



**ST ANTHONY OF  
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CATHOLIC  
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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.

**10-11 September 2022  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**



**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate the  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In the [First Reading](#), the Israelites, who have just been freed from slavery in Egypt by spectacular miracles that God did for them, those same Israelites have made molten metal into the statue of a calf and declared that the calf is their God who brought them out of Egypt.



**Maybe like Paul, who once was the chief of sinners, your sinning friend could become glorious.** God is very angry at the people in consequence. This people is hopeless, God says to Moses; I ought to destroy them and make a new Israelite people out of you, Moses. But God means to be merciful to the Israelites, and he is inviting Moses to be merciful by first showing Moses the evil of the people. If you don't see the evil in what others are doing, you aren't merciful. You are just a moral idiot. In response to God's anger at the Israelites, Moses is merciful; and he wants God to be merciful too. And so the reply of Moses to God's anger teaches us something about mercy. Moses does not try to see what the Israelites are doing as not so bad, as somehow acceptable or excusable. If he did, then Moses really would be a moral idiot. But he doesn't. Rather, Moses entreats God to be merciful by reminding God of the past history of the Israelites. Don't you remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses asks God? They were your servants and so pleasing to you! For the sake of what the Israelite people were in the past, have mercy on them now! The [Second Reading](#) is about mercy too. Paul explains that he once was a persecutor of God's people. He doesn't gloss over his own evil then or make himself a moral idiot, any more than Moses did. But Paul says that he obtained mercy from God anyway, because God could see the man that Paul could become. For the sake of the man Paul could be in the future, God had mercy on him. Here is one moral of the readings then. You must not be a moral idiot. When you look at the conduct of your father, or your friend, or your boss, if that person is being sinful, then you need to see clearly that he is. But what you see when he is evil is not all there is to him. There is what he was in the past, the small boy his mother loved, for example. He wasn't always the sinner he is now. And then there is what he could become. Maybe like Paul, who once was the chief of sinners, your sinning friend could become glorious in the service of the Lord in the future. So, see clearly the evil in your neighbor now, but remember that what you see is not all there is to him. Like the Lord in the readings, have mercy on him, for the sake of all the rest of him, the person that he once was and the person that he can still be.

## 2. Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal



On behalf of the Parish, we thank you for supporting the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Through your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you missed the special collection, you can still donate by visiting [www.ourfaithworks.org/prf](http://www.ourfaithworks.org/prf). Our Parish raised \$435.00. Thank you for your generosity

## 3. Thank You to the Legion of Mary society



We thank all who participated in the Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you to Faye Palamara and the members of the Legion of Mary Society for decorating the Altar and organising the morning tea respectively.

## 4. World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day will be held in 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.



## 5. 2023 Columbian Calendars

The 2023 calendars are now available for purchase. Next to the calendars is an envelope. We request that you please place \$10 for payment of the calendar inside the envelope and then place the envelope in the poor box. Thank you for your support.

## 6. Catholic Care Foster Care Information Sessions



This September online information sessions will be held on Wednesday, 28 September 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm. Those interested can register by visiting [familyspirit.org/become-a-carer](http://familyspirit.org/become-a-carer).

## 7. Road Closure Notice

**From Monday 12 September until Sunday 16 October 2002.**

Sydney Water is building water and wastewater infrastructure in Austral and Leppington to service Western Sydney's growing population. To ensure safety of our local community, road users and the construction team Sydney water will be closing the following roads:

- East bound lane of Tenth Ave from Fourth Avenue to Landaise Road
- West bound lane of Twelfth Ave from Fourth Ave to Edmonson Avenue

Sydney water will also be implementing a stop/slow control on Kelly Street, Tenth Ave and Edmondson Ave. Keep safe everyone

## 8. Safeguarding Sunday - 11 September 22

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the sixth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate and embrace differences within our community. To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the Celebrating Differences – We are all special "Activity Book". This resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection>. We encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People as well as how we can all celebrate differences within our community and life.

## 9. Feast of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

St. Padre Pio Parish Glenmore Park is celebrating its parish patron's feast on 25 September 25, 2022, and invites the public to the celebration. Novena to the feast starts on Thursday – Friday, September 22 – 23 at 7 pm and Saturday, September 24 at 5.30 pm. On September 25, the procession starts at 10 am and is followed by the Feast Day Mass, veneration and blessing with St. Padre Pio's relics.

## 10. RCIA

Our Parish welcomes everyone and invites 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. We hope to commence our preparation classes in early November and celebrate the sacraments during the Easter 2023 masses. If you or anyone you might know is interested to be received into full Holy Communion in the Catholic Faith, please let the Parish office know.

## 11. Parking

Please reserve the parking in the churchyard 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.



## 12. 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.

## 13. 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 parish affairs. For authenticity and to make sure the response is duly dispatched, please include your details.



## 14. Anointing of the sick Mass

Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month during the 9 am Mass. Please join us for our next mass on Wednesday 21st September 2022.

## 15. 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 readers, cleaners, and florists to setting the church up for events. Further, if you are interested in becoming an acolyte, reader, choir member, altar server, or Eucharistic Minister please contact the Parish office.

**God Bless,**



**Fr Kene Onwukwe**

### ***Dates to Remember***

*Tuesday 13th September - St John Chrysostom—Optional Memorial*

*Wednesday 14th September—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross—Feast*

*Thursday 15th September—Our Lady of Sorrows—Optional Memorial*

*Friday 16th September—Sts Cornelius and Cyprian—Optional 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:** Guiseppe Ghignone, Renato San Jose, Francesco Pace, Leone Pace, Maria Reale

**Anniversaries:**

Giuseppe and Maria Catanzariti, Nancy Potenza, Fillipo Musso, Maria, Andrew Gerardis, Antonio Ieroianni, Carmelo Mileto, Giovanni Fonti, Rino Petrin, Antonietta Sikora, Christine Grixti, 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

**Also for:**

Christlyn Palakal for her Spiritual and health well being, Guido and Elena Gugitti, Antonio Trimarchi, Emanuel and Femia Gatt, 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:**

Bernardino Fonti, Dane Petrin, 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](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.

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

**Please place \$2.00 in the poor box**

- Suffering in the suburbs. Cost of living drives record numbers to Lifeline.
- Elephant in the room. Behind the Knox scandal.
- *The Screwtape Letters* goes on stage.
- One step closer. Couple nearer to seeing children.
- Movie review: *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*
- Books: Recovering lost wisdom



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