



17-18 September 2022 25th 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: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: : Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the **Second Reading** Paul says it is the will of God that every human being be saved.
God wants lovers, not slaves.

But it is part of Christian doctrine that not all human beings are saved. Not all human beings go to heaven when they die. How could it be that an omnipotent God wills something, and yet it doesn't happen? Here we need to remember that heaven is more like a marriage than it is like a place.

For a human person to be in heaven is for her to be united in love to God. Now, union between God and a human person requires that each have a mind and a will, in order for there to be two to unite together. If God's mind and will are the only ones present, then whatever there may be, it isn't union between God and another person.

In consequence, God cannot bring about union all by himself. God can do all the work needed for union. He can offer the grace necessary for it as a gift. But if the will of a human person rejects that grace and refuses God, then even an omnipotent God can't get union with that person. God cannot succeed in giving grace if a human person chooses to reject it.

We have to see therefore that there are some things that God wants and does not get. The will of God is that every human being be saved, but not all human beings are saved, because a human being can reject God's grace.

But there is no frustration of God's will as a result.

God wills to let a person's salvation depend entirely on her—not, of course, in the Pelagian sense that she can save herself without grace, but in the sense required by the **First Reading:** it is up to her and her alone whether or not she refuses the saving grace of God. And if she refuses it, then because God willed to create her as a person with a will of her own, God cannot give her the grace that she will not have.

God wants lovers, not slaves. And that is why, although it is God's will that all human beings be saved, when some are not saved, God's will is still fulfilled, only in a different way.

2. Queen Elizabeth II R.I.P (1962-2022)

Along with so many around the world, we pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II at this time of her death.

In her incredible 70 years of reign, she visited Australia many times and many have used the words 'duty, service, wisdom, steadfast, etc' to describe her time as Australia's Head of State. May she rest in peace.

May our merciful Lord Jesus, King of the Universe, whom she trusted in her relationship with God, now lead her to life eternal. And through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, may she find peace and comfort in heaven. I ask you to pray for the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, her family, and for peace in our world. We also pray for King Charles III

3. 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.



4. Migrant and Refugee Sunday

This year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday, 25 September 2022, marks the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees' theme is "Building the future with migrants and refugees". Please remember all our own migrants and refugees that have come to our country for a better life.

Prayer

*Lord, make us bearers of hope,
so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may
flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of
sharing may grow.*

*Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.*

*Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen*

(Pope Francis)

5. Most Holy Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily since the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7 October. We remind all parishioners that the rosary is recited from 8.30am (prior to the 9am mass) from Tuesdays through to Fridays.



Commencing Monday 3rd October 2022 until Monday 19th December 2022 in the St Anthony's Parish Hall, the Chain of Mary Rosary Prayer Group will pray the Rosary from 10am. The prayer begins with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, then followed by the Rosary, a Gospel reflection and will conclude with the Angelus. All are welcome

6. Road Closure Notice From Monday 12 September—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.

7. 2023 Columbian Calendars

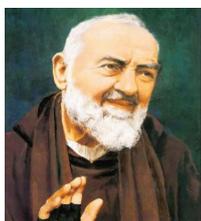
The 2023 calendars are now available for purchase. Next to the calendars are envelopes. We request that you please place \$10 for payment of the calendar inside the envelope and then leave the envelope with payment in the poor box. Thank you for your support.

8. Save the Date

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated on Tuesday 4th October 2022. Our Parish plans to celebrate the Feast on Sunday 16th October 2022 with blessing of the pets, morning tea and a special surprise for the children. More information will be relayed in further bulletins. Watch this space!



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 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.

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. 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.

15. 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.

16. Anointing of the sick Mass

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

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Monday 19th September 2022—St Januarius—optional memorial

Tuesday 20th September 2022—Sts Andrew Kim Teo-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang —Optional Memorial

Wednesday 21st September 2022—St Matthew—Feast

Friday 23rd September 2022—St Pius of Pietrelcina—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 this Wednesday 21st September 2022*
- **Young Children's Prayer Group** *Every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next prayer group will be held on Saturday 8th October 2022 in the Parish Hall at 4pm.*

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Sauro Marsili, Guiseppe Ghignone, Renato San Jose, Francesco Pace, Leone Pace, Maria Reale

Anniversaries:

Maria Iergianni, Caterina Gerardis, Nancy Potenza, Fillipo Musso, Antonietta Sikora, Christine Gixti, 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) Lustrì, 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: Claudio Ribeiro, 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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