



23-24 July 2022
17th 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: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the **Gospel** Reading, Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray; he gives us the Lord's prayer.

The first thing to notice about the Lord's prayer is that it is full of petitions.

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The first petition is that God's name would be hallowed. The second is that God's kingdom would come. The third is that God would give us our daily bread. And so on.

The Lord's prayer isn't just a litany of praise to God, then. It isn't just an expression of a pious wish that God's will be done. It isn't only a surrender of one's own will to God. Just look at the request for daily bread. It presents to God what we want God to give us. Having desires and presenting them to God are required by the Lord's prayer.

The second thing to notice is that people don't generally get what they ask for.

Ask and you will receive, the Lord says. But how many people around the world pray the Lord's prayer and go without food that day? And food is only the beginning. In every mass we ask God for healing: "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Then we lug our sinful, sick, and sorrowful souls around another day.

So here is the third thing to notice. Jesus doesn't promise that we will get the very thing we ask for. He says that if we ask, we will receive; but he doesn't happen to mention *what* we will receive.

If you think about it, you can see the point. If a sick person could heal himself, he would be the doctor, not the patient. The patient's job is to want to get well. It is the doctor's job to figure out *how* to get him well.

In the same way, the Lord's prayer requires us to trust God enough to tell him what we want—over and over and over. Our job is to ask continually. God's job is to figure out what to give us that will really fill us and heal us. So we might not get what we ask for. But as long as we keep asking, the Lord promises that we will receive—grace, pressed down, shaken together, running over, and gently given, from the God who loves us.

2. Covid-19 Update

As Covid cases rise, it is obvious that this pandemic has not gone away. Media information shows it is on the increase. Rather than panic, we should be optimistic with our routine hygiene measures whenever we enter the church. Clean your hands with the liquid sanitizer at the entrance to the church before picking up a bulletin and signing yourself with the Holy water.

Wearing of mask is not compulsory but encouraged. Please stay at home if you feel unwell and get yourself tested.

As always, our priority is for the wellbeing of everyone. Thanks for understanding.

3. 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. **In order to prepare for the slide show please send all photographs by no later than this Tuesday afternoon.**

4. 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.

5. Planned Giving Envelopes & 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.

6. Confirmation

Thank you to those who attended the information evening and registered their child for Confirmation. This weekend all the children will begin their preparation with a commitment ceremony held during the masses. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

7. Safeguarding Workshop

It is an Archdiocesan 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 to readers. Further, if you are interested in becoming an acolyte, reader, choir member, altar server or Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish office.

10. Grandparents Mass

This Tuesday 26th July 2022 the College will join the morning mass to celebrate the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus Christ. The Mass will commence at 9.15am.

11. Memories of our Feast Day

In this Bulletin we have inserted a collage of photographs from our Feast Day. Thank you to Mark Jay Photography for capturing such beautiful memories of a wonderful day had by all. If you would like a larger copy of the collage please feel free to take a copy located at the back of the church. Thank you to the College who assisting with the printing.

12. Educare Sunday

On the weekend of 6 & 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.

13. Anointing of the sick Mass

Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3rd Wednesday of the month during the 9am Mass. Please join us for our next mass on Wednesday 17th August 2022.

14. 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. ***Fr Kene will hold altar server training on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 5pm in the Church. All are welcome Please note, all children must be accompanied by their parent(s)/guardian(s)***

15. Palms Australia

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: **0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

16. Behold The Lamb of Men

Seen in the church property, they were the only specie not in panic mode as they walk comfortably under the shower having their lunch (green grass) from God's house. Why would they since the Lord



is their shepherd. Humans who pass by were concerned where they could have escaped from and the green grass suffer as a sacrificial victim to their change of menu. But after all, on Wednesday 20 July, at St. Anthony's church property, the Lamb of God welcomes the lamb of Men.

17. 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.

18. Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating Mr Antonio and Mrs. Carmela Rapisarda who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend. May God bless them and their families.



God Bless,



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 25th July 2022—St James, Feast
Tuesday 26th July 2022—Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Optional Memorial

Friday 29th July 2022—Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus— 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 13th August 2022
- Third Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass **Anointing of the Sick**. The next service will be held on Wednesday 17th August 2022

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, Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

Anniversaries:

Angela Polistina, Jessie Curmi, Denise De Vries, Giuseppina, Polsia and Domencio Carbone, Michelina Inzitari, Carmel Ferraro, Giulia and Caterina Caria, Nata Mileto, 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.



The Catholic Weekly—This week's edition Please place \$2.00 in the Poor box

- BE THERE! Parish Renewal Conference to drive evangelisation.
- Dallas McInerney: Our strength is who we are.
- Home is where the heart is: Sr Miriam.
- Catholic and proud: Talks explore Humanae Vitae.
- Movie review: *Dark Winds*.
- Man of Honour: Sir Gerard Brennan.

Baptisms in the Parish Welcome to our Faith-Community

Mairead Jayne Giorgiutti
Daughter of Ryan and Breanna



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