



St Anthony of Padua Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sundays: 8am & 10am

Weekdays: Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9 am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 to 4.30pm or by appointment

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2023

First Communion Parent Meeting

On **June 28 at 6.30pm** in the school library, an important meeting for parents who wish their children to receive their First Holy Communion this year.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Please get any contributions in **before 30 June** to claim the 25% tax deduction for 2022-23. You can also give securely through the parish website - click the **green Support Us button** at the top right.

You can get **100% tax deduction** if you donate through the **CWF**.
BIG THANK YOU to those who are contributing.

Calvary Hospital

The ACT Government plans to takeover Calvary Hospital.

Our Archbishop is encouraging us to join him in asking the Prime Minister to Ensure that other governments around Australia who might feel emboldened by what the ACT Government is doing will not be able to just tear contracts up and removed faith-based operators from public institutions.

Please email the Prime Minister now.

Character is doing the right even when no one is watching.

We welcome into our Parish community: *Jude Peter Dooley*, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.
Communion Antiphon: I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

Change of Sunday Mass Times

Due to serious lack of numbers at our Sunday masses as well as great difficulty in securing supply priests when needed, we are considering reducing **Sunday morning** masses to **one mass** which will be at **9am**.

Our weekend masses would be : **5pm on Saturday and 9am on Sunday**.
This would start on **Sunday 27 August 2023**

DO SOMETHING OF ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE - become a parish catechist for Catholic children at Clovelly Public School. The lessons are for half an hour on Tuesday mornings, and you teach from authorised lesson plans.
<https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/about-ccd/become-acatechist/> If you are at all interested, please speak to Fr Laurie, contact Joanne Russell 0467 023 962 or email the parish office.

*Do we think of saying a short prayer before every meal.
It's really about gratitude.*

Communication with parish office.

Please supply your **phone number** on any emails you send to parish office.

You are all most welcome to sit closer to the altar.

Musicians / singers needed at our weekend masses.

If you have been blessed with some musical talent, please think about using it for the glory of God at our masses.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK OR ELDERLY

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion but is unable to come to Mass please notify the priest.

READERS NEXT WEEKEND: J Russell, G White; A Coates, E Eberl; M Crowe, S Cannons.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased: Karen Menzies, Kathy Steele, Brian Fitzgerald, Henry Moloney.

Anniversary: Frank & Mattea Muzic, John MacNally, Peggy O'Connell.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, has been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Gospel Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2023

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you
will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

*(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants
in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth
give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*