



2-3 July 2022
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



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Sacramental Life

Celebration of the Eucharist:

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigils: 5pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9am & 5pm

Masses: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and - Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday

4.15pm—4.45pm

Baptisms & Marriages:

By appointment at Presbytery

Anointing: 3rd Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass.

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Funeral Masses: In Co-operation with Funeral Directors.

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

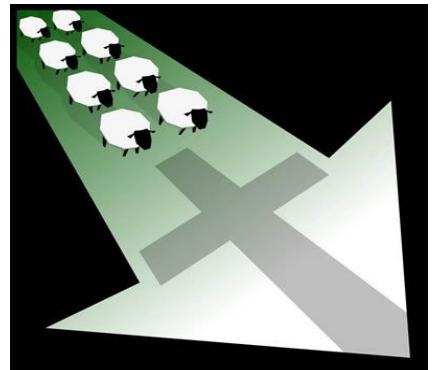
Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the **Gospel** Reading, Jesus picks seventy-two people to send out on a challenging preaching mission. They travel from one city to another, by foot, without money or other provisions. Think about all the stuff we take when we travel, and you will see how difficult their mission was. But Jesus doesn't leave them helpless. He gives them power. They can cure sicknesses and cast out devils. That is a lot of power!



Jesus handpicked the seventy-two people he gave this power to. What would it have felt like to be a disciple who was *not* picked? How left out must such a disciple have felt?

Rejoice rather in the fact that you will be united to God in heaven. But guess what? These seventy-two disciples were left out too. They may have done miracles, but they were left out of the company of the twelve apostles. The **Gospel** says that Jesus appointed seventy-two others—others beside the apostles, that is. Even though the seventy-two come back rejoicing that the devils are subject to their power, they still don't rank being added to the twelve apostles. And, of course, that isn't the end of the story. Jesus took John and Peter with him to witness his transfiguration. The other ten apostles were left out.

How can Jesus leave people out in this way? Is everybody supposed to suffer some sense of abandonment by Jesus except those lucky enough to be in the innermost circle of the twelve? Or the even smaller circle of the two? The solution to this puzzle lies in what a person wants. The seventy-two come back rejoicing in their power. But then power is what they want. Jesus rebukes them for it. Don't rejoice in your power, he tells them; rejoice rather in the fact that you will be united to God in heaven.

If you want not to be left out of something, your desire has to do with yourself and your status. Those who felt left out because they weren't chosen to be among the seventy-two wanted to be honored by being part of that group. And maybe that is why they weren't picked.

And maybe the seventy-two were passed over when Jesus was picking the twelve apostles because what the seventy-two cared about was power and their own status as powerful people handpicked by Jesus. If what you want is power and status, your desire is for yourself, isn't it? It isn't for Jesus. So maybe in the end it is Peter and John who come with Jesus to see his transfiguration because what they want more than anything else is being with him. If what you want is Jesus, you will never be left out.

2. Welcome to our Parish

We are a growing community and we are happy to have all of you who have moved recently to become members of our Parish community. If there is any way we can be of help to make you comfortable, do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office. Please collect a Parish Census form at the foyer, fill it out and give to Fr Kene or send to the parish office.

3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This weekend, the Church celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Catholics from across Australia come together to acknowledge and celebrate the gift of Australia's First Peoples. This year the theme challenges us all into action. "The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourer are few Get up! Stand Up! Show Up! (Mt 9:37).

And on this note, I would like to acknowledge The Dharawal people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past, present and emerging of The Gweagal Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

4. 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. Thank you to those who have already sent in their photo/s.



5. 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 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.

