ST ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A – The First Scrutiny
7th March 2026 – 8th 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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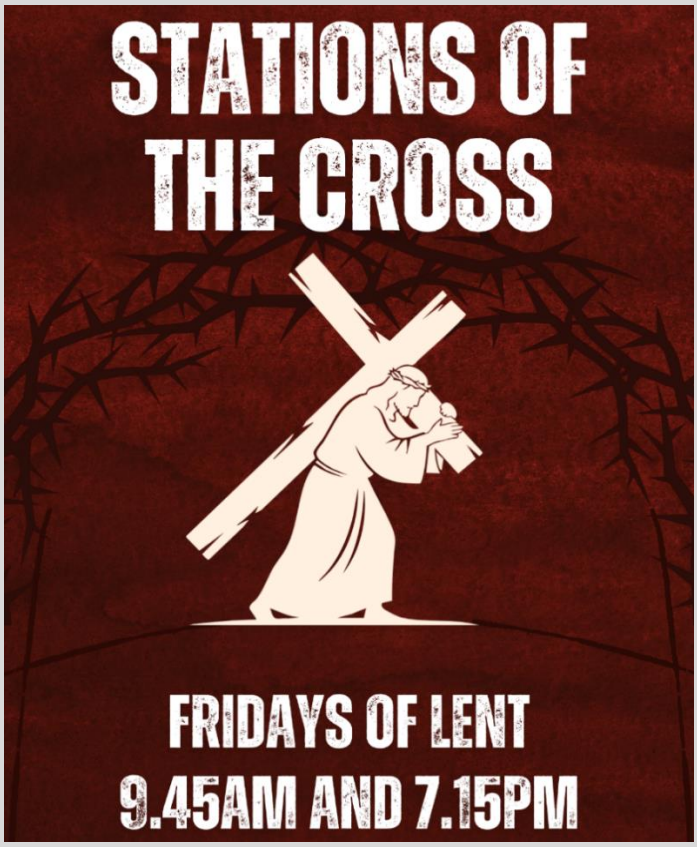
Parish Office Opening Hours: Tue, Thu, Fri 8.30am – 3.30pm
Presbytery is unattended on Mondays

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saint Frances of Rome
Optional Memorial, Monday 9th March
She was born in Rome in 1384 and was married at the age of 13. Although she had wanted to be a nun, she was happily married for 40 years and had three sons. She distributed gifts to the poor and ministered to the sick. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience in adversity (including her husband's banishment, the death of two of her sons from plague, and the loss of all her property). She was a mystic and contemplative, part of the great flourishing of mysticism in that period, and after her husband's death she retired to a convent she had founded, where she died on 9 March 1440.

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



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.

Klara Uskok
Daughter of Tomislav and Antonia
&
Katia Kalebic
Daughter of Nicholas and Andrea

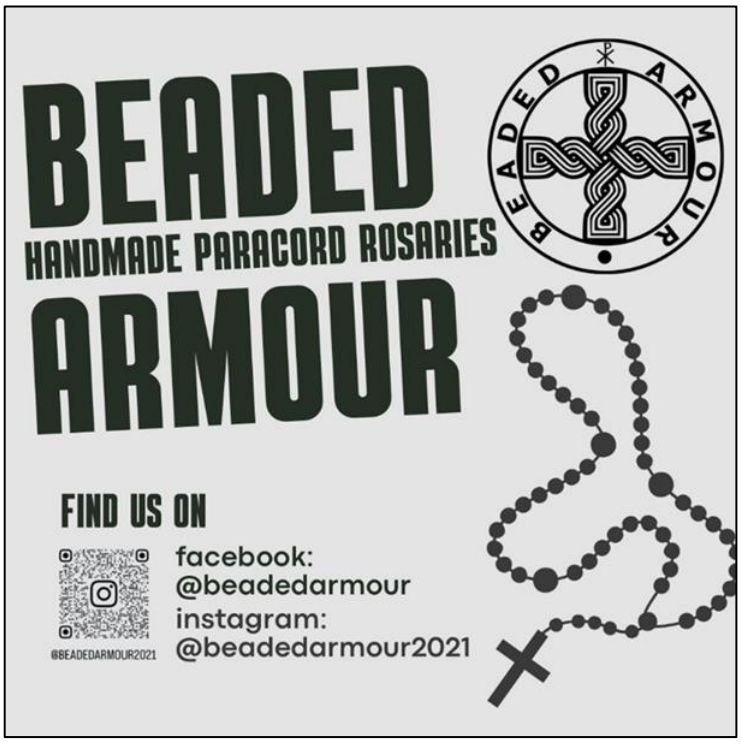
IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

