



15-16 October 2022 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Dear Parishioners

**Today we celebrate the
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The account of the battle with Amalek demonstrates conclusively the favoured status of the people of Israel. The only thing that prevented their defeat was the intervention of Moses. His uplifted hands resemble a ritual that must be performed with great precision if the desired effects are to be achieved. It is almost as if Moses was a conduit of divine power. The staff of God may have been the same staff that Moses used to perform wonders before Pharaoh and with which he parted and then gather back the water of the sea. Moses, Aaron, Hur and Caleb form a bridge between Israel's experience of deliverance and its eventual occupation of the land. This psalm of confidence is also a psalm of ascent, a song that contains sentiments associated with a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. God is called 'Creator of heaven and earth', the epithet of the Canaanite god worshipped at Salem long before David seized the city (cf. Gen 14:18-20). This is a message of promise or blessing. God is described as a solicitous protector who watches day and night, attentive to the needs of the entire people, as well as to those of the individual worshipper. God will act as a shade, protecting against sunstroke and the ailments that often accompany it. Every aspect of the psalmist's life is in the safekeeping of this provident and sheltering God. Paul expounds on the excellence of the sacred scriptures (holy writings) and their usefulness in the lives of Christians. Timothy is reminded of those teachers from whom he learned the message of the scriptures. Paul believed that all Scripture was inspired by God and that it plays a very important role in the lives of believers. Paul solemnly charges Timothy to remain faithful to his ministerial responsibilities. He is to proclaim the word; to be resolute at all times; to correct those in error; to rebuke those who have gone astray; and to encourage all. He has the power of Christ Jesus to accomplish this, and so he should not be fainthearted. Jesus tells a parable about the need for persistence in prayer. The judge is unjust because he failed to ensure justice for all. The woman is a widow, a member of one of the most oppressed classes in Israelite society. Though vulnerable, she is bold. As indifferent as the judge seems to be toward her case, so is she persistent in her demands of him. He will not give in; she will not give up. The persistence of the woman becomes the model of resoluteness for God's chosen ones. Like the woman in the parable, they cannot be certain regarding when God will respond, and so they must persist. The passage ends with Jesus posing a sobering question: 'When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

Author: Dianne Bergant CSA

2. Retirement of Bishop Terry Brady

The Holy Father Pope Francis has accepted the retirement of our auxiliary Bishop Terry Brady, who reached the canonical age of 75 early this year. Bishop Brady has contributed to the Church in Australia, especially through ministry to the disadvantaged over many decades.

As a student at De La Salle Catholic College in Cronulla, Bishop Terry started volunteering at the Matthew Talbot hostel for homeless men and the experience inspired his desire to serve others.

At the age of 18, Bishop Brady began life as a religious brother with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart but left before taking his final vows.

He was ordained a diocesan priest in 1983 and an auxiliary bishop in 2007.

Bishop Brady throughout his ministry was a strong voice to those in need including as archdiocesan director of Catholic Mission and in leadership roles with the St Vincent De Paul Society. He has also served as Chair for the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, responsible for defending the rights of migrants and refugees, prisoners and people with disabilities.

Bishop Terry came to our Parish on a pastoral visit in 2010, 2012 and 2014 to administer the sacrament of confirmation to our Parish children.

We thank Bishop Terry for his many years of service in the sacerdotal priesthood and for his strong faith.

Bishop Terry will move to a new ministry of slightly 'lesser duties', as he continues to serve the people of Sydney in new ways.



3. 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 on Wednesday 19th October 2022.

4. October—The month of Mary

In this month of October, please be reminded that the rosary is prayed from 8.30am (before the 9am mass) on Tuesdays through to Fridays and on Saturdays from 4:30pm

Another Rosary prayer is conducted every Monday in the St. Anthony's Parish Hall from 10 am. The prayer begins with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, then followed by the Rosary, a Gospel reflection, and concludes with the Angelus. All are welcome

5. RCIA

Our Parish welcomes everyone and invites those thinking of becoming Catholic to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. It is also a wonderful program for those thinking of understanding more about their faith in the Catholic Church and also in completing their sacraments such as Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We hope to celebrate the rites of Initiation and the sacraments with the RCIA candidates during the Lenten season and Easter celebrations respectively. If this is something that may interest you, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

The program commences with the information evening on **Wednesday 19th October at 7 pm in the Church**. Thanks to those who have shown interest in the program and to Wendy Tourle for accepting to lead in this program. We would appreciate your support if you wish to help prepare these candidates for the RCIA program. Please let the Parish office know.

