



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A
21st-22nd 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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CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Monday-Friday 8.30am-9.15am

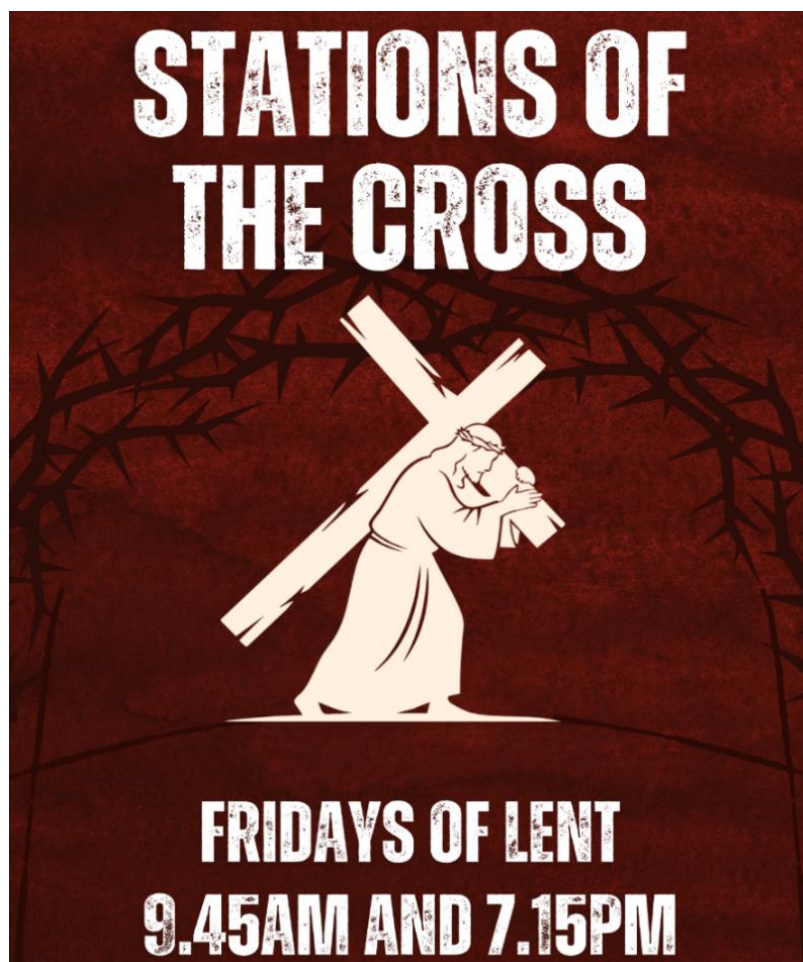
Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm

Friday from 7.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-10.00am

Saturday 4.00pm-5.00pm

Sunday from 8.30am



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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Optional Collect, Monday 23rd February

St Polycarp was converted to Christianity by St John the Apostle and became an important leader throughout western Asia Minor as the Bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp was eventually betrayed by a servant who had him arrested. He was urged to denounce his religion and to curse Christ, to which he replied, "I have served him for eighty six years and he has done me no wrong." He was ordered to be burnt alive, and it is said that he offered a prayer of praise and glory to God and the flames did not harm him.

St Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor Optional Memorial, Saturday 27th February

He was born around 950 to a noble family in the region of Anzevatsik in Armenia: a region now on the borders of south-eastern Turkey and north western Iran. He received a cultured and literary upbringing. As a young man he entered the monastery of Narek, of which his great-uncle Ananias was abbot. He was educated by the famous school of the monastery and spent the rest of his life there, being ordained priest and eventually becoming abbot. His life was marked by an intense love of the Virgin Mary. He attained great heights of sanctity and mystical experience, and expounded his teaching in various mystical and theological works. In 1003 he wrote his outstanding work, the Book of Lamentations, and he died about two years later. The Book of Lamentations retains enormous importance as a foundation-stone of Armenian literature, and remains widely influential to this day. Gregory's work is still little known in the West (no English translation has yet been produced by a major publisher); but he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis in 2015 and his memorial was added to the General Calendar in 2021.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Angela Cavallaro, Eriel Siregar, Peter Milazzo,

Anniversaries: Richard Rajan, Ross Cavallaro, Carmen Xerri, Domenico Agostino and Michelina Jaime Centeno, Paolo Mazzullo, Katalin Hamori, Tarzia, Giuseppe Tozzi, Isodoro & Vittorio Bianchi, 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, Giuseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

