soul sisters create blessed bling
- Sydney celebrates St Patrick
- Meet the prodigal parrot
- New book explodes media's role in Pell case

## 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:**

Raffela Pelli, Donald Low, Roza and Vella Families, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Tessie Bonanno Angela Dimarco, Alfredo Pjanic, Joseph Szafranski

### **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** 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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Contact Teresa on **0415 123 807**  
or at **teresa@calarcolegal.com.au**

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

Raphael Nicola Ussia  
Son of Robert and Constance  
&  
Lucia Margherita Tracy Beneforte  
Daughter of Giuseppe and Rebecca  
&  
Macy Mae Al Dhalimy  
Daughter of Hasan and Nikki  
&  
Rocco Lawless  
Son of David and Nicole

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