



St Anthony's Parish



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26th July 2020

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Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference. Thank you.

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick can be organised with the Priests directly, please call them.

Phone numbers for the Priests are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

MASS TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Monday-Saturday: 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING— FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

St Anthony's Parish are live streaming Masses on YouTube.

The Masses are also being live streamed on Facebook. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonypadua.com.au. Click the link for Live Masses. The Masses are coming through the St Anthony's Facebook page—St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South (you will need to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Masses).

ST ANTHONY'S FACEBOOK

Please visit our Facebook page.:

[St Anthony of Padua](#)

[Catholic Church Melton South](#) Live

Masses streaming from St
Anthony's daily.



MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised every week during the COVID-19 restrictions, on Channel 31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs). Also 'Mass for you at Home' is televised on channel 10 every Sunday at 6am. Please share this news with friends and family who might be limited to TV viewing. Please check your TV guides for changes.

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION OR PARISH APPEALS

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

Parishioners are able to make quick and easy recurring thanksgiving payments or can choose a one-off offering from the comfort of their own home.

When making an offertory online, parishioners have the option to choose which collection they would like to partake in, as they usually would during Sunday Mass - first collection, second collection or a parish appeal.

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PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

Dear Lord, Jesus brought healing during his ministry on earth.
He healed the sick and brought the dead to life.
By his own death and resurrection he brings the promise,
hope and means of healing to us all.
Now we need his healing more than ever.

We need not only the healing from physical illness
brought on by the COVID-19 virus but healing for
human hearts, communities and world society.
Open our hearts that we may not turn in
on ourselves and our own needs.

Let unity, compassion and care mark us all.
Inspire us to serve the poor and abandoned.
May we use our skills in service of others.
May more fortunate countries come to the aid
of those less prosperous.

May we be concerned less about public image
but more about doing the right thing.
*"This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples:
if you love one another."* (John 13:35).
Amen.

— By Columban Fr. John Comiskey



Missionary Society
of St. Columban



St Anthony's Parish

Dear Parishioners,

We are living through extraordinary times. Each day is a changing reality, and your continued patience and strength in these difficult times is greatly appreciated. Care of our people is of utmost importance as we enter into a six-week lockdown. Please know that I am praying for each of you at this time. You are remembered at the altar every day when I am offering mass. I am here for you, so please do not hesitate to contact me on 0403 435 471 when you need to speak to me. Please remember me in your prayers.

With our church closed again for a period of six weeks we will continue to live stream masses seven days a week. Monday – Saturday. We will be having exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.30pm while praying the Rosary which will be followed with Benediction and Mass at 6pm. Sunday mass will be at 10.30am.

Despite these challenges, we cannot lose heart. We must continue to bring to the Lord in prayer all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

I will be available in the Parish office at St Anthony's Tuesday – Saturday from 9.30am to 1pm. St Anthony's parish staff will be working their usual hours from home.

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May the Peace of Christ be with you

Fr Fabian

Parish Priest

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We continue to be able to accommodate 20 people at each Mass. Registration for Mass is still required and can be done at www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au or on 0432 055 992 for those who cannot access the internet. Parishioners are welcome to attend Mass once per day. Confessions will be heard half an hour before Mass.

From Tuesday, 14th July 2020 Masses are being offered at St Bernard's at the following times:

Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am
Tuesday	7.30am & 6.00pm
Wednesday	7.30am & 9.30am
Thursday	7.30am & 6.00pm
Friday	7.30am & 9.30am
Saturday	5.00pm (Vigil of Sunday)

We thank you for your cooperation during this very challenging time. We ask your continued prayers for those of us in lockdown. Please continue to bring to the Lord in prayer all those who suffer the consequences of the current pandemic, that God may grant health to the sick, strength to those who care for them, comfort to families and salvation to all the victims who have died.

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ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

ST ANTHONY'S

ST ANTHONY'S PASTORAL CARE

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Angela Aquilina, Joseph Aquilina, Angelo Camilleri, Maria Camilleri, Camilleri Family, Cilia Family, Rose DeBono, Coral Mary Manuel, Patrick Portelli, Joseph Saliba, Jack Tolhurst, Michael Turcsan, Emanuel Vella & Charlie Zammit

Please pray for the Sick:

Jean Barnett, Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Liza Fernandes, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Kevin Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

- Group 1: **Joseph & Caroline DaRocha** **0421 854 711**
- Group 2: **Sr Therese Dagge** **0418 480 880**
- Group 3: **Dragica Mladen Soldo** **0466 482 035**



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ST BERNARD'S PASTORAL CARE

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday at 7.00pm. We pray the Rosary, Stations of the cross, Divine Mercy chaplet and do a Bible reading and discussion.

Next meeting **To be advised**

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Zvonko & Mary Benac, Tony Dickinson, Bill Griffith & Bronwyn Kays.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Bev Pickett, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[bow during the next line]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Along the track

Finding Treasure in the Field

A friend of mine spends a lot of his spare time looking for the treasure in the field, any field or creek or patch of bush will do. He joins many others who systematically scan sections of land using metal detectors, in the hope of discovering buried treasure. He hasn't found much but, ever the optimist, he continues to search for the elusive treasure.

