



30-31 July 2022
18th 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: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Everything is vanity, the [First Reading](#), from Ecclesiastes, says. You toil in the day; you're anxious in the night. And it's all just vanity. Who cares?

No wonder many people think Ecclesiastes is a depressing book! But notice that Jesus says something similar in the [Gospel](#) reading. The rich man was thinking about building bigger barns. But, in the parable, God says to him, "You fool! This night your soul will be required of you, and somebody else will get all your stuff." What will the rich man care about his barns then?

Work done in love for love of the Lord lasts.

And that's the problem with many of the things we care about in this life, barns or material goods of any kind: you lose them when you die. The same thing is true of a lot of what we spend our lives on. Those things don't amount to anything in the long run; and, like the rich man, we waste the part of our lives used up on them. There is time spent struggling for the next honor or the next accomplishment. There is time consumed on sorrowing over not getting the next honor or accomplishment. For that matter, there is time frittered away watching TV or doing nothing in any other way. Picture yourself as you come before God at your death, returning to God the talents he entrusted to you. Will you care about any of those things then?

That's why Ecclesiastes says they are vanity. Whatever good is in them is transient; they die when you do.

In the long run, then, who cares about them? You can't take any of them with you when you die, any more than the rich man could take his barns with him. When you come before the face of God, you won't care about them then either.

So Ecclesiastes is a consoling book, not a depressing one. The transience of earthly goods should be comforting to us. Barns may be good; but, in the long run, getting them—or losing them—is not of overwhelming importance. We can do our work in quiet, and we can suffer our reverses in quiet too, because none of these things last.

Love lasts. Work done in love for love of the Lord lasts. And the Lord is ever-lasting.

What is worth caring about is what lasts.

2. We are proud of you, our Grandparents



Last Tuesday 26 July was the celebration of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We take the opportunity to mark this weekend Grandparents' Sunday in our parish community.

Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of their grandchildren. Whether they are doing the simple things like fishing, doing a puzzle, baking cookies, taking a walk or driving to the church, reading a story or learning about the wonder of nature, they bring out the funny side of the adventure when they engage with their grandchildren.

It must be like an achievement when they hear probably the last new name that will ever be given to them by their grandchildren. If you are a grandfather, you have 'earned' the love to be called 'Nannu, Nonno, Dziadek or Papa Nnukwu and for grandmothers, your grandchildren are proud to call you Nanna, Nonna, Babcia or Mama Nnukwu depending on your background of origin. Thank you for your help in supporting your grandchildren in their faith growth. The parish community appreciates you, prays for you today and always.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Feast Day of St Anthony

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Feast Day. We raised \$5,097.80.

6. 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. Thank you to all the parishioners who have contacted us to volunteer.

7. Confirmation

Our Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20th August 2022 at 11am. Please keep all children and their families preparing for this sacrament in your prayers.

8. 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.

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. 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.

11. 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.

12. Altar Server

Thank you for those who attended the training session. We would like to draw a roster for all the altar servers. Would any family whose child is an altar server please contact the Parish office to indicate what mass they would prefer their child to assist. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you to those who have already advised their preferred mass.

13. 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.**

14. 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.

15. Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation in the Church calendar. Our Parish will be holding two masses on Monday 15th August 2022. The morning mass will be shared with the College and will commence at 9.15am. The evening mass will commence at 6.30pm.

16. CWF August Parish Appeal



The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend (6-7 August). The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation, or to find out more at www.ourfaithnetwork.org/cwf.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 1st August 2022 - St Alphonsus Liguori—Optional Memorial
Wednesday 3rd August 2022—St Dominic—Optional Memorial
Thursday 4th August 2022—St John Vianney—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

Ask Grandpa

A little boy was in church next to his father and at his father's request said a small prayer, "Dear God, please bless Mommy and Daddy and all the family to be healthy and happy." Suddenly he looked up and said out loud, "And please don't forget to ask grandpa to give me a bicycle for my birthday!!" "There is no need to shout like that," said his father. "God isn't hard of hearing." "No," said the little boy, "but Grandpa is."



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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

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

Anniversaries:

Mary Low, 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:

Catherine and Laurie Tumor, 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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