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

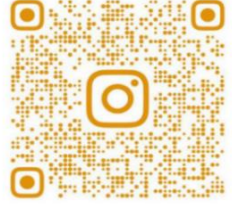
We remember those who are sick and we pray that the Lord will be their comforter and healer: Kerry De Vries, Robert Hockings, Rowell San Jose, Wendie Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, Rappai Menoth, Marten de Vries, Saramma Raju, Mireya Isobel Grobler, Joe Araco, Marija Rados, Joe Gauci, Fr Noel Short, Ken O'Leary, Paul Farnsworth, Tomislav Juric, Haneer 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



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YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

 WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 7:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A LIGHT DINNER FOLLOWED BY A TALK
ON THE SCRIPTURES . FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 18+



St Anthony's Parish Hall, 105 11th Ave Austral

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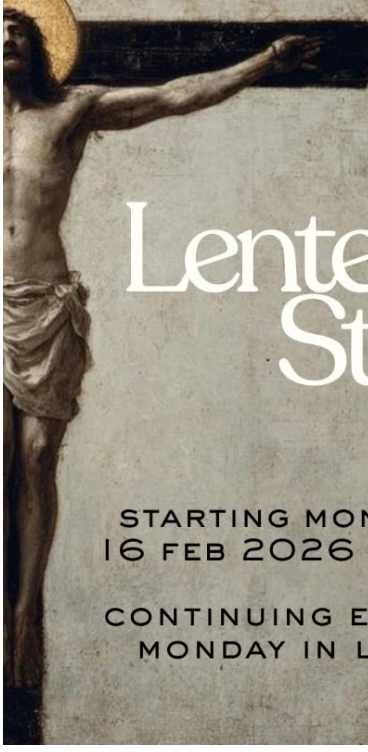
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WOMEN AT
THE WELL

Lenten Book Study

STARTING MONDAY
16 FEB 2026 - 7PM

CONTINUING EVERY
MONDAY IN LENT



WOMEN AT THE WELL
 Last Monday we began our Lenten Book Study program on "The Fulfillment of All Desire" by Dr Ralph Martin. We are very excited to be journeying through this book under the spiritual guidance of our Parish Priest, Fr Ronnie Maree! It's not too late to sign up! Please use the QR code to register. All women (18 years+) are warmly welcome to join us every Monday in Lent from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. 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

SPECIAL PARISH EVENT:

Stations of the Cross

HOSTED BY WOMEN AT THE WELL

Saturday
14 March
9:30am

ST JOSEPH'S RETREAT
CENTRE, BRINGELLY



WOMEN AT THE WELL – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 All are welcome to attend our Parish Special Event Stations of the Cross on Saturday 14 March at 9.30am at St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Bringelly. Take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to gather and pray together at this beautiful venue. Bring along the whole family, grandparents, friends, or event just yourself! The morning will include a Stations of the Cross walk, followed by morning tea and refreshments.

FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

*Faithful like St Joseph,
Courageous like St Patrick*



6pm start,
following the Vigil Mass
Dinner included!

St Anthony of Padua
Parish Hall
105 Eleventh Avenue, Austral



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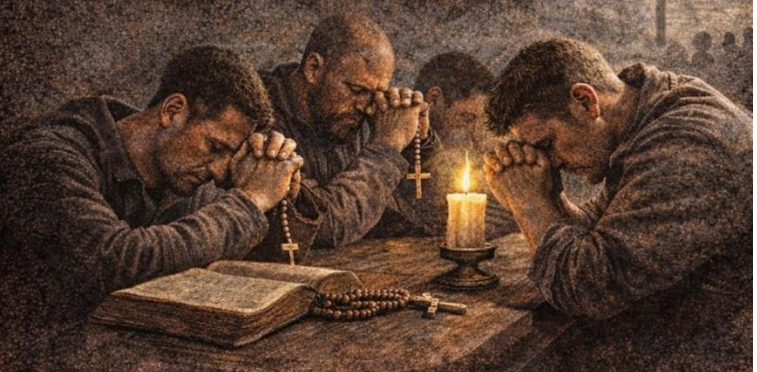


STAP MEN'S MINISTRY

THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
DR PETER HOLMES



6:30PM

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH -
CHURCH HALL

FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • DISCIPLINE • PRAYER

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf Psalm 90:15-16*

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING *Romans 5:12-19*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified.

As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Matthew 4:4*

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Baptismal blessings and congratulations to:

We pray that the divine life given to these children in this sacrament may continue to grow and that they may increase in faith, hope and charity in our loving God.

Selena Ursino

Daughter of Laurence and Lauren

&

Amelia Richter

Daughter of Kurt and Kiara

&

Ivana Matijasevic

Daughter of Tomas and Izabela

&

Ayla Vanessa Amoahene

Daughter of Yaw and Sarah

