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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.

**4-5 June 2022  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
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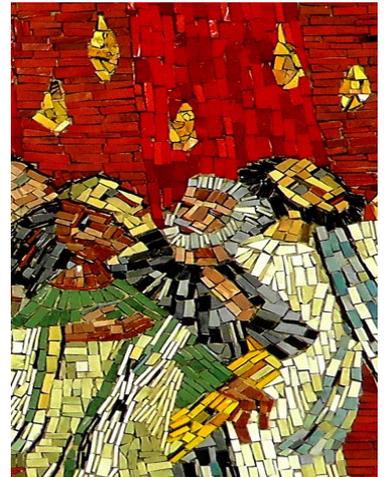
**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**Dear Parishioners  
Today we celebrate  
Pentecost Sunday**



The [First Reading](#) reports that some Judaeen people came to the Christians at Antioch to tell them they could not be saved unless they were circumcised. The Judaeans were worried that the traditional practices were being altered by the church at Antioch, and they were exercising themselves in behalf of the tradition. But who are these people? Who empowered them to speak for the Lord? How do they know what the Lord requires for salvation? And what business is it of theirs what the Christians in Antioch are doing? They themselves live and worship in Judea. **The decision about what is required for salvation is the Lord's.**

To be officious is to push your services on people who neither want nor need them. To be a busybody is to pry into the affairs of other people and try to meddle in them. These people are officious busybodies for the Lord, aren't they?

And they do seem to be mindless in their meddling, don't they? Here is their idea of God. God is the kind of Deity who will not let anybody into heaven who does not have a certain amount of flesh cut off his penis. Spell their thought out this way, and it looks blasphemous, doesn't it? What kind of goodness or love would there be in such a God? What kind of God cares that much about foreskins? And, of course, I am being careful not to say anything about the issue of women, who don't have foreskins to lose.

In fact, these officious busybody defenders of the Mosaic tradition are not being true to the Mosaic tradition either. That tradition mandated circumcision for males as a ritual of initiation into the Jewish people. It said nothing about criteria of salvation.

The apostles rebuke those Judaeans by telling them what the decision of the Holy Spirit is: circumcision is *not* required for salvation. And this response is perfect. The decision about what is required for salvation is the Lord's. And the mindless meddlers were actually opposed to the mind of the Lord.

So people who push their way forward to rebuke the Christian practices of others need to be careful how they speak for God and what kind of God they are witnessing to by what they say. Who wants to be a mindless meddling officious busybody for the Lord?

## 1. Pentecost

On this day, the church was born and on this day the disciples of Jesus were heard preaching in different languages and from different backgrounds.



Thank you to those who joined us in celebrating the birth of the church, those who volunteered in the ministries this weekend and especially those who said the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages.

## 2. Feast Day – St Anthony of Padua

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June is the actual day of the feast of St. Anthony. A Mass will be celebrated on that day at 9am but because it is on a weekday, our parish celebration of the feast will be on the following Sunday which is the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Thank you to those who have volunteered or donated items for our raffle.



We are still after more volunteers from setting up, working the BBQ, helping children paint in our craft corner and clean up. If you would like to donate some of your time on the day of the Feast please contact the Parish office who can put your name down on a roster. Even half an hour of your time will be appreciated.

## 3. Suggestion Box

We remind all parishioners that our Suggestion box is still available. This serves as a platform for your concern, suggestion, input and support in the parish affairs. For authenticity and to make sure response is duly dispatched, please include your details.

## 4. Children's Liturgy

With limited volunteers our children's liturgy will run either every second or third week just at the Saturday 5pm mass. If are you interested in joining this ministry please contact the Parish office.

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. 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.

## 9. Anointing of the Sick

Just are reminder every third Saturday our Parish will hold an Anointing of the Sick Mass in the Church commencing at 10.30am. All are welcome. Our next service will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## 10. St Anthony's Feast Day Volunteer Drive/ Working Bee



To prepare for our Feast day a working bee has been organised on the following days

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am – cleaning of the hall**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon – set up for our Feast**

Many hands mean light work and we would love to see our community assist in the preparation of our Feast

## 11. Holy Communion



We congratulate all the 76 candidates and ask God to bless them and their families. Thank you also to Jessie who is received into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Baptism.

## 12. 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](http://www.family.catholic.org.au)



## 13. 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.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

## Dates to Remember

Monday 6th June 2022—The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Saturday 11th June 2022—Feast of St Barnabas

**This week's edition of The Catholic Weekly Please place \$2.00 in the poor box**

• Double-barrelled challenge.

Children, vapes, phones, parents.

• Parliament's decision.

Tudehope on Euthanasia.

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• Movie review: *Dr Strange*

• The brilliance of Shūsakū Endō



## 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, Josphine Camilleri, Guido Pace, Fernando San Jose, Antoniette Teresa Grotto, Joe Vella

**Anniversaries:**

Paolo Polito, Vincenza Delorenzo, Kristie Scibilia, Anka and Frano Banicevic, Vincenzo Simone, Antonio Pisano, Maria Ieroianni, Caterina Geradis, Maurie Low, Stephen Vella, Vittoria Vella, Maria Rosa Ameduri, Guiseppina Musso, Maria Galea, John , Victoria, Joe Bonanno, Joe Pace Anna Luciani (Mazzulli), Giovanni Macerola, Vince Camilleri, Braulio San Jose, Felix San Jose, Eduardo San Jose, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Ernst and Ella Herrmann

**Also for:**

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:** Doris and Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Shirley Farrell, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Michael Jaskenko, 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](mailto: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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