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Parish Mission Statement

We, the Church of St Anthony of Padua, are called to a greater realisation of the Kingdom of God and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

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Office Hours

The Parish Office is currently closed to all visitors. Please call 9631 3316 for all enquiries. For emergencies please call Fr Joby on 9631 6420.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Carlitto EDILLO

Rocky CHUA CHAN

Philip PULIS

Kay LUMLEY

Special Intentions

Louise, Daniel & Sonny BUTKOVICH

Peter HERLINGER

Norman DE LUCA

Lord, Save the world from COVID

Although we as a Parish are unable to physically attend Mass at the moment, Fr Joby is saying Mass daily. All Mass intentions that have been received are being said.

Recently Deceased

Please Pray for all those who have gone before us-

Giovanni GATTARI



St Vincent De Paul is here to help.
If you need assistance call 8861 9777

SICK IN THE PARISH:

Shanji ANTHONY	Angelo ALEXANDER	Aninth THURAIRATNAM
Gail GREENHILL	Fay ROBERTS	Kate MORTIMER
Malia NIKO	Sarah MARLIN	Lylotte MATHIEU
Edmond PAUL	Leina MARCUS	Simon SHURVILE
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Ranjit CHELLAPPA	Angelo VELLA	

We will continue to Live stream our Sunday Mass from our Parish at 10am and our Tuesday Evening Mass and Novena at 7pm. You can access our livestream through our website or our Facebook page. You all are welcome to join.

The Church and all Church buildings are currently closed in order for us to do our part to help curb the spread of COVID 19. All Catholics within the Diocese of Parramatta continue to be dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice. We encourage you to undertake your own devotion at home during this time.

Prayer in A Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to hear your voice, and the strength to continue working for your kingdom in this time of pandemic. Do not allow us to be indifferent to those who today suffer the loss of a loved one, or who suffer from the absence of work. But give us the courage to accompany and side with those who suffer violence or injustice.
Amen.

Can't donate food to Vinnies & JRS, but still want to?



Due to lockdown, the parish is unable to accept food donations and new blankets for Vinnies and Jesuit Refugee Service. However, these services are in serious need of your regular generous assistance, so please consider donating the usual amount of money you might spend on food donations, directly to the charities instead:

Vinnies: https://bit.ly/toonie_winter2021 (13 18 12)

JRS :<https://aus.jrs.net/en/donate/> (9356 3888)

Thank you for your selfless generosity!

Recently Deceased

Giovanni Gattari a parishioner of ours passed away on 5th of September and his funeral was held on Tuesday the 14th of September.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021: 26 September

On 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). Pope Francis invites us to work Towards an ever wider “we” and embrace the resilience and contribution of Migrants and Refugees to the church and society. The “Diocesan Journey... Walking with Refugees” team invites you to a Virtual Diocesan Conversation with Refugees on 26 September from 3pm to 4.15pm. RSVP via www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee. Find more information and resources at migrants-refugees.va and acmro.catholic.org.au.

Happy Birthday

Happy 80th Birthday to Mrs Mary Fonseca! We hope you had a lovely day



HSC Prayer Intentions



We are compiling a list of HSC students which we will print in the bulletin for the duration of the HSC so that we can pray for them. If you know someone who is studying the HSC this year and would like to add them to our list please email their names to : secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au

Virtual Coffee

Please join other parishioners in a Zoom "Virtual Coffee" after mass on Sunday. We hope to have an informal chat like we do after Mass. Feel free to join for five minutes or half an hour. It will be great to say hello.



Follow the link below to join.

<https://bit.ly/toonimorningtea>

Meeting ID: 817 7054 1446

Passcode: Sunday

Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition

Dear Fellow Parishioners, In a few weeks, the world leaders will gather at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, when they can set meaningful targets to protect creation, and again in November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), when countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement.

These are issues that are important for all of us, and ones that Pope Francis and our Australian Bishops are concerned about. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now.

Fr Joby has signed this petition on behalf of St Anthony's Parish and invites each of us as individuals to sign the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition so that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 take action for all members of creation this year.