6. November Book of Remembrance

At the back of the church, the Mass of the Holy Soul envelopes, are now available for any intentions which will be written into the November Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed on the altar for prayers and masses to be offered to our departed loved ones throughout the month of November.

7. Advent Program

The Advent Program commences on Tuesday, 22 November in the parish hall. This program helps you to prepare ahead in time, with regard to listening and reflecting on the coming weekend's gospel reading, and with the opportunity of praying for those that need our prayers. All are welcome Thank you to Roweena Richard for accepting to lead the program.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Remembrance Mass

There will be a remembrance Mass for all our deceased loved ones especially those who died in the last 12 months, on Friday 11 November at 7 pm. We ask that if you would like the name of anyone who has passed away in the last 12 months read out, please contact the Parish Office or send an email to advise us of their names. However, everyone is invited to come to this mass and join in praying for their deceased loved ones. Bring with you anything personal of your deceased loved one(s) to place at the altar. All are welcome.

11. Safeguarding

Please ensure that your working with children is up to date and you have completed the safeguarding course either online or with our Parish safeguarding officer Natasha Steimbessier. All Parishes are in the process of getting audited. You must complete all documents in order to volunteer in our Parish. Please contact the office if you would like to check all your documents are up to date

12. All Saints' Day

We will celebrate mass with the College children from 9.15 am on Tuesday 1st November 2022. All are welcome.

13. All Soul's Day

Our Church will celebrate All Souls' Day on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at 9 am and again at 6.30 pm. All are welcome.

14. Priest recalls horror of Bali bombings, prays for peace

Fr Richard Thompson of Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese served as a senior navy chaplain and was posted to HMAS Albatross, when Islamic fundamentalists linked to al-Qaida detonated three bombs in the Indonesian holiday province 20 years ago. Immediately, Fr Thompson was airlifted to Bali to play a pivotal role supporting Australian bomb survivors, the families of victims and government officials including police and forensic experts working on identifying the dead. Fr Thompson reflected on the current state of the world: "I can't believe that there's a war in Ukraine. That just astounds me. And then North Korea, and Taiwan. Sometimes I say, 'have we learnt nothing?'"

15. Pope pleads for Church unity on 60th anniversary of Vatican II ROME

Pope Francis on Oct. 11 marked the opening of the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council — a three-year period that launched landmark reforms in the Catholic Church's relationship to the world around it and the church's own liturgy and practices — by pleading for the church to "overcome all polarization and preserve our communion." In a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, which served as the council's chambers during the 1962-1965 meetings, Francis said the council, which was inaugurated by Pope St. John XXIII, was "one great response" to the question "Do you love me?" posed by Christ to his disciples. During the 60th anniversary Mass, Francis lamented that those changes had sometimes led to deep divisions within the Church and warned against the temptation of "worldliness." "Let us be careful: Both the 'progressivism' that lines up behind the world and the 'traditionalism' that longs for a bygone world are not evidence of love, but of infidelity." During the Mass, the Pope once more reiterated his support for the reforms of Vatican II.



God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kene Onwukwe'.

Fr Kene Onwukwe

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Luigi Casato, Brendan McGlone, Dawn Olsson, Guiseppe Santarosa, Sauro Marsili, Annuziata Zappacosta

Anniversaries:

Emmanuel Tabone, Joseph Jasenko, Franca and Rocco Romeo Antonio Chiappolone, Antonio Pisano, Cathy and Gesu Colagiuri, Josip Kontrec, Maria Iergiani, Caterina Gerardis, Nancy Potenza, Filippo Musso

Also for:

James Dimech, Elena Gugitti, Antonio Trimarchi, Emanuel and Femia Gatt, Gesu (Jesi) Lustri

We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for: Anna Giordano, 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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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 on Wednesday 19th October 2022.
- **Young Children's Prayer Group**
Every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next prayer group will be held on Saturday 12th November 2022 in the Parish Hall at 4pm. All children are welcome

Dates to Remember

Monday 17th October —St Ignatius of Antioch—Memorial
Tuesday 18th October —St Luke—Feast