



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
14th-15th February 2026

Sunday

5.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday night)
7.30am Mass
9.30am Mass
12 noon Syriac Mass
5.00pm Mass

Monday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Tuesday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am *St Anthony Novena*

Wednesday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
6.00pm Adoration & Confessions
7.00pm Mass

Thursday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass
9.45am *Legion of Mary*

Friday

8.30am Adoration & Confessions
9.15am Mass

Saturday

9.00am Adoration & Confessions
10.00am Mass
4pm Confessions

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 18th February

7.30am; 9.15am; 5.00pm; 7.00pm

Please note the Young Adult Bible Study will not run on Ash Wednesday

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Monday-Friday 8.30am-9.15am

Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday from 7.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-10.00am

Saturday 4.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday from 8.30am



It is a great joy and a great blessing to have a son of our parish formally begin this week his seminary studies in preparation for the priesthood. Jordan Saade, who many of us will recognise from the Sunday 5pm Mass where he serves with his 3 brothers, has entered the Seminary of the Good Shepherd Homebush to continue to discern and follow the call of Our Lord to serve Him in the priesthood. Please make sure you keep Jordan, his family and his seminary brothers in your prayers. Seminary formation is a rich, rewarding, long and challenging experience and our prayers as a parish for Jordan are so valuable. We

also pray that many other young men and boys will follow in his footsteps and be open to what the Lord is calling them to do in their lives. We pray that many, many vocations may be nurtured in the life of our parish.

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Parish Office Opening Hours: Tue, Thu, Fri 8.30am – 3.30pm
Presbytery is unattended on Mondays

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Optional Memorial, Tuesday 17th February 2026

In 1233 seven prominent men of Florence established themselves as hermits on Monte Senario, near the city. They lived an auster life that challenged the luxurious lifestyles of many Florentines. The community developed into an order of friars, the Servants of Mary (Servites).

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Optional Collection, Saturday 21st February

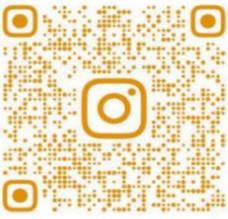
Peter Damian was born to a large but poor Italian family in 1007 AD. He was orphaned at a young age and was mistreated by an older brother. He was eventually cared for and educated by another brother who was an archpriest. He joined a Benedictine monastery where he lived the simple and strict life of a hermit. Peter was made the cardinal bishop of Ostia in 1057 and began many local reforms. He wrote numerous sermons and biographies, and was a strong supporter of church reforms and discipline.



