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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.

**21-22 January 2023  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time A**



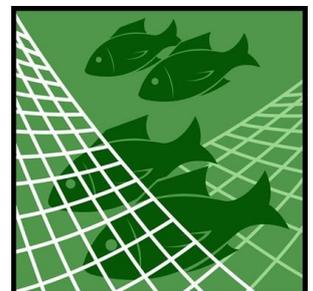
**Entrance Antiphon:** O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are  
majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy  
place.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your  
faces not be abashed.

**Reflection:** The prophet describes reversals of the fortunes of Israel. First the former times of hardship are contrasted with the present experience of salvation. The lands that had been lost were eventually returned to Israel, the hardships that accompanied defeat and occupation were lifted, and the darkness was dispelled. The words of the psalmist are next directed toward God. Salvation has embraced the people and through it they are granted a threefold joy. This joy is compared to the excitement of harvest time, to the headiness experienced when one has been victorious in battle, and to the relief experienced when freed from the yoke of military servitude, the pole of national discipline, and the rod of social oppression. The psalm response is a prayer of profound confidence in God. In it God is characterised by means of three metaphors: light; salvation; and refuge. Darkness is not only a danger to safety, but it symbolises evil. Light dispels any kind of danger. Salvation, or deliverance, is granted out of the beneficence of another; one did not save oneself. God is the saviour. Finally, a refuge is a place of safety to which one in danger could flee for protection. All three metaphors characterise God as one holding unparalleled power and exercising this power on behalf of the psalmist, who was not only vulnerable but actually somehow besieged. Every aspect of this psalm response proclaims trust in God. There seems to have been much pettiness and bickering in Corinth. Natural differences degenerated into rivalry. If left unchecked this rivalry could develop into serious divisions. As representative of Christ, Paul addresses the situation. His exhortation is threefold: agreement in matters of faith; unity, not schism; oneness in mind and purpose. Groups within the community claimed allegiance to various individuals. To this Paul poses rhetorical questions, which elicit only negative answers. No! Christ cannot be divided. No! Paul was not crucified for their salvation. No! They were not baptised in the name of Paul. He insists that neither the teachings nor the personal characteristics of a religious leader can be allowed to rival their allegiance to Christ. The announcement of the arrest of John the Baptist, which signalled the end of John's ministry and the beginning of Jesus' ministry, prompts Jesus to leave the vicinity and journey to Galilee. Although Jesus preached the same message as did the Baptist (Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. [cf. Matt 3:2]), he did it in fulfilment of the prophecies rather than in anticipation of a future event. The first move he makes is to call some followers. These men were called; they did not initiate their own discipleship, as followers of rabbis normally did. The proclamation of the good news and the healing of the sick were believed to be signs of the advent of the age of fulfilment.



## 2. Fr Ronnie

It has been a great time for me since New Year's Day to be invited to so many homes for blessings and the traditional Epiphany practice of "chalking the door". Many thanks for all of your very warm welcomes and the opportunity to get to know so many of you. I have been struck but the great diversity and beauty of our parish and I am truly grateful to God to be working in such a wonderful place. I have even had the chance to get to know the parish physically, finding my way around the streets including those which don't show up on Google Maps!!

Our late Archbishop, Cardinal George Pell, was prayed for at a Requiem Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica (the church in which he was ordained) this week and Pope Francis presided over the Final Commendation at the end of Mass. His Eminence's body is now being brought back to Australia for his funeral rites and burial. The Archbishop announced the schedule of Masses and ceremonies taking place at the Cathedral (shown below) for all of the Archdiocese to pray for the repose of the Cardinal's soul and also honour his colossal contribution to the Church in Sydney, Australia and indeed the whole world. I encourage you to take the opportunity to take part in these historic ceremonies.

### **Funeral Rites for the repose of the soul of His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC**

St Mary's Cathedral, College St, Sydney

#### **Wednesday 1 February 2023**

Reception of the Body and commencement of Lying in State - 9:30am

Cardinal's body to lie in state all day for people to visit and pray.

