

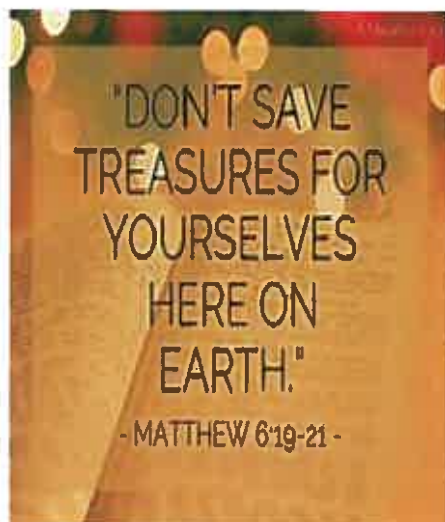


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SUNDAY, 13th June 2021 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
& St Anthony of Padua



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	- 5:00 pm
	Sunday	- 8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	- 9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Friday	- Before 9.15am Mass
	Saturday	- Before 9.15am Mass or by appointment
BAPTISMS:	By appointment	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday in March, June, September & December	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Thursday	- 9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	
This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired		

Parish Pastoral Council: Meetings scheduled as required
Liturgical Committee: Meetings scheduled as required

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Joam Ji Hyo Kwon

Anniversaries: Simon Doumit, Antonio Teodoro, Robert Putland, Claire Shapter, Ivica Pupek, Joanne Dwyer, Sybil Simon, Ivan Potocki

We pray for: Day, Goodwin & Stafford Family

We also pray for our sick: Judy Melville, Tom Ladler, Jessica Tu, Tristan Schuyler Simeon, Anthony Fabin, Mereen Browne

Rosters: 3rd Sunday

5:00pm 1ST READER/RESPONSE – Judy Simon, 2ND READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL - Sue Allan

8.00am 1ST READER/RESPONSE – Barbara Perry, 2ND READER/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL Barbara Mucha

10.00am 1ST Reader/Response – Eileen Baptiste 2ND Reader/PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL: Leo Vakauta

INVIATION TO COMMEMORATE the 130th Anniversary of Rerum Novarum, the John Johnson Forum will be hosting a free zoom event with Fr Frank Brennan, *Rerum Novarum to Laudato Si: the relevance of Catholic Social Teaching to winning government*. **Details** Date: **Tuesday 15th June 2021** Time: **7:30pm AEST** RSVP for the zoom link: reply or email johnjohnsonforum@gmail.com

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HOSPITAL COFFEE SHOP St Joseph's Hospital Auxillary is looking for volunteers for the re-opening of the coffee shop. If you are interested please call Margaret on 9649 1905.

KNITTING CLUB If your interested in learning how to knit or would like to knit in the company of others passionate about knitting, please join us in McDermott House **every Friday morning** after mass.

Y FACTOR – MADE FOR MORE During these July school holidays, experience 4 days of games, activities, talks, discussion, prayer and a chance to grow in their faith and relationship with God. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year! **Who?** Y-Factor is for teens in **Years 7 to 12** led by Sydney Catholic Youth in collaboration with Youth Ministry Coordinators from across the Sydney Archdiocese and Broken Bay Diocese. **When?** **9:30am, Monday July 5th – 1pm, Thursday July 8th, 2021** **Where?** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753

LOVE AND TRUTH RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES The Emmanuel Community in Sydney is offering a retreat weekend for married couples. This is the first of three *Love & Truth* retreats that will provide you with an opportunity to be strengthened, nourished and renewed in your marriage by discovering anew Christ's plan for you. The weekend will include talks, testimonies, prayer, sharing, and time with your spouse. Date: **Saturday 26th-Sunday 27th June 2021** Location: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville Cost: \$200 per couple includes overnight accommodation and meals. Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ>. For more information, email emmanueldevents@gmail.com

CALLING ON ALL WRITERS! Entry is now open for The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award, an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, which aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers. Entrants are asked to draw inspiration from the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

Entries close at midnight AEST on Sunday August 22. For further information and to download the entry form and guidelines, visit <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>.