Will you join in and take action? Click here: <https://thecatholicpetition.org/?source=email&>

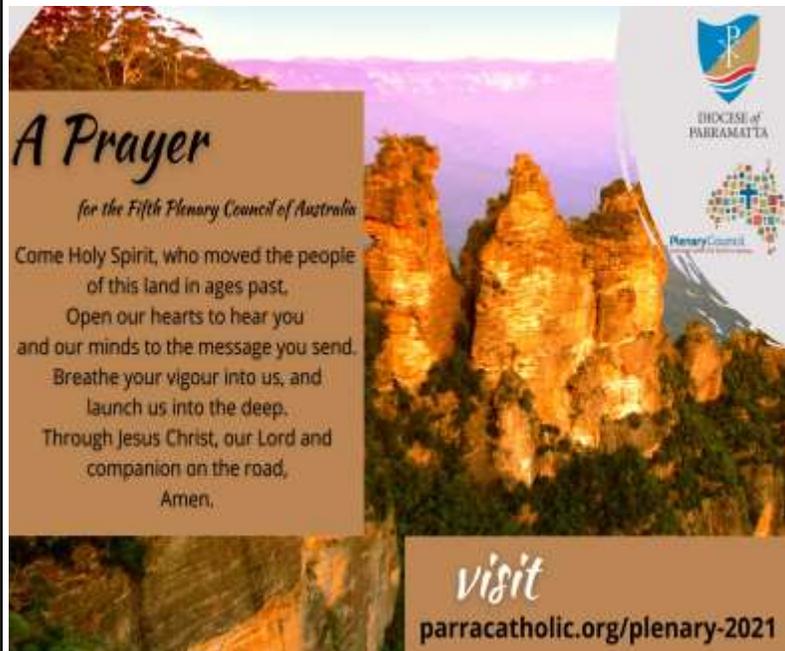
Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me’ Mark 9:30-37 Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an ‘instinct for the faith’ which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church’s life. (Instrumentum Laboris #133)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.



Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

“I am with you always” – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Discernment Retreat: 25 September

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting single women aged 18-35 to an online discernment retreat on Saturday 25 September from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and Evening Prayer. If you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

Campion College Virtual Open Day: 28 September

Campion College, Australia’s leading liberal arts college based in Toongabbie are holding a virtual open day on Tuesday 28 September from 10am to 5pm. This is the perfect opportunity for prospective students to find out more about the College and their liberal arts degree. For more information, and to register, please visit <https://www.campion.edu.au/virtual-open-day/>

Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live

Seeing how distressed his parishioners were at being locked out of their church, Fr Joseph (Joe) Lam, parish priest of St Finbar’s Parish in Glenbrook has written a book of reflections to help them cope and even find goodness that might come from the pandemic. He’s also donating the proceeds of the book, *I Will Cause My Spirit To Enter You And You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic* to the Diocese of Parramatta’s Clergy Support Foundation

Office for Safeguarding offering online training to keep our parishes safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Pastoral Council Formation and Training Session: 22 September

The next Parish, Deanery and Diocesan pastoral council formation and training session will be held on Wednesday 22 September at 7.30pm via Zoom. This session will be on listening to the signs of the times in the local neighbourhood, hosted by Raimie Caramancion from the Mission Enhancement Team. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/29ru2hu9>. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org or call 0459 133 665.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 19 September 2021

(Extracted from Liturgy help.com)

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Act

The Lord is rich in mercy and kindness. Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's Word and praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself for our sake: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the wisdom of God: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to live a life of service: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, may we open our hearts and make welcome all people, that they too may come to know your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Living God you are generous and kind and call us to work in the fields of your kingdom. May we always be thankful for the many gifts you have given us. Help us to use these gifts wisely so that we may build your kingdom on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth.

R:

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

R:

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

R:

Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

Last week’s gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, ‘Who do you say I am?’ marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus’ Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus’ great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn’t grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah.

To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don’t argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, let us call out to God in prayer for the Lord listens to those who call his name.

For Pope Francis, servant of the servants of God, that he will continue to guide the Church, and with humility and tenderness, show us how to be servants.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those places around the world enduring drought and poor soil conditions, that in this Season of Creation, those with skills and experience will share their knowledge, and make the lands sustainable

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For those who suffer cruelty or torture for their beliefs; that they will be rewarded for their endurance.

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all essential workers, that God will protect their health as they continually put themselves at risk in service to others

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For all of us, that God will give us the grace to know his presence in our everyday lives, and to know him as our constant companion in times of loneliness, our gladness in times of suffering, and our sure hope in times of uncertainty,

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For all the sick, particularly those coming to the end of their earthly life, that they may experience comfort on the journey to their Father's house.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For those who gone before us in faith, that the Lord's generosity may assure them of a place in the kingdom.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts.

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Prayer to Saint Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church:

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Celebrant: Saving God, your wisdom brings us peace and hope. Hear these prayers and help us to serve others that we may be great in your sight. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we follow you and carry the cross, that we may receive the reward, of eternal life in God's kingdom. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



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