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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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Deceased

Noel Fraser

Nestor DEOCAREZA

Alex D'SOUZA

Special Intentions

Steve DEADY

Robert and Andrew HERLINGER

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-

David Allis



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	Lylette 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.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021: 26 September

Today is Migrant and Refugee Sunday. On this day, 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.

**A DIOCESAN
Conversation
WITH REFUGEES
AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION**

*Find out more about this important issue
& the situation in Afghanistan first hand*

3.00pm - 4.15pm
Sunday 26th September on Zoom

RSVP: www.bit.do/diocesan-refugee

*Hear personal stories from a refugee-seeking protection
Questions answered by an expert working in the field.*



Recently Deceased

David Allis a parishioner of ours passed away on 19th of September . Please remember David and his family in your prayers.

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!

Virtual Coffee

Due to the success of last week's Virtual Coffee, it will happen again this weekend. Please join other parishioners for an informal chat in a Zoom "Virtual Coffee" after mass on Sunday.



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/tooniemorningtea>

Meeting ID: 817 7054 1446

Passcode: Sunday

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

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&>



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Fan the Flame – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’ Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs. (Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper p. 12)

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

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.

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/>

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.

The Global Foundation Road to Assisi Roundtable: 21 October

You are invited to The Global Foundation’s upcoming ‘Road to Assisi’ Roundtable, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 5pm to 7pm AEST. Hosted by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, the roundtable will speak on climate change and will focus on practical actions which may be undertaken by those taking part. For more information, and to register by 11 October, please contact sg@globalfoundation.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Rosalie Rendu Forum: 21 October

You are invited to the St Vincent de Paul Society’s annual Rosalie Rendu Forum, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 6pm to 7.30pm. This year’s Forum will explore the intersections between gender, poverty and domestic and family violence, as there are rising concerns of a shadow pandemic of domestic and family violence. Bookings are essential and early RSVP is recommended. Register by Monday 18 October by visiting <https://bit.ly/RosalieRendu2021>

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 26 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 heal the wounds of sin and division: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you promise a reward to those who give a cup of cold water in your name: 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, grant us the courage to live by your example, that we may receive the reward, of eternal life in God's kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Almighty God you lift us up and showed us the path to eternal life. May the Spirit of Jesus fill our hearts so that we may always be ready to choose what is right and good. We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R:

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

R:

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

R:

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

R:

Second Reading

Jas 5:1 – 6

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who

works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

The first part of today’s gospel deals with the disciples’ jealousy at someone else ‘cashing in’ on Jesus’ name and authority. It is a continuation of their limited understanding about the message and ministry of Jesus. They still cling to an idea that Jesus is going to rise up in power against the forces of Rome and, in the aftermath, they are going to be sitting pretty as associates of this powerful figure. The disciples have been blinded by their dreams of glory and forgotten that the real story is that people are being cured and having demons cast out. Rather than celebrating the healing that is occurring in Jesus’ name, the disciples are jealous that it’s someone else who is getting the credit. Jesus assures them, and us, that any good work being undertaken genuinely in his name is to be welcomed. It is a reminder to us that sometimes we look down on the work of others because ‘they’re not one of us’, or ‘they’re not doing it our way’.

The second portion of the gospel is one of the really challenging teachings of Jesus. Drawing on the image of the community as being a whole body, the teaching suggests that it is better to remove the part of the body/community that is causing sinfulness than have the whole body/community perish. It is a concept we are familiar with in modern medicine: sometimes it is necessary to remove diseased tissue to prevent the spread of disease. We are reminded that if we surround ourselves with negative people and negative influences, we too will become negative. If we separate ourselves from negative influences and surround ourselves with positive ones then the positive aspects of our lives will flourish.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: God our Father, we thank you for the assurance that no one is a stranger in the kingdom you willed for all of us your children. Hear these petitions of our willingness to participate in building your kingdom here on earth.

For Francis, our Pope, in communion with the bishops shepherding our Church and for all those, lay and ordained, who minister to migrants and refugees, that accompanied by our prayers and support may tirelessly champion a culture that upholds the innate dignity of all migrants and refugees,

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For all our nation’s leaders and policy makers, that God grant them compassion, wisdom and guidance in their discernment so they can enact laws that ensure the greater protection of all migrants and those who need to get a fair go,

We pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the families who are currently separated from their loved ones because of violence and poverty, that they may be comforted in knowing God will accompany them in their journey towards reunion and in finding a better home

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For our community, that we may truly live out the Gospels by accepting the blessings of migrants and refugees and in manifesting that we are citizens of God's kingdom that is borderless and welcoming,

We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer

For those who have died, may they experience the treasures of the kingdom of heaven

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: God of mercy and compassion, you call each and every one of us by name to accomplish a special purpose in your general plan of salvation. You invite us your children to work together for the good of all which can only happen if we truly accept and appreciate both the uniqueness and the gifts every one of us brings. Teach us to look and treat one another through the lens of mercy, compassion, love, and respect. We ask this 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, may we be faithful servants, reaching out to others in your name. In your name we pray.

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.



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