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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.

**16-17 July 2022
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**



Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



In the [Gospel](#) Reading, Martha is trying to feed Jesus and his disciples. Even if Jesus came with only his twelve apostles, that still makes lunch for 13. With a modern kitchen, lunch for so many is not easy to prepare. I have no idea how Martha could manage it with whatever kitchen she had. And it's worse for her because she is stuck doing it by herself. Her sister Mary is sitting on the floor by Jesus listening to him. How unjust to Martha is that?

Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

So no wonder Martha nudges Jesus and insists that he tell Mary to get a move on into the kitchen, helping with housework. Fair is fair! Jesus is supposed to be the greatest upholder of justice. Fairness to women should be part of his concern, too, shouldn't it? Where is the fairness to Martha in Jesus' being an enabler of Mary's failure to help in the kitchen? But fairness to Mary is precisely what Jesus is protecting by refusing to send her into the kitchen, isn't it? The best thing in the world is to be by Jesus, to love him, to learn from him, to give yourself to him. And Jesus will not let lunch take that best thing away from Mary. What justice would there be if he did? Does the need for housework trump a person's desire to be by the Lord and learn from him?

But, you might say, what about Martha? Where is the fairness for Martha here? And what if Martha has wanted to sit by the Lord, too. Then what have happened to lunch?

But think about it. Is there really *no* other way that lunch could have got on the table, without forcing Mary (or Mary and Martha) away from the Lord? Couldn't some of those male disciples have made lunch, for example? For that matter, couldn't the Lord who fed the five thousand miraculously have managed to feed a mere dozen or so in the same way? As far as that goes, what's wrong with their all fasting on this occasion? In protecting Mary as he does in this story, Jesus protects all women. The need for somebody to do manual labor is not a reason to make a woman give up her heart's desire for learning and service in the Lord.

2. Grandparents Mass

This 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.



3. Piety Store

We would like to set up a piety stall to sell some small Catholic items (eg. Rosary beads, St Anthony medals etc.) after each weekend Mass to support the faith life of our Parish. To make this plan possible, we need dedicated parishioners who would be willing to volunteer to run the piety stall for just 10-15mins after the Mass that you attend. Without sufficient volunteers, we will not be able to proceed with organising the stall.

Please help our Parish to begin this initiative by expressing your interest in volunteering via the Parish Office.

4. Volunteers for our Church

Is there any role or ministry you can be of help in the parish? 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.

5. Anointing of the sick Mass

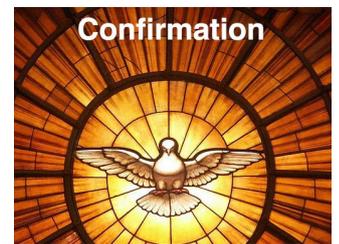
Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3rd Wednesday of the month in a 9am Mass please join us this Wednesday 20 July.

6. 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.

7. 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@stanthonystral.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.



8. 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.

9. Sisters of St Joseph

The Sisters of Saint Joseph celebrate 150 years of the Congregation's presence in NSW since their arrival in Perthville on 16 July 1872. The planning Committee is asking our Parish to pray for them over the weekend masses. Your prayers will be appreciated.

10. 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.

11. Intentions

When filling out the intention envelope please ensure you specify which mass you would like the name/s mentioned and that all the names are written clearly. Please note intentions for the weekend should be received by 12noon on Thursdays. Thank you for your co-operation.

12. Hartford College— Dare to Think. Dare to Know

Hartford College is an independent Catholic liberal arts school for boys opening 2023 in Daceyville. Accepting years 5,6 and 7, Hartford will offer a highly-regarded mentoring program and a unique liberal arts curriculum. Hartford's educational mission is to collaborate closely with parents in order to educate the whole person, combining the quest for academic excellence with development of the student's character and faith.

13. Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

The diocese of Huancavelica is one of the poorest in Peru. Until recently the people here have had little spiritual formation and infrequent visits from a priest since the villages are far apart. Two priests are managing to visit every village once a month, celebrating Holy Mass, administering the Sacrament of the sick, and preparing people for the reception of the Sacraments. This pastoral care is now bearing fruit, and more and more Catholics are returning to the practice of their faith, but a robust all-terrain vehicle would make it much easier for these priests to minister more intensively to the Catholic faithful in Peru. Can you provide transport so priests can reach the faithful in Peru? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

14. Educare Sunday

On the weekend of 6 and 7 August 2022 we will celebrate the start of Education Week during the masses. The College choir will join us for the 9am Mass. All are welcome and invited to stay after the 9am mass for a morning tea.

15. Altar Server

Would your child like to become an Altar Server at mass. If any children who have celebrated their Holy Communion are interested please contact the Parish office. This would be a great opportunity for your child to assist in our masses.

16. St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Monday 8th August 2022 is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am with some of the College students. All are welcome.

God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 20th July 2022—St Apollinaris, Optional Memorial

Thursday 21st July 2022— St Lawrence of Brindisi—Optional Memorial

Friday 22nd July 2022—St Mary Magdalene—Feast

Saturday 23rd July 2022—St Bridget, 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**

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Leone Pace, Maria Reale, Femia Gatt, Frank Anthony Vartuli, Jessie Curmi, Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

Anniversaries:

Vincent and Josephine Bonnici, Michelina Inzitari, Carmel Ferraro, Giulia and Caterina Caria, Nata Mileto, Angela Polistina, Cosimo Caccamo, Vincenzo Scundi, Caterina Armeni, Pasquale Scundi, Mary Flynn, Michael and Sylvia Farrugia, Mariamma Jacob, Teresita de los Santos Antonio Castelvetero, Rosa Prontti, Vincent Vella, James Borg, Jhona Oros, Julieta San Jose, Feliciano Espinosa, Rosorio Albastas, Cosimo Tassone, Paolo Polito, Vincenza Delorenzo, Kristie Scibilia, Anka and Frano Banicevic, Vincenzo Simone, Antonio Pisano,

Also for:

Domenico Polistina, Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, 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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