



St Anthony of Padua Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sundays: 8am & 10am
Weekdays: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 to 4.30pm or by appointment

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
 16 July 2023

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 will be 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**

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 23 July 2023

"From the elderly, we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people" – Pope Francis.

The upcoming World Day for Grandparents and Elderly will take place on Sunday, 23 July. Pope Francis has provided an exhortation on the invaluable presence that our grandparents and elderly provide in the life of the Church.

Grandparents Day

Come and celebrate with us on
Wed. 26 July Feast of St Joachim & Anne
9am Mass at our church and
9.45am at our Possum Playground for performance and morning tea.

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

21 Days Back to God - After Years of Running Away

Journalist **Bob Cameron** has written a deeply personal account of his return to the Church. With the above title his book is an inspiring step-by-step guide for others considering the pilgrimage of return. It is \$18.95 per copy. Can be ordered from Catholic bookstores.

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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.

*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.

Musicians/singers needed for our weekend masses.

Covid-19

Covid is still around. Please use hand sanitiser when you attend mass.

DO SOMETHING OF ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE

- become a parish catechist for Catholic children at Clovelly Public School.

READERS NEXT WEEKEND:

S Bell, S Davies; M Ingram, E Eberl, N Whittaker; A MacNally, S Zeglin.

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently deceased: Gaye Zammit, Janice Peterson, Karen Menzies, Kathy Steele, Brian Fitzgerald, Henry Moloney.

Anniversary: Anna Wong, Roy & Elaine Rahme, 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.



understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven *and* earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 July 2023

First Reading Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being

freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,

Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:1-23

(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or