



5-6 November 2022 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Dear Parishioners, Today we celebrate the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The first reading's account of the deaths of these brothers is described in grisly detail. The reason given for their murders leaves no doubt in our minds that they are really martyrs, faithful Israelites who died for their faith. As gruesome as the details of the martyrdom may be, the real point of this narrative is the faith in resurrection that these brothers profess. The idea of individual reward or punishment became a major issue only after the experience of the exile (cf. Ezek 18:1-32). It was precisely because of the martyrdom of the righteous that the theodicy, the justice of God, became an issue. An answer to this concern was sought in the idea of a life after this life.

The psalm opens with the same call to attention found in Israel's foremost prayer, 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord is God' (Deut 6:4). However, in this prayer the one called is God. The prayer for help employs two graphic images. The apple of one's eye refers to what is most precious to the individual. The compassionate and caring God is frequently depicted as a protective bird under whose wings a fledgling is assured of finding safety and tenderness. To behold the face of God or to stand in God's presence is to have had some kind of a religious experience. It seems that God has responded and the psalmist is content. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is twofold. He prays for encouragement and for strength. Paul's title for Jesus contains three Christological elements. He is Lord, the same title given to God in the Septuagint (Greek) version of the First Testament; He is Jesus, from the Hebrew name Jehoshua which means 'the Lord is salvation'; He is Christ, the 'anointed one'. It is Christ who will strengthen the believers, protect them against the forces of evil, and keep them on the path of righteousness. The love of God will ground them in their faith; it is the example of the endurance of Christ that will enable them to persevere in their commitment. Jesus is in a theological discussion with the Sadducees about the possibility of resurrection. He first draws a line of distinction between this age, when procreation is necessary, and the age to come, when there will be no death. He employs a very traditional Jewish method to argue his point. Reading a text literally, he draws conclusions from it that were probably never in the mind of the author. He refers to the narrative of Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush (cf. Exod 3:1-6). The text has God say 'I am', not 'I was'. The implication is that God is a God of the living, not of the dead. They were all joined to God through the covenant. Jesus' interpretation is claiming that death does not sever the union that the covenant forges.

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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.**

2. In the words of Fr Ronnie

I was born and raised in Sydney, growing up in Campsie and later moving to Strathfield. I went to school at St Patrick's College Strathfield and after one year at university entered the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush. After being ordained a deacon in 2018 I began my first appointment at St Felix Bankstown and was ordained a priest in 2019. I was moved to St Catherine Laboure, Gympie earlier this year. I am very much looking forward to beginning my time at Austral parish and hope to meet you all very soon.

3. RCIA

The program holds every Wednesday at 4 pm 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.

4. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

Please contact the Parish office for more information and to book your spot on the bus. Please note that to secure your seat on the bus, payment is required prior to this event.

4. You are invited

The Ascension prayer community is inviting everyone for a special evening of Praise and Worship and Teaching/Sharing and fellowship on Nov 10

Topic: "Forgiveness & Healing" Presented by Fr Benjamin Saliba

Where:

Parish Hall, 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights

Time: 7.15

Contact: Susan: 0415 342 672,

Contact Person: Trudy 0414 608 538

9. 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.

10. Intentions for the Sick

Our Bulletin has a section where we list the names of those we would like to remember in our prayers as they are ill. Please constantly visit that section in the bulletin; firstly, to join in praying for these our brothers and sisters, and secondly, to inform the parish office if the person has returned to good health or if the person has returned to God forever. This would help us update our bulletin. Thanks for your understanding and assistance.

11. Christmas Carols – Holy Spirit Carnes Hill

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.

Date: Saturday 3 December 2022

Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm

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.

14. 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. We also invite all at the Mass to stay back for a cuppa.

15. November Book of Remembrance

At the back of the church, the Mass of the Holy Souls 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.

16. Advent Program

The Advent Program commences on Tuesday, 22 November. 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 that need our prayers.

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Parish Hall

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

17. 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.

God Bless



Fr Kene Onwukwe

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 9th November 2022—Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday 10th November 2022—St Leo the Great—Optional Memorial

Friday 11th November 2022—St Martin of Tours—Optional Memorial

Saturday 12th November—St Josaphat—Optional Memorial

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

Anniversaries:

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:

Guisepppe 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, 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, 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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- With many families set to struggle with the cost of Christmas, charities say: **WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**
- Conscientious objection: Seminar for healthcare workers
- **UNDER ATTACK?** The Art of Spiritual Combat
- It's back! Christmas at the Cathedral
- Saints Galore!
- An Aria for Mascot



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

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