



ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A – The Third Scrutiny
21st March 2026 – 22nd March 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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PARISH LENTEN SERIES

A SERIES OF TALKS PRESENTED BY FR RONNIE
TO EXPLORE THE HISTORY AND SYMBOLISM OF THE
SACRED LITURGIES OF HOLY THURSDAY,
GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL



EXPLORING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH

7.30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

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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 Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Optional Collect, Monday 23rd March

Turibius was a lay professor of Law at Salamanca University when Philip II appointed him principal judge in the court of the Inquisition at Granada. He was appointed Archbishop of Lima, Peru, where he remained until his death.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY, WED 25TH MARCH

The Solemnity of the Annunciation recalls the Archangel Gabriel visiting the Virgin Mary with an extraordinary message – she was to bear a son who she was to name Jesus, and he would be called the Son of God.

MASS AT 9.15AM AND 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays 9.45am and 7.15pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are so many different tasks to be completed in preparation for Holy Week, especially organising and cutting of the palms. If you have some time this Friday, 27th March from 2pm please bring along your gardening scissors and meet us at the church foyer. If you would like to assist in other tasks for Holy Week, please contact the parish office on 9606 0206 or at admin@stanthonysaustral.org

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.

Gabriella Kirsten Ssekandi
Daughter of Godfrey and Christine
&

Mia Bella Vitocco
Daughter of Domenic and Jessica
&

Bodhi Felix Castle
Son of Aaron and Jessica
&

Anita Marie Buckley
Daughter of Jonathan and Melissa

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recently Deceased: Joseph Estephen, Elvia Santaguida, Eriel Siregar, Mario Biordi, Peter Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Remon Meekhill, Giuseppe Maltese

Anniversaries: Sharon Ajkay, Raffaella Pelli, Michelina Busa, Sofija Crnjac, Anthony Scerri, Domenico Santaguida, Giuseppina Agostino, Richard Rajan, Peter Attard, Zvonko Cornett, Beena Jose, Ross & Angela Cavallaro, Carmen Xerri, Maria Campisi, Sofija Crnjac, Theresa Sultana, Domenico Agostino, Michelina Tarzia, Paolo Mazzullo, Katalin Hamori, Guiseppe Tozzi, Isodoro & Vittorio Bianchi, Vincenzo Vitanza, Daniel Micali, Silvester Oros, Redempta San Jose, Ernst & Ella Herrmann, Jaime Centeno, Paolo Mazzullo, Zita Karam, Guiseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

Also For: Gesu (Jesi) Lustri, Mrs Anna Vartuli who turns 103 years old on Monday 23rd March

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, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, 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



PARENTS, PARISHONERS & FRIENDS ARE
WARMLY INVITED TO PRAY THE

Stations of the Cross



TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026
10:00AM ARRIVAL FOR A 10:30AM START

ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE CENTRE
30 TYSON RD BRINGELLY

TEA & COFFEE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A PICNIC LUNCH
TODDLERS WELCOME

RSVP HERE





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FAMILY EDUCATOR INITIATIVE



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QR CODE

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HOLY WEEK LITURGIES 2026

Palm Sunday 29th March

- Sat 28th March Vigil 5pm
- Sun 29th March 7.30am
- Sun 29th March 9.30am
- Sun 29th March 5.00pm

Holy Monday 30th March

- 8.30am Adoration and Confessions
- 9.15am Mass

Holy Tuesday 31st March

- 8.00am Adoration and Confessions
- 9.15am Mass
- 6-8pm Confessions

Holy Wednesday 1st April

- 8.00am Adoration and Confessions
- 9.15am Mass
- 5pm Adoration and Confessions
- 7pm Mass

Holy Thursday 2nd April

No morning Mass and Adoration

- 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Church will remain open until Midnight.*

Good Friday 3rd April

- 10am Stations of the Cross
- 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April

No morning Mass and Adoration

No afternoon Confessions

No 5pm Mass

- 7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5th April

- 7.30am Mass
- 9.30am Mass

Please note there is no 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12th April

3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Silent Prayer, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Spiritual reading from 'Divine Mercy in My Soul', concluding with Benediction before the 5pm Mass

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. Please see prayer cards at the back of the church.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Program from Monday 23rd March

Monday 23rd March 8.30am-9.15am
Tuesday 24th March 8.30am-9.15am
Wednesday 25th March 8.30am-9.15am
Wednesday 25th March 5.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 26th March 8.30am-9.15am
Friday 27th March 8.30am-9.15am
Friday 27th March from 7.00pm
Saturday 28th March 8.00am-10.00am
Saturday 28th March 3.00pm-5.00pm
Sunday 29th March 8.30am-9.15am
Monday 30th March 8.30am-9.15am
Tuesday 31st March 8.00am-10.00am
Tuesday 31st March 6.00pm-8.00pm
Wednesday 1st April 8.00am-10.00am
Wednesday 1st April 5.00pm-7.00pm

Please be mindful of others when planning your Lenten Confession. If you have more flexibility in your timetable, please make use of the less popular times and leave space for those who have less flexibility due to work commitments.

PLAYGROUP – WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Our first Playgroup event of the year will be held on Wednesday 1 April at 10-11.30am in the Parish Hall. We welcome all families from the College community, parish community and those considering enrolling at STAPCC Austral. Playgroup is a fun and social place for families to connect and participate in various activities. Please complete the form via the QR code express your interest in joining us at St Anthony's Playgroup in 2026.

FAMILY NIGHT – SATURDAY 11TH APRIL

The next Family Night is in the school holidays, on Saturday 11 April 2026 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. The last Family Night was a wonderful success, with about 200 people in attendance! We would love for you to join us for a great night of friendship and faith while we enjoy a meal and hopefully learn something new. The next event is an Easter Party! All families, with children of any age are welcome! RSVPs are essential via the QR code

CHILDREN'S ADORATION - 15 APRIL

Join us on Wednesday 15 April for a special time of Children's Adoration in the Church. All are welcome to join the Parish Mass, gather for refreshments and morning tea. Then, at 10.15am we will return to the Church for 30 minutes of guided Eucharistic Adoration with Fr Ronnie. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to try to teach our children silence and rest in the Lord. Please bring some morning tea to share!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf Psalm 42:1-2*

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.

FIRST READING *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 129. R. v.7*

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING *Romans 8:8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 11:25. 26*

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!

GOSPEL *John 11:1-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied:

‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’ He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Cf John 11:26*

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

