



8-9 October 2022
28th 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: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving
 power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God,
 because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those
 who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Dear Parishioners
Today we celebrate the
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading for today is a narrative about
 healing, gratitude, conversion and worship.

Israel had many regulations governing leprosy
 (cf. Leviticus 13-14). Washing was part of the

rite of reincorporation into the community, but it was not itself a remedy for
 the illness, as is the case here. Miraculously the waters of the Jordan
 transformed Naaman's flesh into that of a child. When Naaman realised
 that he had been cured, his indebtedness prompted him to return to Elisha
 and offer a gift in thanksgiving. Having experienced the power of Elisha's
 God, he proclaims that there is no other God. This story as a triumphant
 warrior, whose right hand and outstretched arm have brought victory. The
 divine warrior is the one who conquers the primordial forces of chaos. This
 psalm focuses on Israel's salvation by God. This victory is really
 vindication meted out in order to rectify a previous injustice.

It follows God's recall of the covenant promises made to the house of
 Israel. The psalm also features the relationship between God's saving
 action and the promises that God made. It is because of the promise
 made to the ancestors that the divine warrior stepped in and triumphed
 over Israel's enemies. Paul exhorts Timothy to remember the heart of the
 gospel that Paul has preached: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; he is
 a descendant of David. The first statement of the testimony is the very
 basis of Christian faith. The fact that he came from the line of David
 shows that he fulfilled all of the expectations and promises that were
 associated with that royal family. This is the gospel to which Paul
 committed himself and for which he was now suffering imprisonment. The
 agony and indignity that Paul bears are seen by him as a share in the
 'birthpangs of the messiah', that necessary suffering that would precede
 the birth of the reign of God. In the gospel, Jesus recalls the story of a
 foreigner who suffered the pain and indignities of leprosy. Those suffering
 from leprosy in this story recognise Jesus, stand at a distance, and cry out
 to him by name. Only one man returns to thank him, and he is a
 Samaritan. He is not surprised that Jesus healed him. Nor is he the only
 one who had faith. They all believed that Jesus had the power to heal
 them and they all went off to show themselves to the priests. What makes
 this man unique is his gratitude. Jesus commends the man for his faith.
 Once again the last (a Samaritan) will be first (held up as an example).



Author: Dianne Bergant CSA

2. Most Holy Rosary – Mother Mary

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 prayed from 8.30 am (before the 9 am mass) on Tuesdays through to Fridays and on Saturdays from 4:30 pm.



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

3. St Francis of Assisi

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated on Tuesday 4th October 2022. Our Parish will mark the Feast on Sunday 16th October 2022 with the blessing of your pets and morning tea commencing at 10 am. We have also organized an animal farm to come to the Church. The children can pat rabbits, feed lambs, and take plenty of photos with the farm animals. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.



4. 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.

5. All Saints' Day

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 7pm.** 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 name. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.



12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**. We invite families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children
And:

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing aid to over 5000 families in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters, and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must also be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan visit

www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan

15. 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.

16. Spiritual Retreat

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Lurnea are hosting a Spiritual Retreat on Wednesday 26th October 2022 from 7pm—9pm at their Parish located at 71 Webster Road, Lurnea. All are welcome. Please see flyer on our Noticeboard for further information or contact Rosy on 0449 975 805.

God Bless,

Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

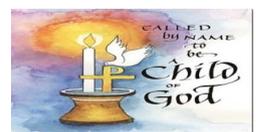
Tuesday 11th October—St St John , XXIII, Pope—Optional Memorial

Friday 14th October—St Callistus I, p\ Pope—Optional Memorial

Saturday 15th October—St Teresa of Jesus—Optional Memorial

Congratulations on your Baptism Welcome to our Faith Community

- Gioia Maria Carmela Nicolita Pletea
Daughter of Bogdan and Bianca
- Amarchi Gabriela Onyelusi
Daughter of Justin and Ijeoma
- James Mark Oliver
Son of Mark and Carmen
- Anayah Alanna Macri
Daughter of George and Kate
- Evie Marianna Pulvirenti
Daughter of Anthony and Lia



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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

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

Anniversaries:

Franca and Rocco Romeo Antonio Chiappolone, Antonio Pisano, Cathy and Gesu Colagiuri, Josip Kontrec, Maria Iergiani, Caterina Gerardis, Nancy Potenza, Filippo Musso, Antonietta Sikora, Christine Gixti, Charlotte Vella, Ivanka Zovic, Daniel Patrick Flynn, Giuseppe Vartuli, Michael Sammut, Giuseppina, Polsia and Domencio Carbone, Jose de Abrey, Mary Grace Gatt, Eduardo San Jose Jr, Petra San Jose

Also for:

James Dimech, Elena Gugitti, Antonio Trimarchi, Emanuel and Femia Gatt, Domenico, Maria, Giuseppe and Vincenzo Camera, Frank Jeromela, Domenico Polistina, Gesu (Jesi) Lustrì

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, Hane 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.

**This week's edition of The Catholic Weekly
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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