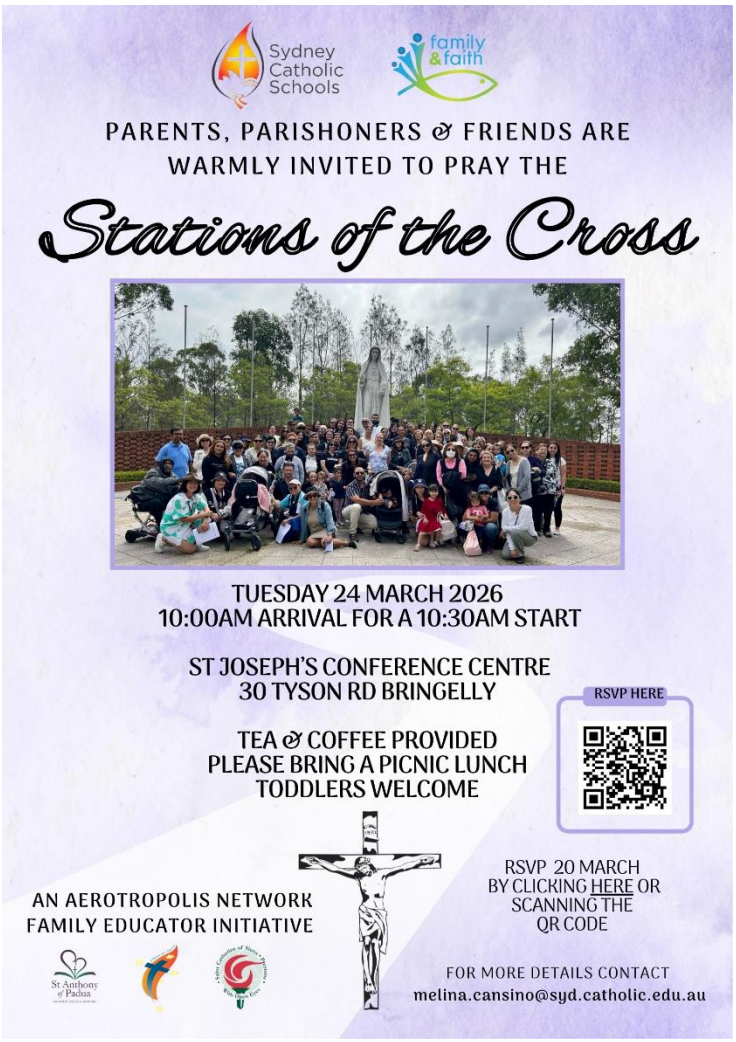
Recently Deceased: Eriel Siregar, Mario Biordi, Peter Milazzo, Rappai Menoth, Remon Meekhail, Giuseppe Maltese

Anniversaries: Richard Rajan, Beena Jose, Ross and Angela Cavallaro, Carmen Xerri, Maria Campisi, Sofija Crnjac, Theresa Sultana, Domenico Agostino, Paolo Mazzullo, Katalin Hamori, Guiseppe Tozzi, Isodoro & Vittorio Bianchi, Vincenzo Vitanza, Daniel Micali, Silvister Oros, Redempta San Jose, Ernst and Ella Herrmann, Jaime Centeno, Paolo Mazzullo, Zita Karam, Julia Devecchis, Giovanni Panella, Neville Court, Guiseppe Privitera, Franco & Marta Mosca