RETREAT DAY AT BEVERLY HILLS – "Come, Follow Me" *What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?* Join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation for a Discipleship Retreat Day, hosted by Regina Coeli Parish in Beverly Hills. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: *Making the most out of Mass, Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus, Breaking open Scripture, and A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints*. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession. **Date and location: 26th June at Regina Coeli Parish in Beverly Hills**. The retreat will also be offered on **17th July** at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in **Fairfield**. **Registration essential at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/**. Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included. All welcome!

SUPPORT YOUR ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY NEWSPAPER – The Catholic Weekly In this week's edition: Burials breakthrough: Premier orders new negotiations James Parker: This is NOT Catholic education. Book review: *The Church's Best-Kept Secret*. On sale after Mass for \$2.



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Today is a very special day for us as a Parish. We wish to give thanks to Archbishop Anthony Fisher for joining us here today to celebrate with us this momentous occasion. Today we enjoy together the blessed bread of St Anthony of Padua which will be distributed by Archbishop Anthony and the Pope Francis Award Group from St John's Primary School. We thank the St Vincent De Paul Society for donating the bread for us today.

We give special thanks to all of you who have joined us here today and who have donated food for this special lunch. May God Bless the hands that made the food and your offerings which you have brought here today.

We hope you all enjoy the day to the fullest.

God Bless you all,
Yours in Christ, Fr Gustavo

Readings:

Ezekiel 17:22-24 ²² Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Mark 4:26-34 - The Parable of the Growing Seed ²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed ³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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FAITH AS SMALL
as a
MUSTARD SEED
Can Move Mountains
Matthew 17:20

As we travel in the country side at this time of year, we see the miracle of growth taking place all around us in flowers, trees, plants and shrubs. Words cannot capture the magnificence of the scene as the cycle of nature blossoms forth in all its beauty. It is fascinating and a sure sign that harvest time is approaching. We don't have to be professional gardeners to appreciate that growth is a gradual process. It has its origins in tiny seeds being buried on the earth and demands time, tender care and patience for it to blossom and produce fruit.

The readings are concerned with growth, not physical growth but spiritual growth. They speak of the importance of us coming to God in prayer and good works in order to grow in God's favour and friendship. God is at work in every age and in each of our lives. The seed of his word was first planted in our hearts at baptism. Our task is to water and tenderly care for it so that it can work powerfully within us. As most of us were baptised as infants, parents have a vital role in nurturing the seed of God's word in their children. The example they set by prayer and good Christian living in the home will go a long way in determining their children's attitude to life and to God.

The mustard tree reminds us of an important truth of the Christian life: the seed of God's life within us grows slowly and invisibly. We cannot rush the growth of seed in the earth and neither can we rush God's growth in our hearts. There is nothing we can do to hurry it. Because our path to perfection seems so frustratingly slow we often lose heart. Many of us have the uneasy feeling that after years of struggling with the Christian life, we are no nearer to God. There appears to be no mastering of our personal shortcomings. The same old sins keep recurring preventing our progress on the roadway to perfection. Patient endurance and unbounded hope are virtues we need to develop. How easily we forget that God rewards our efforts, our ability to keep trying and not our excellence. We fail to realise that his grace can work through our human weaknesses and limitations and can accomplish what is beyond our dreams. We are not going to be able to measure it but can be certain that it will happen provided we play our part and are intent on pleasing God.

We tend the seed of the Word of God that has been planted in our hearts by prayer and the sacraments, which dispose us to perform good works and acts of loving kindness. In this way we make ready the earth in which the seed of God's word can blossom. There is no age at which we cannot grow in God's grace. So let us realise that life is but a passing shadow and the few years given to us here below are for soul-making. If we do not grow in moral and spiritual stature while on earth, there will be lots of growing up to be done in purgatory.