



14-15 May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter—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: O sing a new song to the Lord, for the
has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his
deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my
God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.

Dear Parishioners Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter

When someone we know is
diagnosed with serious sickness,
we are shocked; and so is the
sick person, as we all take in the
possibility that he might die.
There is something perplexing
about this reaction, isn't there?



None of us is getting out of this life alive. And it is foolishness to think that
we do not know the time of our death. It is sometime between now and the
time when you would be 110 years old. (Who lives past 110?)

Our Lord himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.

So death is inevitable, and we know at least roughly when it will come. The
closer you get to 110, the closer it is—though, of course, we also know
that you could get hit by a bus today.

Rats, you might think, this is a truly depressing thought! Why call it to our
attention? It is better to be shocked and surprised when it comes.

But listen to the Second Reading. What does it say? When death comes,
here is what it brings:

Our Lord himself comes to encourage you to weep over all the hardship of
your past life, and then he himself wipes those tears away from your eyes.
And there is not only a new heaven, but also a new earth. What do you
expect from earth? Well, earth isn't disembodied. Earth is earth-dirt,
plants, animals, the whole thing that God created when he created earth,
as Genesis explains it to us.

Only this time there will be no pain and suffering. So there may be great
sea beasts, as Genesis says ([Gn 1:21](#)), but they won't hurt anything; and
neither will any of the other animals. If you want to play with lions, what's
to stop you?

In fact, even humans won't hurt anything, in that great and wonderful time.
Now *that* is a thought hard to take in, isn't it? But, in that new earth, you
can be yourself, open, vulnerable, and still totally safe and at ease,
because the people around you won't hurt *anything*—not you either.
And all of this is wrapped up in the tender love of the Lord. He himself will
welcome you to this new world and to himself by telling you, "come away,
beloved. The winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth!" ([Song of Songs 2:10-12](#)) That joy begins on the other side of death. What is there to
fear about this?

2. May, the Month of Mary

In this month of May, the Month of Mary, it would be nice to do something special for Our Holy Mother.

Mary can use us in her mission of bringing more people to her son Jesus Christ. Our parish has opportunities for you to join in making this month truly a month of Mary. Our weekly programs include:

Rosary prayer: Day: Monday's



Venue: Zoom online
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82418459016?pwd=NUdhZjdPU1c0UStFRHpQR0pvQ0IiUT09>)

Meeting ID: 824 1845 9016

Passcode: 622982

Time: 10am

Day: Tuesdays

Venue: In the Church

Time: 5:15pm (with adoration before 6pm Mass)

Day: Wednesdays and Thursdays

Venue: In the church

Time: 30 mins before 9am Mass

Day: Saturdays

Venue: In the church

Time: 30 mins before 5pm Mass

Legion of Mary Prayer Group

Day: Thursdays

Venue: In the Church (cry) room

Time: Immediately after 9am Mass

Legion of Mary society is open to all men and women providing you are a practicing Catholic. For more details, please contact the parish office or Joe Cilia.

3. 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.

4. 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.



5. Choir

This Monday evening, 16th May at 7pm , the St Anthony's Parish Community Choir will be commencing practice for the Feast Day and other events in the Parish. All children and adults from all choirs are invited to attend. Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.



6. Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy returns to the 5pm Saturday mass and the 9am Sunday mass this weekend of 14/15 May. Thanks to all the volunteers who will be helping in this ministry, however we still need more volunteers for this ministry to run. If you can assist, please contact the Parish office. It will run on a roster basis. This ministry requires a current safeguarding certificate and working with children check. Please register your child when you attend mass on the table in the foyer.

7. 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.



8. Parish Project

Thanks to those who have given suggestions in support of funding for our church pews repainting and parish electronic billboard. We shall communicate to you in due course on the direction we will be taking. More suggestions are still welcome.

9. CWF



Thank you for supporting the CWF Parish Appeal in this month of May. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities. If you still wish to donate and for more information, please visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

10. Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Thanks to all those who signed the petition to overturn the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. If you still wish to take part in the petition, the paper will be provided for you on the table at the church foyer. Remember you need to be over the age of 18 to sign. Thank you for joining in rejecting the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021. We will continue to place the petition for those who missed out signing last week.

11. Anointing of the Sick

Every third Saturday our Parish will hold an Anointing of the Sick service in the Church commencing at 10.30am. All are welcome. Our next service will be Saturday 21st May 2022.

12. Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement

We have our CCR "Presence and Power" conference coming up on the 21st-22nd May. We would love to have you join us. For more details, go to online link: <https://form.jotform.com/220861063612852>

13. Young People's Prayer Group

A prayer group and workshop are being organized for young people, up to year 10, to support them in their faith growth and in their friendship with God. It will be held once per month. The next session will be held this Saturday 14th May from 4pm – 5pm at St. Anthony's church cry room. Parents, please encourage your children to participate.

14. 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. We have just bought a new Audio/Video electronic Mixer to replace the old one that became faulty due to mishandling. If you do not know how to operate them and you need any of it for your ministry, please contact us for a short training. Thanks for understanding.

15. Grandparents Mass

On 26 July is the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the parents of Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish family would like to recognize the blessings and gifts of our grandparent/s on the following weekend after the feast which is July 30/31 where a special prayer for the grandparents in our parish will be said. All grandparents are asked to send their pictures with their grandchild/children to the parish office via email. All the pictures will be displayed on the church electronic visual before the final blessing. Please note, by sending your pictures, you are giving the parish permission to display your image and your grandchild/children's image on the electronic monitor in the church at St. Anthony's Austral.



16. Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful

If you would like to join in saying the Prayers of the Faithful at the 5.00pm and 9.00am mass on the weekend of 4 & 5 June 2022 Pentecost weekend from different languages, please contact the parish office. We ask that you please wear red to the weekend masses.



God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased:

Mary Vella, Jospehine Camilleri, Father Moses Debono, Guido Pace, Fernando San Jose, Antoniette Teresa Grotto, Joe Vella, Silas Egwin, Josephine Camilleri, Lenette and Joe Gerardis, Nancy Chelliah, James Dimech

Anniversaries:

Maurie Low, Stephen Vella, Vittoria Vella, Maria Rosa Ameduri, Giuseppina Musso, Maria Galea, John , Victoria, Joe Bonanno, Joe Pace Anna Luciani (Mazzulli), Giovanni Macerola, Vince Camilleri, Regina Jasenko, August Naydek, Giovanna Fedele, Elisabetta Maiolo, Isidore Bianchi, Joseph Carra, Braulio San Jose, Felix San Jose, Eduardo San Jose, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Ernst and Ella Herrmann

Also for:

Jim, John and Carmen Gauci, Sharon Simone Ajkay, 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:

Doris and Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, 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

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.

Dates to Remember

Friday 20th May 2022—St Bernardine of Siena

Saturday 21st May 2022—St Christopher Magallnes

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