In his book, the God of Surprises, Gerard Hughes tells the story of a friend who was teaching a group of young people about Jesus' kingdom, parables of the pearl of great price and the treasure in the field. *He asked them what they thought this 'treasure', this pearl was? They responded readily, and as is the style of young people, noisily. One girl had not spoken so my friend asked her: And Brenda, what do you think this means? In a quiet voice and with considerable shyness she said: "I am the pearl of great price, the treasure in the field". Reflections turned inwards as they considered the kingdom within them... p XIX*

There are a couple of important messages in this parable that are particularly relevant today. The person who finds the treasure in the field goes away, saves and saves, sells what he has and comes back and buys the field. Sometimes it takes commitment to look on the bright side, to find the treasure in ourselves, to find what is good in us and especially in others. But Jesus' message is "It is worth it!" Appreciating the wonder of each person, the treasure that lies within is an acquired skill. It is easy enough with our own children, our spouse, our friends but, as scripture says, *"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them (Lk 6:32)."* Seeing the beauty and wonder of others, especially those who are different is a pretty consistent Gospel message. The trouble is our prejudice; our fear and suspicion can get in the road. We tend to keep at arm's length those we don't understand, those who are not 'one of us'.

Finding common ground, finding the gifts in the other person, in their beliefs and motivations, where they find fulfilment and happiness takes commitment, time and effort. The Gospels have a pretty clear message – everyone is precious in the sight of God, they are our brothers and sisters. Our world today is hungry for people with the courage to connect with others, for people who will build trust and community, people who will work for fairness and justice, people who are willing to accept and celebrate differences, and be more willing to sacrifice self-interest for the welfare of others. After all, the Gospels call on us to be are gracious, big-hearted, and understanding.

There are some today who play on this suspicion about others. It is too easy to join in, to be cynical in our conversations and in interactions and thus belittle or ostracise others who are different. Suspicion and fear cloud judgement. They tend to make us focus on protecting the status quo rather than improving it. Finding the treasure in each person means that every single day we have to find that treasure in ourselves by looking into our own hearts and asking ourselves honestly, am I doing my part to create the kind of world that all of us want to live in – a world of love and justice, fairness, acceptance, the world Jesus spoke about so often in the Gospels? He called it the reign of God. If we want to live in that sort of world, why wouldn't others?

So what can I do? What difference can I make? Imagine for a moment if we all chose to act with love over fear, courage over indifference, graciousness over hostility, genuine curiosity over indifference, dialogue over suspicion. Don't underestimate the ripple effect you set in motion when you decide that you will actively participate in improving the world you and others live in. So look for the treasure in the field by:

- recognising that I can affect positive change, I can make a difference
- taking opportunities to reach out to those who are different to us and trying to see through their eyes
- looking for the treasures in their fields
- refusing to buy into the rhetoric of fear, intolerance and division
- calling out those who preach it and recognise hate and bigotry for what it is, a symptom of fear
- spending less time blaming others and helping others to do the same
- showing the compassion needed to understand and heal the wounds that cause division
- choosing optimism over pessimism.

Regards
Jim Quillinan

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118

Comm: Lord, I love your commands.

All: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

All: Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 55:1-3;

Second Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39;

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21



The life of Catholic worship and piety XXVII

What Are Those Oils? (2)

The Oil of the Infirm is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (formerly known as Extreme Unction). St James wrote: "Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the priests of the church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his" (James 5:14-15).

The Apostolic Tradition of St Hippolytus records one of the earliest formulas for blessing the Oil of the Infirm.

Also, in the early Church, a priest (or several priests) would bless the Oil of the Infirm at the time it was to be used, a tradition that has been retained in the Eastern Churches. However, in the Latin Rite, at least since the time of the Middle Ages, priests have used oil blessed by the bishop. For instance, St Boniface in 730 ordered all priests in Germany to use the Oil of the Infirm blessed by bishops only.

At present, the priest, anointing the forehead of the person, says: "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." Then, anointing his hands, the priest says: "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."

Another body part may also be anointed if the hands are not accessible or if there is another particular need.

Finally, Holy Chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. This oil is linked with the sanctification of individuals. In Old Testament times, the priest, prophets and kings of the Jewish people were anointed. This oil is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, since they impart an indelible sacramental character.

The blessing of the Holy Chrism is different from that of the other oils: Here the bishop breathes over the vessel of chrisms, a gesture

which symbolises both the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and the life-giving, sanctifying nature of the character of the sacraments for which it is used. (Recall how our Lord "breathed" on the Apostles on the night of Easter, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:22).)

The concelebrants at the Chrism Mass also extend their right hands towards the chrisms as the bishop says the consecratory prayer, signifying that in union with their bishop they share "in the authority by which Christ Himself builds up and sanctifies and rules His Body", the Church (Vatican II, *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*, no. 2).

Regarding baptism, St Hippolytus in *The Apostolic Tradition* spoke of an anointing after the actual baptism with the "oil of thanksgiving". Similarly, right after the actual baptism in the present rite, the priest anoints the person on the crown of the head with chrisms, saying: "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin and given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit. He now anoints with the chrisms of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of His body, sharing everlasting life. Amen."

In the Sacrament of confirmation, the bishop anoints the forehead of the candidate with chrisms saying: "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Sacred Chrism is also used in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. In the ordination rite of a priest, the bishop anoints with chrisms the palms of each new priest. In the ordination rite of a bishop, the consecrating bishop anoints the head of the new bishop.

Finally, Holy Chrism is used in the dedication ceremony of a church. Here the bishop anoints the altar, pouring holy chrisms on the middle of the altar and on each of its four corners. It is recommended that the bishop anoint the entire altar.

After anointing the altar, the bishop anoints the walls of the church in 12 or four places marked by crosses.