



**ST ANTHONY OF  
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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

**Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.**

**Funeral Masses: In Co-operation  
with Funeral Directors.**

**25-26 March 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Responsorial Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



**Project Compassion**



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Reflection:** As a metaphor, death can stand for many things. The prophet Ezekiel witnessed the death of the nation. The gospel reports the death of Lazarus. Although Paul refers to the mortal character of our physical bodies, he is more concerned with spiritual life and death. Death attacks each one of us in all three of these ways. We are all mortal and subject to physical death; we are all sinners and must deal with the implications of spiritual death; we are all subject to the consequences of social sins such as terrorism, violence, group hatred, greed and ecological exploitation. The question before us is whether or not we are going to allow death to reign in our lives and in our communities. All three readings for this Sunday, as well as the psalm response, point out our inability to raise ourselves out of the deaths that afflict us. In the passage from Ezekiel, it is God who promises to open the graves of the people; the people are helpless to do anything. The psalmist cries to God from out of the depths of pain and helplessness. Acknowledging human propensity to sin, Paul credits the Spirit of God with transforming death into life. Finally, it is Jesus who calls Lazarus out of the grave and returns him to his life. We can see that God does not leave us to languish in our various deaths. Instead, God offers us new life out of the tombs. All of this is accomplished through the mercy and compassion of God.

*Author: Dianne Bergant CSA*



## 1. Holy Week Liturgies

### Palm Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

Masses with the blessing of palms

- Saturday Vigil 5.00pm
- Sunday 7.30am
- Sunday 9.00am (*with procession from the hall*)
- Sunday 5.00pm

### Holy Tuesday – April 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 9.00am

### Holy Wednesday – April 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass – 9.00am

### Holy Thursday – April 6<sup>th</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7.00pm followed by Adoration until midnight

***No morning Mass on Holy Thursday***

### Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>

Stations of the Cross – 10.00am

Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord – 3.00pm

### Holy Saturday – April 8<sup>th</sup>

Easter Vigil – 7.00pm

***No Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday***

### Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>

Easter Mass – 7.30am

Easter Mass – 9.00am

***No Sunday 5pm Mass on Easter Day***

## 2. Working Bee

This Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 after the 9am Mass we will hold a working bee in preparation for Holy Week. If you are free on Wednesday, for as long or as little time you can spare, please come to the parish office. If you have a spare set of secateurs please bring them along as one job is to organize the palms for our Palm Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you would like any further information. Any help that can be given will be greatly appreciated.



## 3. Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday in Lent at 9.45am and 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## 4. Rite of Reconciliation – Easter

An indispensable part of living Lent and properly preparing for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter is receiving the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available **each Saturday from 4.15pm**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available from **6.30pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** with visiting priests available for confession.

## 5. Reconciliation

Please continue to keep the children of our Parish in your prayers as they have now completed their preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation and will celebrate the sacrament this week. May God bless the children and their families.

## 6. Holy Communion

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion this year, please note that our compulsory information evening will be held in the Church on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.30pm. This is open to all children who have celebrated their First Reconciliation and are in year 3 or older. This date is followed by the commitment ceremony on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April held over the usual four weekend Masses.

Please note that attendance at the information evening and commitment ceremony is compulsory. Your failure to attend on these dates will render you ineligible to register your child for Holy Communion in this year's program. We hope to celebrate the sacrament in early June.

## 7. Project Compassion

Could anyone who has been collecting for Caritas through Project Compassion please return the boxes on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

## 8. Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation for our parish will take place at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 12.30pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation is open to children in year 6 or older who have completed their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Further information will be provided in the coming months.

## 9. Catechists

Please keep our catechists and their students in your prayers this week as they return to the classroom to share their catholic faith with the children of our local public school.

## 10. Walking With Our Lady Through Holy Week

A Womens Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

Date: 1 April  
Time: 10am-4pm  
Where: St Peter Chanel Church,  
62 Kingsland Rd, Berala

Along with talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHGO>

## 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. Parking - Please Take Note

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. Safety for all is our priority. **Please do not drive through the Portico following any of the masses.**

## 13. Saturday Morning Mass

Our next parish, First Saturday of the Month mass will be held on **Saturday 1st April** our Parish will begin with Confession, Adoration and Mass.

**9.00am Confession/Adoration**  
**10.00am Mass**

Christians have always honoured the Blessed Virgin on Saturday because of her constant faith in Jesus on that first Holy Saturday before the Resurrection.

At Fatima, five first Saturdays of reparation were requested by Our Lady to atone for the five ways in which people offend the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Attacks upon Mary's Immaculate Conception
2. Attacks against her Perpetual Virginity
3. Attacks upon her Divine Maternity
4. For those who try to publicly implant in children's hearts indifference, contempt and even hatred of this Immaculate Mother
5. For those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

The First Saturday devotion focuses on the nucleus of our Catholic faith: Confession, Adoration, Rosary and the Eucharist.

Our Lady promised to help at the hour of death, with the graces needed for salvation whoever on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall:

1. Go to the Sacrament of Confession  
*If you cannot go to Confession on the first Saturday itself, you may go anytime up to eight days before or after the first Saturday;*
2. Receive Holy Communion (in the state of grace);
3. Recite five decades of the Rosary;
4. Keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary;
5. Do all of these with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary;
5. Do all of the above every first Saturday for five consecutive months.

**Everyone is most welcome to attend Confession, Adoration and Mass even if you are not completing the five consecutive Saturday devotion.**

**God Bless,**



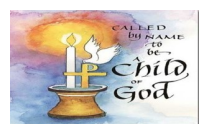
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## Baptisms in the Parish Welcome to our Faith Community

Olivia Teresa Wilson  
Daughter of Dominic and Tiana

Isla Martine Dy  
Daughter of Mark and Joharra

Giada Santina Neri  
Daughter of Anthony and Daniella



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

In your love and concern, please pray for:-

**Recently Deceased:** Pasquale Origlia, Antonia Sarcella, Robert Hurst, Marija Marusic  
**Anniversaries:**

Raffaella Pelli, Ian Farrell, Maria Ieroianni, Donald Low, Sr Pasqualina Tozzi, Isidoro Bianchi,  
**Also for:**

Anna Vartuli who celebrated her 100th birthday on 23 March 2023, Pietro Calarco, Members of the Dimech Family, Andrew William Melton, Michael Sammut, Gesu (Jesi) Lustrì, 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:** Levi Van Ong, Claudio Ribeiro, Herbert 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, Haneé 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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- Bishop Meagher commissions 13 young catechists for Sydney
- New York speakers to lead marriage renewal retreat and course in May
- New Bishop installed for Newcastle diocese
- Students rally for fun, faith and family
- Catholic schools celebrate St Patrick's Day

### ***Events in the Parish***

- ***Every Thursday Legion of Mary after the 9am mass***
- ***Every Monday at 10am in St Anthony's Parish Hall a Rosary Prayer Group It begins with the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by praying the decades of the Rosary in different languages. All are welcome.***
- ***Young Children's Prayer Group— Perfumed Roses consecrated in the garden of Mary The next prayer group will be held on Saturday 15th April 2023 in the Parish Hall at 4pm All children are welcome***



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