6. Holy Father's Appeal.

Our thanks go to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to the Holy Father's Appeal. Through your gift, you have given hope to those in most need of our compassion. If you missed the appeal weekend, it is not too late to give. Simply phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959 and speak to a representative at the office. Thank you

7. Anointing of the sick Mass

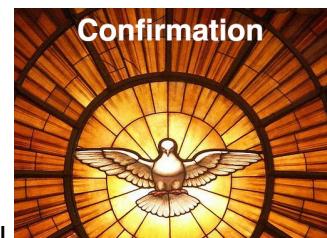
Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3rd Wednesday of the month in the 9am Mass

8. Planned Giving Envelopes and Receipts

Please be reminded all the planned giving envelopes for the next financial year are on the table at the back of the church. If you require a tax receipt, please contact the Parish office by email or phone to organise for a receipt to be sent to you. Thank you for your generosity.

9. Confirmation

Our parish plans to celebrate confirmation this August. If your child is in year 6 or older and have received their First Holy Communion. Please email sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org to register your children. All information will be sent via email once you have registered. A Compulsory information evening has been set for Wednesday 20th July at 6.30pm in the Church. We hope to see you then.



10. Safeguarding Workshop

It is an Archdiocese requirement that certain ministries in the church require a current Working with Children check and Safeguarding Certificate. Some of those ministries include lectors, acolytes, and children's liturgy. Please note that every six months a current and updated list needs to be sent to the Archdiocese by our Parish. If you have not completed a safeguarding workshop either, online or in person, you must do so to continue to assist in our Church. For those who require a refresher course in safeguarding, that course may be completed online. Contact the Parish office for the link or any further information. Please ensure all documents are up to date given that the new reading and acolyte roster will be sent out this week. Our priority is to keep our Parish safe.

11. Roster

The new roster for the Acolytes, readers and the Eucharistic ministers which covers for the next quarter will be emailed this week. For those who do not have current working with children and safeguarding certificates, please arrange to have them updated as we may be compelled by the Archdiocesan office to take those without safeguarding and working with children certificates off the roster until both documents are updated and sent to the Parish office. We appreciate your understanding and thanks to all those who continue to volunteer in the Church.

12. Classroom Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website. All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 25 July and for anyone interested you can add your expression of interest [here](#).

For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team
at:hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

13. Silence in the Church

Allow five minutes before Mass in the church to be a time of silence and quiet reflection in preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist. No group prayer at this time and, at all times, no noise in the church.

14. Volunteers for our Church

We are always looking for volunteers in our Church from cleaners, florists, setting the church up for events and readers. Further, if you are interested in becoming an acolyte, reader, choir member, altar server or Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish office.

15. 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

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 4th July—St Elizabeth of Portugal – optional memorial

Tuesday 5th July—St Anthony of Zaccaria—optional memorial

Wednesday 6th July – St Maria Goretti—optional memorial

Saturday 9th July—St Augustine Zhao Rong—optional memorial

Events in the Parish

- Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass
- The second Saturday of each Month **Children's Prayer Group** held in the Parish Hall from 4pm to 5pm. The next date is Saturday 9th July 2022
- Third Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass **Anointing of the Sick**

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Femia Gatt, Frank Anthony Vartuli, Jessie Curmi, Mary Vella, Jospehine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

Anniversaries:

Mary Flynn, Michael and Sylvia Farrugia, Teresita de los Santos Antonio Castelvetere, Rosa Prontti, Vincent Vella, James Borg, Jhona Oros, Geso Lustri, Julieta San Jose, Feliciano Espinosa, Rosorio Albastas, Cosimo Tassone, Paolo Polito, Vincenza Delorenzo, Kristie Scibilia, Anka and Frano Banicevic, Vincenzo Simone, Antonio Pisano, Maria Ieroianni, Caterina Geradis, Maurie Low, Stephen Vella, Vittoria Vella

Also for:

Ponsing Banghulot, Adella Gumiran, Rahil Houssarini, Ramez Ayoub, Lamia Ayoub Johnny and Nora Fontana, The Dimech Family, Vincent and Josephine Bonnici, Grace, Frank and Connie Gatt, The Borg and Falzon Families, Salvatore Santarosa, Giuseppe Pelle, Giuseppino Morobito, Saverio Pelle, Caterina Pelle, Rocco Pelle, Jim, John and Carmen Gauci

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Herbet Herrman, Marija Rados, Saint Lucia, 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.

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