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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:

Contact the Parish Office

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.

**3-4 December 2022
Second Sunday of Advent Year A**

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



**Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate the
Second Sunday of Advent Year A**



The oracle of salvation is enveloped by references to 'the root of Jesse' (vv.1,10).

The new Davidic king will enjoy a realm of remarkable peace in the world of nature. Gifts needed for wise governing include wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord. This king will be the champion of the poor and the meek; he will be girded about with righteousness and faithfulness. This is clearly God's king. This scene of 'the peaceable kingdom' is reminiscent of the primal paradise of Eden (cf. Genesis 2). This vision is not a return to the past, but one of future peace and fulfilment. The psalmist begins with a prayer that the king be given a share in God's own justice. This justice will enable him to govern in a way that will provide the people with the peace and well being that God wills for them. The psalmist prays that God's righteousness will take root and flourish, and that it will even outlast this king, enduring along with peace until the end of time. This rule of justice is meant for the entire world and all of the nations within it. The prayer ends with a plea that the righteousness of this king will be a model for other nations, and through him they too will be blessed by God. Paul speaks of the universality of the blessings won by Christ and the unity within the believing community that will result. Referring to what we today call the First or Old Testament, he insists that though its contents originated from people who faced a very different world and concerns than did his audience, its message continues to provide instruction to the people of his day, and by implication to the people of our day as well. He bases his teaching on God's original promise that Abram and his descendants would be a source of blessing for others (cf. Gen 12:2; 22:18). He then argues that it was in fulfilment of this promise that the Gentiles have been brought into the family of God. John's baptism was neither one of incorporation, undergone by proselytes to Judaism, nor the repeated ritual cleansing practised by the Essene community of Qumran. It was a devotional rite with eschatological significance, accompanied by an acknowledgment of sinfulness and a resolve to live an ethical life. John accuses religious leaders of coming to him because they seek to flee from the wrath of God associated with the coming of the eschatological age. They considered their identity as children of Abraham as a privilege that protected them from this wrath. John admits his subordinate role when compared with Jesus. Though he precedes him in time, he follows him in importance. John's baptism is a preparation. Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with cleansing fire.

Author: Dianne Bergant CSA

2. First week of Advent Year A

It was with great joy and excitement that I arrived at this week St Anthony's to take up residence in the parish and begin my work here as Parish Administrator. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Kene for all his hard work in the parish during his time here and also for his very gracious welcome to me as I begin to settle in.

There has been a lot to learn in this first week here and it will take a long time for me to get my head around everything but amidst all the many different things going on at St Anthony's I look forward to continuing to make our parish a place where God is known, loved and worshipped more and more! This is the mission for which God has called us together as a community and the primary reason for our existence. It will be great to meet you and begin to get to know you as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Please know that I am always available and feel free to reach out at any time if you would like to meet.

May Our Lord bless you as we continue towards the celebration of His birth.

3. St Vincent De Paul



Our Parish will again hold a St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal with a box put under our Christmas Tree in the church. A list of items you may wish to donate to St Vincent De Paul is on our Bulletin board. Please leave any donated items under our Christmas tree no later than **Sunday 11th December 2022**, as all items will need to be picked up prior to Christmas for early distribution to those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

4. Christmas Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in preparation for Christmas. There will be visiting priests attending to hear confessions and all are invited to take up this excellent opportunity to receive the Lord's mercy in this beautiful sacrament.

Date: Thursday 15 December 2022
Time: 6:30pm

5. 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 21st December 2022.

6. Advent Program

The Advent Program has commenced with its first week. It is not too late to attend any week during the Advent season. 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

Where: Cry room in the Church

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

7. Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th December – 5.00 pm
Children's Mass

Saturday 24th December – 7.30 pm

Sunday 25th December – Midnight

Sunday 25th December – 9.00 am

If you would like to volunteer at any of the masses as an acolyte, Lector, or eucharistic minister, please contact the Parish Office. Please note those who have completed their working with children checks and safeguarding workshops will be considered. The children's mass at 5.00 pm will only require an acolyte and eucharistic minister. A roster will be drawn and shared to all volunteers prior to the masses.

8. 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. This is an alcohol free event. We look forward to seeing you there!

9. Liverpool City Council

On Tuesday 6th December between 6.30-8.00pm the Mayor of Liverpool City Council along with some councilors will hold a questions and answers forum in our Parish Hall. All residents and anyone else that may fall under the Liverpool City Council boundary are invited to attend to have their say on any issue they wish to take up with the Council. Please note this is separate from any Parish issue and the Local Council are only hiring our hall for this purpose.

10. 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 great and we hope this year will be fabulous.

Date: Monday 12th December

Time: 5.00 pm – 9.30 pm

5.00 - Depart Austral from the Church carpark to the Cathedral. Please arrive by 4.45pm.

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. Thank you to those who have booked already.

11. 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.

12. Novena Prayer

The St Anthony Community commenced a Novena on Thursday 1 December for a young mother from the school community who has had a stroke. We are praying for the intercession of Mary MacKillop to provide her and her family with strength and recovery. If you would like to join in prayer please pray the following for the next 9 nights.

Novena Prayer

Ever Generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus
Christ
and to be constant in bringing hope and
encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in Your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that You grant our request for
the strength and recovery of Jodie
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh
by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like
Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,
trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer,
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen

13. Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **That Catholic Shop** - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com

God Bless,



Fr Ronnie Maree

Events in the Parish

- *Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass*
- *Every Monday (the last session for the year will be Monday 19th December 2022 then will recommence Monday 9th January 2023 at 10am) 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 21st December 2022.*
- ***Young Children's Prayer Group** Every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next prayer group will be held on Saturday 10th December 2022 in the Parish Hall at 4pm All children are welcome*

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 6th December 2022—St Nicholas—Optional Memorial
Wednesday 7th December 2022—St Ambrose—Memorial
Thursday 8th December 2022—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Solemnity
Friday 9th December 2022—St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin—Optional Memorial
Saturday 10th December 2022—Our Lady of Loreto—Optional Memorial



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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

Recently Deceased: Ilario Carillo, Carmela Bugeja, Quirino Bianco, Augusto Lisman

Anniversaries:

George Velso, Helen Argyle, William Christophers

Also for:

Michael Gauci, James Dimech, Femia Gatt, and 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.



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- The goodness of wine



Made for More Event 1 –

When: Friday, 20 January 2023

Where: St Mary's Cathedral Hall

• Schedule for events:

6:00 pm Live Entertainment/ Food Trucks

(in parish precinct)

7:00 pm Event Start

9:30 pm Event Close

Made for More Event 2 – Liverpool

When: Saturday, 21 January 2023

Where: All Saints Catholic Parish Hall – 48 George Street, Liverpool

General admission – \$25

Student/ Concession – \$10

Online booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/978896>