



20-21 August 2022 21st 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.

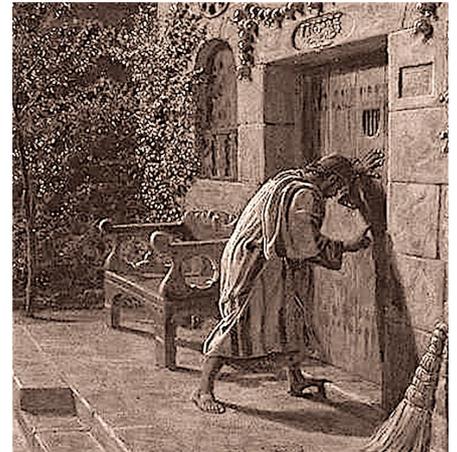
Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Dear Parishioners Today we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the [Gospel](#) Reading Jesus says that some people will come to him confidently, but he will say to them, “I don’t know where you are from. Go away, you evildoers!”

This must be one of the most frightening passages in the gospels.

The gift of God’s love and forgiveness are already there for you.

But if we get fearful and ask, “OK, then, what do I have to do in order not to be sent away,” we are on the wrong track entirely.

God does not hate anything that he has made; he loves it.” ([John 3:16](#)). So you don’t have to rush out to bring sandwiches to the poor or do anything else whose purpose is to work your way into God’s love and forgiveness.

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But then why are those people in the Gospel passage sent away? If the gift is already there, then why don’t these people get it?

Well, no gift can be given unilaterally. Successful gift-giving takes two: one to offer the gift, and one to receive it. If you refuse the gift God offers you, the gift cannot be successfully given, can it?

So maybe the whole problem with these people who are sent away is their determination to do the right stuff in order to be part of the in-group. If you want to achieve *for yourself* what God is offering as a gift, you are in effect refusing the gift, aren’t you?

And maybe that’s why Jesus says to these people, “I don’t know where you are *from*.” If you accept God’s gift of his forgiving love, then you are *in* Christ; and the spirit of Christ is in you. You don’t have to come from anywhere to him. You are your beloved’s, and he is yours, as the Song of Songs says ([Song 6:3](#)).

So what you have to *do* in order not to get sent away is nothing. Just receive the gift, open to the Lord, let the Holy Spirit of Christ in. Then you might bring food to the poor, or write a book, or compose a symphony. But however you share your gifts, you will do so by first having opened to God’s love, which is his gift to you.

2. World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day will be held at Lisbon Portugal in August next year. If any parishioner is interested in attending or would like some further information, please contact the Parish Office. This would be a great opportunity for the younger generation to further their spiritual journey.



3. RCIA

Our Parish welcomes everyone and invite those thinking of becoming Catholic to contact us. Perhaps some may be interested in completing their sacraments such as Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. If this is something that may interest you, please contact the Parish Office who can take down your details. We hope to celebrate the sacraments as part of our Easter celebrations.

4. Father's Day Blessing

We invite all fathers and grandfathers to our weekend masses on the weekend of 3rd and 4th September 2022 for a special blessing.

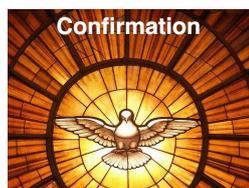
5. Congratulations to Deacon Paul Naggar on his 25th Ordination Anniversary

Deacon Paul was ordained by Cardinal Edward Clancy as the first permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Sydney on 23 August 1997 at All Saints Liverpool where he served for thirteen years. In 2010 he was appointed to Carnes Hill Parish, Bossley Park Parish from 2012-2015, Moorebank Parish from 2015-2020 and Austral Parish 2020 until retiring in June last year. Please join us in congratulating Deacon Paul.



6. Confirmation

We congratulate and bless all candidates who were confirmed on Saturday in our Parish. We especially thank Rev Paul Monkerud from All Saints Parish, Liverpool who led our mass. Thank you to all the volunteers involved in preparing the children and assisting in our Mass.



6. 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.

7. 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.

8. St Vincent de Paul

The College are looking for volunteers to help make sandwiches and to donate supplies to make sandwiches for Liverpool Night Patrol Vans. Sandwiches will be prepared at St **Anthony's Catholic College on Fridays, once a month**. You can choose to either bring in sandwich making supplies or come along and prepare sandwiches with a group of parents and parishioners using the donated materials. When you donate items for sandwich making, we ask that you deliver them to the school office before 9am. If you are able to assist or donate items and you haven't already volunteered please email veronica.leva@syd.catholic.edu.au Our next scheduled sandwich making day is Friday 9 September. For further information please contact the school office or write to the above email .



9. 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. Please remember to turn off all mobile telephones.

10. Mention my Name Prayer Service

Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria invite you to their annual Mention My Name Prayer Service to remember all those who have lost their lives through suicide and to pray for their grieving family, friends and communities.

Date - Wednesday 7th September 2022
at 7pm

Location - St Mary's Cathedral, 2 St Mary's Road, Sydney

Presider: Bishop Terry Brady

11. Legion of Mary

On Saturday 10th September 2022 at 10am the Legion of Mary will celebrate their centenary Mass with Bishop Terry Brady at St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.



12. 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.

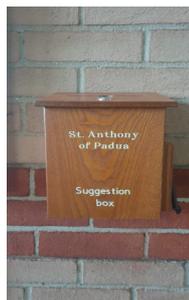


13. Church Noticeboard

As you enter the church, our Noticeboard has many items some of which may interest you. Please take the time to look at the noticeboard next time you are at Mass.

14. 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.



16. 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 21st September 2022.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd August 2022—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Memorial

Tuesday 23rd August 2022— St Rose of Lima—Optional Memorial

Wednesday 24th August 2022— Feast of St Bartholomew

Saturday 27th August 2022— St Monica—Memorial

Events in the Parish

- Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass
- Third Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass **Anointing of the Sick**. *The next service will be held Wednesday 21st September 2022*



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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Renato San Jose, Francesco Pace, Leone Pace, Maria Reale

Anniversaries:

Charlotte Vella, Ivanka Zuvic, Daniel Patrick Flynn, Giuseppe Vartuli, Michael Sammut, Giuseppina, Polsia and Domencio Carbone, Jose de Abrey, Mary Grace Gatt, Mary Vella, Guiseppe Sicilano, Vera-Angela Najdek, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Petra San Jose, Mary Low, Angela Polistina, Jessie Curmi, Denise De Vries, Michelina Inzitari, Carmel Ferraro, Giulia and Caterina Caria, Nata Mileto, Cosimo Caccamo, Vincenzo Scundi, Caterina Armeni, Pasquale Scundi,

Also for:

Domenico, Maria, Giuseppe and Vincenzo Camera, Frank Jeromela, The good intentions of The Gauci and Cauchi Families, Catherine and Laurie Tumor, Domenico Polistina, Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, The Dimech Family

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 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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