Mass for the Dead – 1.10pm  
Evening Prayer and Vigil – 5.30pm  
Mass for the Dead – 8.00pm

#### **Thursday 2 February 2023**

Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – 6.45am

**Pontifical Funeral Mass followed by Interment in the Cathedral Crypt – 11am**

## 3. Australia Day

Our nation celebrates our national holiday, Australia Day, this coming Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We will be celebrating the ordinary parish Mass at 9am on that day. I encourage you to make some time to attend that Mass and begin the day of celebrations by giving thanks to God for the many gifts of our great country and to also ask His blessing for the deeper conversion and turning to Christ of our nation.

## 4. Reconciliation Information Evening

We have an information evening for any child who is in year 3 or older who wishes to make their First Confession. Please note that it is compulsory for a parent/care giver to attend this evening. The meeting will be held in the Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm. If you have any enquiries please contact the Sacramental Co-Ordinator by calling the parish office or by email at [sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org](mailto:sacraments@stanthonysaustral.org)

## 5. Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

## 6. Catechist Sunday

Our Parish will celebrate Catechist Sunday on 5 February 2023. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and thank our catechists for their work in our Public Schools. If you are thinking of volunteering one hour per week to spread the word to our children from non-Catholic schools please contact the Parish office for further information.

## 7. The Holy Land Pilgrimage

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$6,940 AUD. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 21st May 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

## 8. Position Available

St Joseph's Parish Riverwood is seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9:30am to 3:30pm every Thursday and Friday. The role is shared with the Parish Finance Secretary. Responsibilities include general administration, phone enquiries and maintenance of sacramental registers. Experience preferred. MYOB experience an advantage. For any enquiries or to request a job description or send your application, including a one-page cover letter and CV, please email [stjosephriverwood@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephriverwood@outlook.com) or phone the Parish on 0490 754 963 . Applications close Tuesday 31 January 2023.

## 9. Catholic Charismatic Renewal

A two day weekend retreat has been organised by the Catholic Charismatic Team  
Dates: Saturday 28 & Sunday 29<sup>t</sup> January 2023  
Topic: Abiding in the Vine

This retreat is a time to come away and to abide in the presence of the Lord, a time to go deeper in Him, to be strengthened, renewed and empowered. There will be Praise and Worship, talks, reflection times, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, ministry and fellowship with one another. Don't miss this opportunity to have time out with Jesus. If you are interested contact the Parish office.

## 10. Volunteers

Our Parish is always looking for volunteers. If you can assist in anyway from lectors, preparing the church for events, joining the choir, becoming an acolyte or assisting general maintenance such as mowing lawns please contact the Parish Office.

## 11. 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.

## 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.

God Bless,



**Fr Ronnie Maree**

### **Events in the Parish**

- *Every Thursday **Legion of Mary** after the 9am mass*
- *Every Monday from 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 15th February 2023*
- ***Young Children's Prayer Group** Every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next prayer group will be held on **Saturday 11th February 2023** in the Parish Hall at 4pm All children are welcome*

### **Dates to Remember**

Tuesday 24th January 2023—St Francis de Sales—optional memorial

Wednesday 25th January 2023—The Conversion of St Paul—Feast

Thursday 26th January 2023—Australia Day

Saturday 28th January 2023—St Thomas Aquinas—Optional Memorial

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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Carmen Muscat, Angie Casha, Johny Bezzino

### **Anniversaries:**

Giuseppe Catanea, Vincenzo Camera, Antonio Armando Dicembre, Emilio Dicembre, Marianglea Pelle, Theresa Bonanno, Ferdinando Grotto, Sharon Ajkay, Anka and Frank Banicevic, Ben Xerri, Maria Caterina Siciliano, Mary Agostino, Maria Giuseppa Simone, Joe Fiorenza, Charlie Vella, Veronica Sese

### **Also for:**

Michael Sammut, Christine Grixti and Joesephine Casha, Deceased members of the Pisano and Maiolo Families, Michael Gauci, James Dimech, Femia Gatt, and Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, Salvatore Santarosa, Giuseppe Santarosa

**We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:** 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.

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



*Atilio Valentino Greco  
Son of Bruno and Natasha*

*Emily Luna Torino  
Daughter of Enrique and Michelle*

*Valentina Belle Mandas  
Daughter of Dean and Bettina*



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