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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.

25-26 June 2022
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the [First Reading](#), Elisha is called by the Lord to be the helper and successor of the prophet Elijah. When in response to God's call the prophet Elijah comes to get Elisha, the latter really wants to follow the prophet. Only he wants to kiss his mother and father goodbye first. The prophet responds negatively to Elisha's desire to go home first. "Go back!" the prophet says to him—and he seems to mean, "who wants you anyway?"

Why does the prophet take such a stern attitude?

Jesus says that no one who sets his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of heaven.

Well, it is not actually the prophet who is calling Elisha. It is God. So think of it this way. If the Pope were to call you and ask you to meet him, would you pause for anything? Wouldn't you race out in excitement? Pausing before going indicates that you don't really understand or don't really care who it is that is calling you.

And, then, too, if you don't care very much about who is calling you, you might in the end fail to answer his call. It is undeniably easier to stay at home in the midst of what is small and familiar than to hazard the perils that come with answering a great call.

In Elisha's case, Elijah's dismissive response to Elisha's temporizing puts the fire of God in Elisha. He kills all his family's oxen; then he uses their yokes for firewood to roast the oxen, and he gives the flesh to his servants to eat. Elisha is making sure that he *can't* go home now, isn't he? How could he, after what he did to the family oxen and their yokes?

So here is the moral of the story: there isn't room for hanging back when the Lord calls you. If you hesitate, if you think of an excuse to postpone answering the call, you aren't really hearing the Lord calling; and so you aren't really going to follow him either, not now, not later. That is why in the [Gospel](#) Reading Jesus says that no one who sets his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of heaven.

But each human person is called to follow the Lord, to turn his back on his own sins, to live a life of love and holiness. Answering that call can't wait for later; there is nothing more important that needs to happen first. There is no place for temporizing when the Lord calls. The Lord's call has to be answered *now*.

1. Thank you—Feast Day

Thank you for a wonderful Feast Day
We could all say that Sunday was a success.
St Anthony blessed us all with the weather and
community spirit. Please join us in thanking
the following families and businesses who
without their contributions this day would not
have happened.

Deacon Paul Nagger
Josie Trueba and Family
Anthony Zanetic and Family
The Valenzisi family
The Musso Family
The Habib Family
The Zucco Family
Paul Bonanno
John Bonanno and Family
The Casha Family
Jim Cassidy
Gerry Crescini
All the acolytes of our Parish
Gerry and Victoria Bugeja
Maria Tripodi
Mrs Laguzza
Alex Dimech
Melina Cansino and Family
Louie and Denise Ayoub
The Tassone Family
Mrs Francesca Polito
Mrs Petrin
Pasqualina and Christina Cantanzariti
Cathy Vartuli
Liverpool Catholic Club
The Genova Family
The Liberati Family
The Matovic Family
Nancy and Alessia Gigilotti
Michelle Di Condio
Anna Tozzi
Sylvia Dzierzak
Renee Betsy
Benito Calarco
The Palakal Family
Monica Ferraris and Family
Austral Pharmacy
West Hoxton Pharmacy
Blacktown Building Supplies
Maldini's by the River—The Luppino Family
Fruit Central
Campisi Butcher
Daniela Scali
All the members of the Parish choir and to
all who helped with the Feast mass.
The College choir led by Mrs Sally Quinnell
Mark and Leanne Jezercic of Mark Jay
Photography
Mr Ted Tokarczyk
Bringelly Pork and Bacon

Mrs Rosa Talarico
Kios Fine Foods
Gerry and Victoria Bugeja
Mrs Sarina Macri
Mrs Connie Vella
The Patolo Family
Mrs Maria Chiovo
Bellamel Beauty —Melissa Carbone
Fred Lazarus
Margaret and Kerry DeVries

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank
Mrs D'Angelis the College principal, and her
wonderful staff especially Mr Marc Ghignone and
Mrs Veronica Leva, who also assisted in preparing
for our wonderful Feast Day.

2. Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the
raffles either by donations or purchasing the
tickets. We have called most winners who had
contact details on their tickets. Thank you to the
College office staff who assisted us in contacting
the winners also. In the meantime, could those
who hold the following tickets call the Parish office
to claim their prize.

Blue D92
Purple B01
Purple C71
Red F93
Orange B46
Blue D92

3. 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.



4. World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au. Please feel free to take a booklet located at the back of the church



5. 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.

6. Aid to the Church in Need Australia.

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

7. 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.

8. Tuesday Morning Mass

Just a reminder that all Tuesday masses have now moved to 9am. Our first morning mass will commence this Tuesday (28 June 2022)

9. Confirmation

Our parish plans to celebrate confirmation this August. If your child is in year 6 or older please attend our compulsory information evening on **Wednesday 20th July at 6.30pm** in the church. If you any questions please contact our sacramental coordinator in the Parish office.

10. Holy Father's Appeal this weekend

The Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Francis, and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can. To give please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Development Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959 during office hours. Thank you.

11. Planned Giving Envelopes

With the financial year coming to an end, we have now organised the next financial year's Planned Giving envelopes. The envelopes will be placed on a table at the back of the church this weekend. In the meantime, if you wish to be part of our Planned Giving, please contact the Parish office. Please note that some families have different numbers this financial year. Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 28th June 2022— Feast of St Irenaeus, Bishop
Wednesday 29th June 2022—Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

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: Feania Gatt, Jessie Curmi, Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

Anniversaries:

Michael and Sylvia Farrugia, Teresita de los Santos Antonio Castelvetero, 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

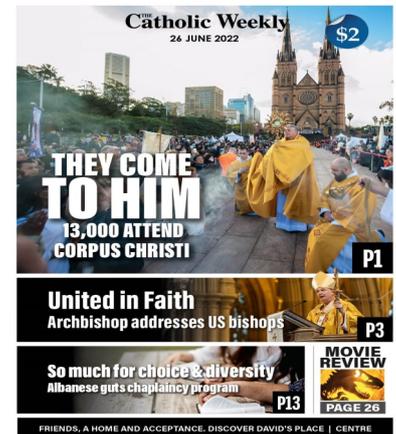
We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Herbet Herrman, Marija Rados, Saint Lucia, Doris and Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jasenko, Tomislav Juric, Jean Poles, Hane Abe Rached, 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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