



12-13 November 2022 33rd 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: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The day of the Lord is that time of the fulfilment of all of God's promises and the realisation of the destiny of the world. It is the time when justice will be realised. Initially, Israel believed that this day would be for it a time of vindication and rejoicing. However, the prophets set them straight on this matter, insisting that Israel itself would have to face the righteous anger of God. The metaphor of a blazing fire characterises this. On the other hand, the day of the Lord will rise majestically for the upright, like the sun in the eastern sky. This experience of God is the total reversal of the flaming destruction in store for the wicked. The psalm response is an example of a hymn the celebrates the enthronement of God as king over all. Today all creation is summoned to praise God. The cosmic scope of God's rule includes both the seas and the entire world. The final verse is eschatological in character. The Lord is coming, and is coming to judge. The idea of judgment frequently engenders a sense of dread, since it implies the notion of passing judgment. Within the cosmic setting that lies behind this psalm, judgment means setting things in order so that life can prosper. There may need to be some reordering for this to happen, but the idea is generally positive.

Paul offers his own conduct as an example for the Thessalonians to follow. He has been faithful to his own teaching. The Thessalonians can learn from his actions as well as from his words. Paul teaches three lessons: He has not acted in a disorderly fashion; He has not presumed upon the hospitality of others; He has worked long and hard so that he would not be a financial burden to them. This leads him to comment on a situation he has been told exists within the Thessalonian community. He condemns those who have acted as busybodies rather than being actually busy. If people want to eat, they must work like everyone else. Paul offers himself as an example in this. The admiration for the temple expressed by some bystanders prompted Jesus to predict its destruction. The reading addresses the events that will precede the destruction, signs that should alert people to the impending doom. These long-expected signs portend the persecutions that the followers of Jesus will have to endure because of the name of Jesus. Faithful to the end, even if they are put to death, they will be saved. These signs are often understood as pointing beyond this world to the next. Kairós refers to a decisive moment, not to chronological time. It marks the time of fulfilment and it connotes eschatological reality. Jesus knew what would transpire in the future, and he is here preparing his followers for that future.

Author: Dianne Bergant CSA

2. Welcome to our new residents

Fr Kene and parishioners of St Anthony's Catholic Church welcome you to Austral. Moving to a new area sometimes has its challenges and we know that, with the rise in the cost of living, there is an added difficulty to settling well. Please if there is anything we can do to help you feel at home in our community, do not hesitate to contact us.

Details of our weekend and weekday masses and other programs in the church are on our bulletin and on the notice boards.

Please collect a Parish Census form at the foyer, fill it out and give to Fr Kene or send it to the parish office. God loves you.

3. Christmas Carols Picnic at St Anthony's

This year, Saint Anthony's will be holding a Christmas Carols Picnic on the grass area in front of the Church from 6:20- 8:30 pm on Saturday 10th December. All are invited to listen to some excellent music led by our Parish choirs and other parishioners while spending some time with your families and other parishioners. This is a FREE event, with ice cream and coffee available for purchase on the night. BYO dinner and a picnic blanket/ chair.

In order to make our carols night a success, we would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners with musical talent to perform on the night in solo or small group performances! Singers and musicians are invited to contact the Parish Office with their name, contact details, the name of their song/s, and whether they will be providing a backing track. All applications for performances must be submitted by Tuesday 15th November, for organisational purposes. Please contact the Parish office for further information.

4. St Mary's Cathedral Lights

The Parish Council has organised transport for Parishioners to St Mary's Cathedral for the 'Lights of Christmas'. Last year's trip was good and we hope this year's will be fabulous.

Date: Monday 12th December

Time: 5.00pm – 9.30pm

5.00 - Depart Austral from the Church carpark to the Cathedral

6.15 pm - Approximate arrival into the city where you are free to view the light show at your leisure and spend time at the Cathedral.

9.30 pm - Depart the City and return to Austral

Cost: \$22 per person, including children and pensioners

5. Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022** - *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

6. November Book of Remembrance

At the back of the church, the Mass of the Holy Souls envelopes are available for any intentions which will be written into the November Book of Remembrance. The book will be placed at 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 prepare ahead of time, with regard to listening and reflecting on the coming weekend's gospel reading, and with the opportunity to pray for those who need our prayers.

Time: 6:30 pm

All are welcome. Thank you to Roweena Richard for accepting to lead the program.

8. RCIA

The program holds weekly and lasts for about 90 mins for each session.

You can still join the program to learn about your faith or be in full communion with the Catholic church. The candidates' celebration and reception of sacraments will be during the Lenten season and Easter next year.

If you are still interested to join, please ring the parish office. Thanks to Wendy Tourle for accepting to lead in this program.

9. Remembrance Mass

Thank you to those who assisted in our Mass. Your assistance is appreciated.

10. 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.

11. Christmas Carols – Holy Spirit Saturday 3 December 2022

The Parish of Holy Spirit, Carnes Hill will be hosting a Christmas Carol Concert and they have invited all the local parishes to join them. If you would like to be part of this concert, either as a performer or volunteer please contact our Parish office if you like any further information.

12. Anointing of the sick Mass

Please be reminded that this mass is celebrated every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9 am Mass. Please join us for our next mass on Wednesday 16 November 2022.

13. Position Vacant – Church Cleaner

The Parish is looking for anyone who may be retired or semi-retired that can come and clean our Church once a week on a permanent paid basis. We prefer the cleaning to be undertaken each Thursday, however, this day is negotiable. If you think that you are the right person for this job, please contact the Parish office. Thank you to those who have contacted us. We will be in touch soon. Thank you to those who have already made enquiries.

God Bless



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Thanksgiving

Thanking God for all those who were blessed with employment as a Novena to Jesus and the 12 apostles which was prayed.

Events in the Parish

- Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass
- Every Monday in St Anthony's Parish Hall a Rosary Prayer group is held at 10am. It begins with the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by praying the decades of the Rosary in different languages. All are welcome.
- Third Wednesday of the month after the 9am mass **Anointing of the Sick**. The next service will be held on Wednesday 16th November 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

**Baptisms in the Parish
Welcome to our Faith
Community**



- Emilio James Aiello
Son of Vincent and Belinda
- Eva Capri lenna
Daughter of David and Taylor
- Lucas Matteo Bianco
Son of Adrian and Chantelle
- James Pham
Son of Tuan and Phuong (Jessie)

News from the Parish Council

To all Parishioners
You are all invited to attend a morning tea after the 9am mass:

Date: Sunday 27th November 2022.
Where: Parish Hall

This will be Fr Kene's last mass before he leaves our Parish. We ask that you bring in a morning tea share plate for all of us to enjoy and gather together. If you would like to assist in the set up or serving please contact the Parish office. We hope everyone can make it!!!!

Gift

If you would like to contribute towards any gift for Fr Kene, please contact the Parish office. Alternatively you can contribute any amount and place the funds in an envelope. Please write your name clearly on the envelope so we can avoid any money getting mixed up with the weekly collection plates.

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Augusto Lisman, Lise Le" Cordier, Carolina Grieco, Michael Gauci, Raffaele Flavo, Luigi Casato, Brendan McGlone, Dawn Olsson

Anniversaries:

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

Also for:

Guiseppe Santarosa, Peter Domazet, Annunziata Zappacosta, James Dimech, Elena Gugitti, Antonio Trimarchi, Emanuel and Femia Gatt, 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, 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.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 16th November—St Margaret of Scotland and St Gertrude— Optional Memorial

Thursday 17th November—St Elizabeth of Hungary - Optional Memorial

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