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

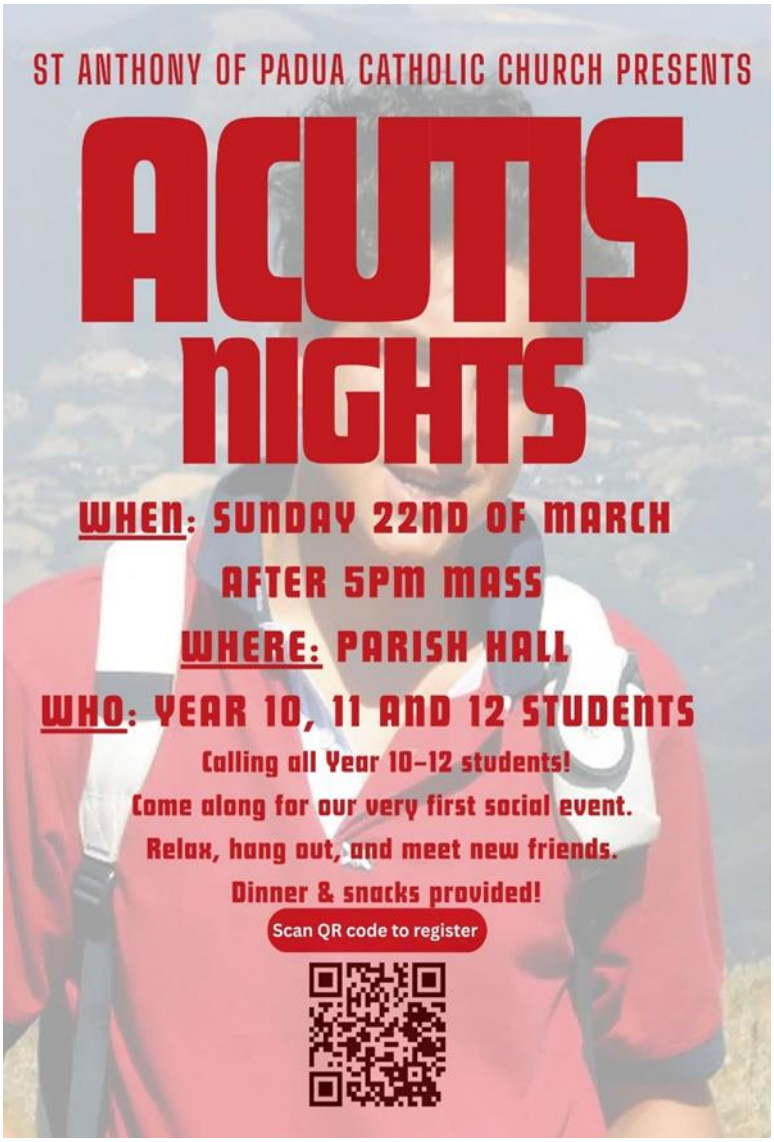
We remember those who are sick and we pray that the Lord will be their comforter and healer: Kerry De Vries, Robert Hockings, Rowell San Jose, Wendie Milazzo, Lexie Martin, Salvatore Terrazino, Giuseppe Zuccala, Cosimo Carlo Tassone, Rappai Menoth, Marten de Vries, Saramma Raju, Mireya Isobel Grobler,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

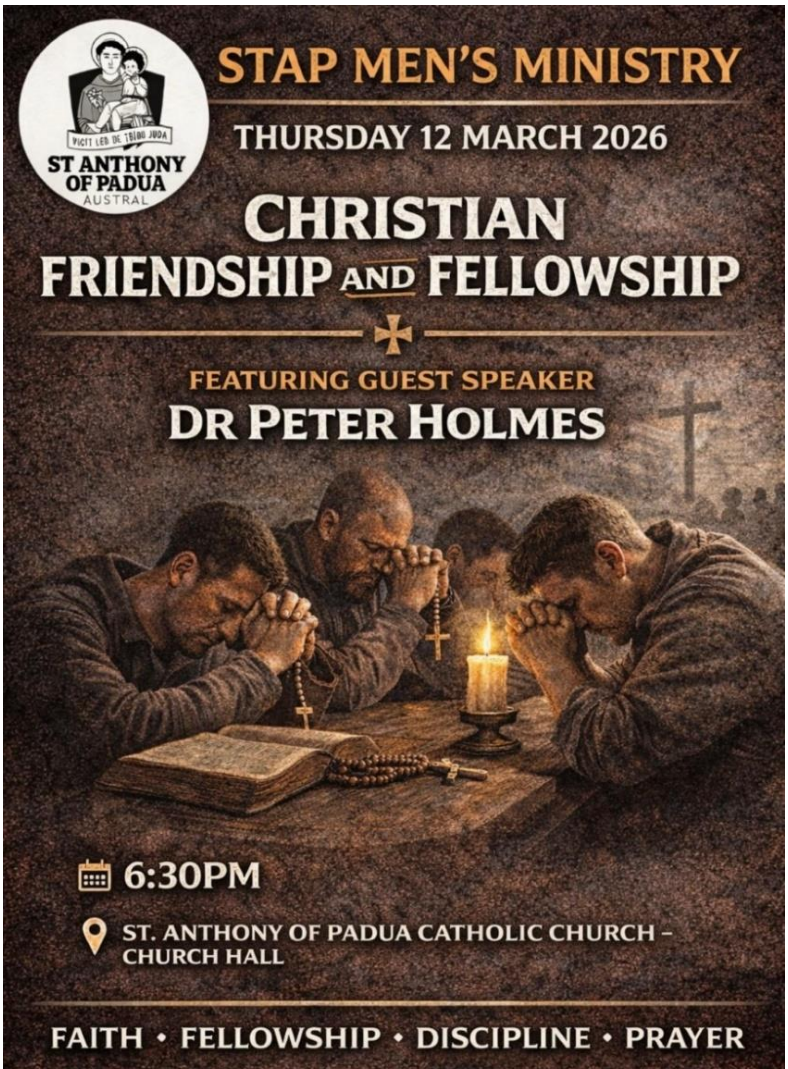




WOMEN AT THE WELL –
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 even just yourself! Stations of the Cross will be followed by morning tea. Volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Parish office if you can help out on the day. Thank you!





ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Cf Psalm 24:15-16*

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING *Romans 5:1-2. 5-8*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *John 4:42. 15*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *John 4:5-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *John 4:13-14*

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.