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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.

**9-10 July 2022**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Dear Parishioners**  
**Today we celebrate the**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



In the [Gospel](#) Reading, a lawyer asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus says to the lawyer, *well, how do you read the law?* Without hesitation, the lawyer gives Jesus the answer, which the lawyer already knew: *love God wholly and your neighbor as yourself.*

**If you can do good to him, he counts as your neighbor.**

*Right!*, Jesus tells him. *You do that, and you’ll live.*

*But wait*, the lawyer says, *who is my neighbor?*

Then Jesus tells him the story of the bad priest and Levite and the good Samaritan, and Jesus finishes with another question to the lawyer: *which of these was the neighbor of the robbery victim?*

The lawyer gives the answer he has to give: *the good neighbor was the Samaritan.*

Now notice the oddness of the lawyer’s first question. He doesn’t ask: what is the best way to soar in love of God? He asks: what *must* I do to inherit eternal life? He is looking for the minimum necessary to get in to heaven, isn’t he?

But eternal life is a union, a marriage, with God. Who would want to get married to someone who said, “what’s the minimum I can do for you and with you and still get you to marry me?”

So Jesus gets the lawyer to answer his question, and the lawyer gives the right answer. What you *have* to do, the minimum necessary, is everything: love God wholly, and love your neighbor as yourself.

This is a disconcerting answer, of course, because in this life none of us is ever going to do everything. So if *everything* is the minimum necessary, then none of us is getting in. And so the lawyer tries on his original move again. He wants a definition of *neighbor* which gives him the minimum number of people to count as neighbors he has to love.

But Jesus upends the lawyer’s continuing desire for a minimum by giving him another maximum: everyone you can love is your neighbor. If you can do good to him, he counts as your neighbor.

And that is what we *must* do to inherit eternal life: come to Christ. The lawyer’s own answers to his questions are right. But giving everything in love for God is a holiness we can find only through Christ’s unstinting outpouring of love for us.

## 2. Floods

We reach out in thoughts and prayer to those who may have been affected by the recent rain and floods. If you are affected in anyway by the inclement weather and need some assistance, please contact the Parish office. If there is anyone you know who may be worried, please encourage the person to also contact the Parish Office. In the meantime, we ask that everyone keeps safe.

## 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. 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. 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.

## 6. Anointing of the sick Mass

Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in a 9am Mass. Wednesday 20 July is the next one.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Confirmation



Our parish plans to celebrate confirmation this August. If your child in year 6 or older and have received their First Holy Communion. Please email [sacraments@stanthonyaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonyaustral.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.

## 9. 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 it to keep our Parish safe.

## 10. Classroom Music Teachers Wanted

Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website. All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 25 July and for anyone interested you can add your expression of interest [here](#). For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at: [hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au).

## 11. 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.

## 12. 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.

## 13. 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 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.

## 14. 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

## 15. The Catholic Weekly

With the recent weather the Catholic Weekly for this week has been delayed. Thank you to those who continually purchase and support each edition of the Catholic Weekly

**God Bless,**



**Fr Kene Onwukwe**

### **Dates to Remember**

*Monday 11th July—St Benedict—Memorial*

*Wednesday 13th July—St Henry—Optional Memorial*

*Thursday 14th July—St Camillus de Lellis—Optional Memorial*

*Friday 15th July—St Bonaventure—Memorial*

*Saturday 16th July—Our Lady Mt Carmel—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:** Maria Reale, Femia Gatt, Frank Anthony Vartuli, Jessie Curmi, Mary Vella, Josphine Camilleri, Dorotea Cruz

### **Anniversaries:**

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, 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, 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.

### **The Catholic Weekly—This week's edition**

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- Plenary 2022: What happened
- Rosaries in the Rain: Sydney video goes viral
- St Thomas' children: Vibrant Indian Catholics
- Lazarus in Darwin
- Movie review: *Minions: The rise of Gru*
- Get with Francis on Liturgy

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