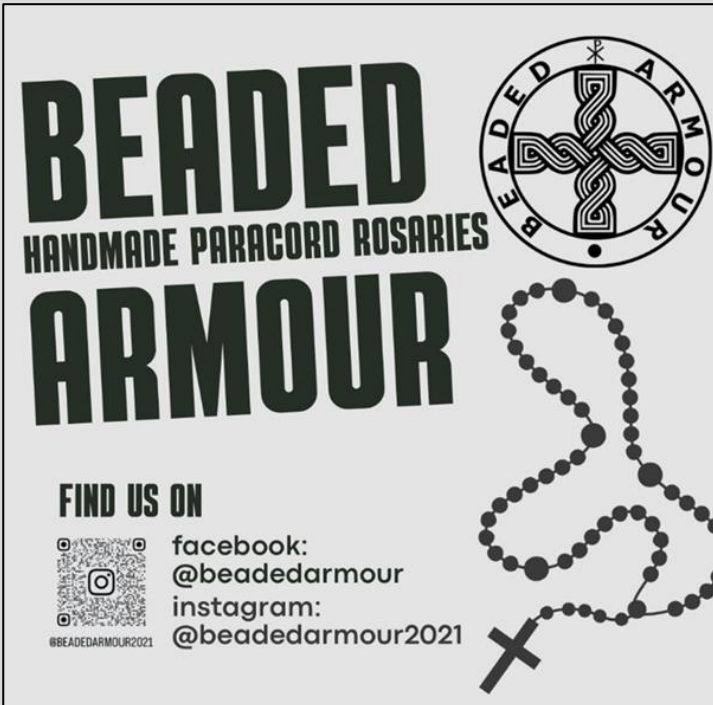
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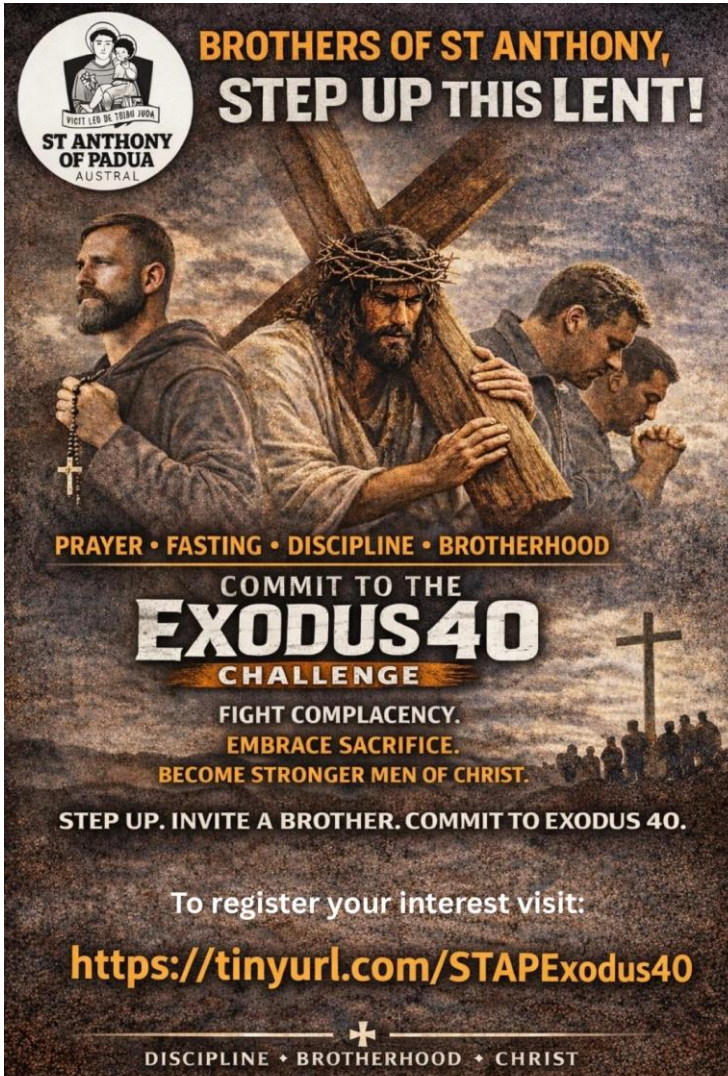
IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Angela Cavallaro, Eriel Siregar

Anniversaries: Guiseppe Tozzi, Vincenzo Vitanza, Daniel Micali, Silvester Oros, Redempta San Jose, Ernst and Ella Herrmann, Jaime Centeno, Paolo Mazzullo, Zita Karam, Julia Devecchis, Giovanni Panella, Neville Court, Giovanni Manessi, Ben and Katarina Xerri, Maria Campisi, Frano and Anka Banicevic, Autun Beuk, Veronica Sese, Antun Salinovic, Rosa Fabiano, Maria Caterina and Eugenio Campisi, Giovanni Arcorace, Zammit, Niko & Vinka Zeko, Gioséfatto Bonanno, Charlie Vella, Antun Palic, Erica Nasso, Francesco and Margharita Vartuli, Carmela Parisi, Guiseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

Also For: Gesu (Jesi) Lustre, Members of the Dimech Family

We remember those who are sick and we pray that the Lord will be their comforter and healer: Kerry De Vries, Robert Hockings, Rowell San Jose, Wendie Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, Rappai Menoth, Marten de Vries, Saramma Raju, Mireya Isobel Grobler, Joe Araco, Marija Rados, Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Tomislav Juric, Hane Abe Rached, Rhodora Manon, Anastacio Swing, Irene Norris, Natalie Biro, Rene D'Silva, Mary Vella, Reynaldo San Jose, Danica Sto Domingo, Jose, Charito San Jose, Maria de Abreu



**BROTHERS OF ST ANTHONY,
STEP UP THIS LENT!**

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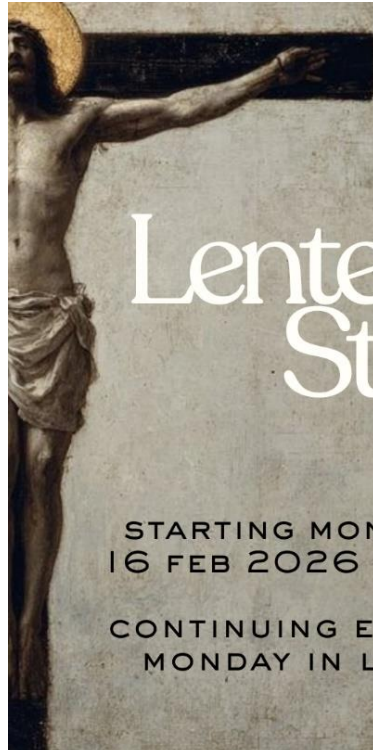
COMMIT TO THE
**EXODUS40
CHALLENGE**

FIGHT COMPLACENCY.
EMBRACE SACRIFICE.
BECOME STRONGER MEN OF CHRIST.

STEP UP. INVITE A BROTHER. COMMIT TO EXODUS 40.

To register your interest visit:
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DISCIPLINE • BROTHERHOOD • CHRIST



WOMEN AT THE WELL

Lenten Book Study

STARTING MONDAY
16 FEB 2026 - 7PM

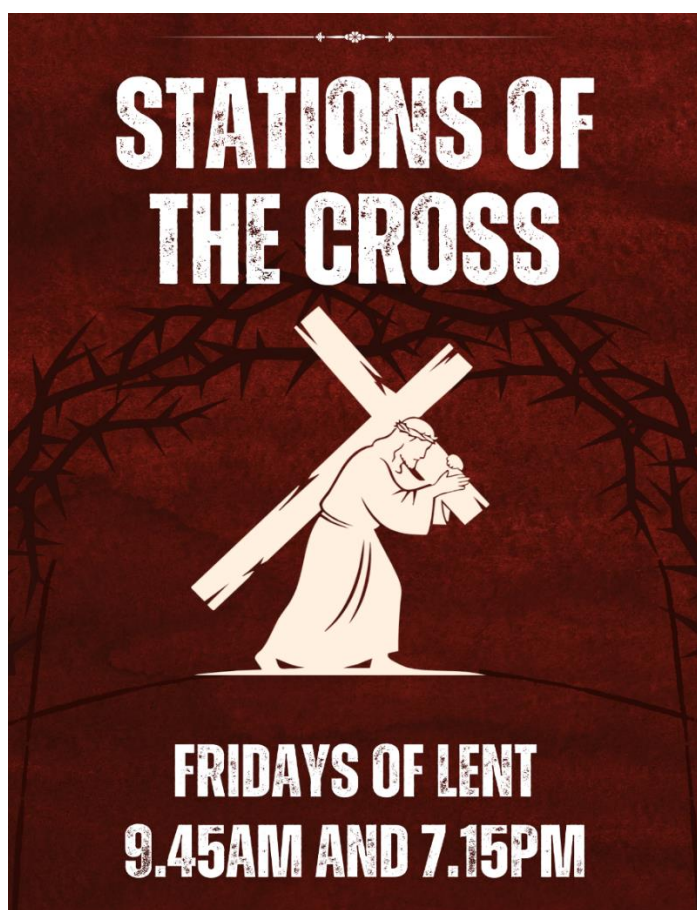
CONTINUING EVERY
MONDAY IN LENT



WOMEN AT THE WELL

This year our Lenten Program will be a book study on "The Fulfillment of All Desire" by Dr Ralph Martin. We are very excited to be journeying through a portion of this book under the spiritual guidance of our Parish Priest, Fr Ronnie Maree! This is an opportunity not to be missed! Each week we will explore an aspect of the book through Fr Ronnie's input, discussion groups and prayer.

All women of the parish (18 years+) are welcome to join us for the first session on Monday 16 February and continuing every Monday in Lent, from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. Registrations are now open via the QR code. The cost of the complete 7-week program will be \$35 (which will include the book and all associated materials). For more information, contact watwaus@gmail.com



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FRIDAYS OF LENT

9.45AM AND 7.15PM

LENTEN PENANCE

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by "preaching a baptism of repentance". Jesus began his ministry with the exhortation: "Repent and believe the Gospel" (Mk 1:15). Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with, God. Prayer, self-denial, and works of charity are the concrete expressions of repentance. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going, and even daily practices of Christian living. In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the habit of penance. Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call "the social dimension of sin". The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence; in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting*, must be observed on two days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All aged 14 and over are bound to abstain from meat. All aged 18 to 59 are bound to fast. *Fasting means only one large meal in the day; the others must be small.

2. On the Fridays of Lent – and all other Fridays of the year – the law to practise penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
- (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 18th February, and Trinity Sunday, 31st May, 2026 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf Psalm 30:3-4*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING *Sirach 15:15-20*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 2:6-10*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5:17-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved