

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Tuesday 9.30am
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All day Wed 10am-7pm
6.00pm Rosary
6.35pm Vespers /
Confessions
7.00pm Benediction

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Meditation from the ANAWIM WAY

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How easily we fall into an attitude of superiority over others. Prejudice prevents us from seeing the goodness of other people simply because they fall outside of our narrow criteria of goodness. The problem is on display in the scornful attitude of the disciples. When the Canaanite woman begs Jesus to have pity on her daughter, their prejudice comes spilling out in their words: "Send her away!" They will not put up with being pestered by a "dog." Whenever we let this sort of attitude take hold of us, whenever we are saying (or thinking) about anyone, "Send her away" or "Send him away," we shut ourselves into a small box, where we breathe only the stale air of our own opinions. Prejudice is an offense against the dignity of others, but it is also a self-imposed limitation on our love. Ultimately it is a rejection of the love of God. This is not the way we have learned from Jesus Christ! He fills us with His Spirit of love, so that we may be free from slavery to sin.

Jesus' own attitude toward the Canaanite woman is revealed to us only gradually. He never closes his heart to her, of course, but he does subject her faith to a series of tests. At first, he is simply silent. Then he tells her that his mission is to Jews. When she persists, falling before him and pleading for his help, he tells her that it is not fitting to throw the food of the children to the dogs. This sort of language is jarring to us. It sounds like an intolerable insult, like a slap in the face. In fact, in the context of the times, it would not have sounded nearly so harsh. Jesus' point is to distinguish between the Jews and the Gentiles. The Jews are the first to be fed with the message of salvation. The word "dogs" here refers not to street dogs but to little domestic pets; they live in the household, but they are not children of the family.

However Jesus' statement may have struck her, in a remarkable way, the woman gently turns his own words against him. The "insult" suddenly becomes an argument in her favor! With no hint of offense or discouragement, and with no attitude of entitlement, she makes a claim based on her strong faith: the banquet of the Lord is so great that even to receive a few crumbs falling from the table will be enough to heal her daughter. The Lord finds this declaration irresistible. He immediately proclaims what he has had in mind all along, that this woman is not a dog at all; she is an admirable woman of great faith! His "harsh" treatment of her has brought out the best in her.

This wonderful episode shows us what great faith really looks like in practice. It is not a matter of belonging to the right social class. It does not depend on mastering all the proper religious words and rituals. It does not seek to prove to anyone that we are holy or deserving of divine favor. Great faith is persevering and humble. Sometimes the Lord is silent; he does not say a word in answer to us. Sometimes he reminds us of our insignificance or our weakness or our unworthiness. None of these are obstacles to us if we have faith. They simply purify us of all self-importance and make us more ready to receive the Lord's favor. Nothing is impossible for us when we have great faith because nothing is impossible for the Lord in whom we trust.

Does the strong, persevering and humble faith of the Canaanite woman challenge my faith? Do I harbor the attitude of entitlement? Has the sin of prejudice entered my heart as I fall into an attitude of superiority over others?

Mary, Woman of Faith, inspire me to have faith that nothing is impossible with God.

"You must always humble yourself lovingly before God and before men, because God speaks only to those who are truly humble and He enriches them with His gifts." - St Padre Pio

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Saphia Barrios, Maria Rybalka, Mikela, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anthony Muthu Das, Capracia Sioson, Clarrie Nixon, Maureen Cunningham, Claire Leahy

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Reason, Agnes Kain, Patrick McNamara, Maria Neuhaus, Josef Neuhaus, Ruth Gibson, James Gibson, Barbara Gibson, Floss Hennig, Nan Brown, Bill Green, Dudley Dolman, Norm Terrell, George Attard, Louis Mamo, Maria Nicoletta, Mary Howie, Elena Lena, Mary Bradley, Natalia Mrowka, Lawrence Tavella, Peg Kain, Kevin Sullivan, Andrew Jablonski, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, then please contact the Parish Office.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO DANICA RUSOV! Danica has been professed and has become a member of the Fraternity of St Francis of Assisi, Newton, in the Third Secular Franciscan Order on the Feast of St Clare on the 11th August 2020.



FR PHILLIP'S WEEKLY VIDEO MESSAGE to the students at St Anthony's School for this week - The Woman of Great Faith- may be found on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxjomafm>. To receive a copy of these video messages each week please email Randy at rjuanta@gmail.com.



INTO THE BREACH – A Catholic Men's Gathering

Calling all men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage. "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples. Please join us and invite your friends to attend the first session on Thursday 20th August, 7.00pm - 8:30pm at St Anthony's Parish Hall, 832 South Rd, Edwardstown. The format will include viewing a 12 minute video presentation followed by discussions, prayer and light nibbles. To register your interest or for more information please call Geoff on 0419 810 590 or Randy on 0412 872 639.



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We can all do something within our means to assist the Church or one of its pastoral activities. Please help us by **filling out the stewardship card** inserted in this newsletter (new or old parishioners) and **return in the collection basket during the month of August**. If preferred, you may scan the completed form and send it via email at edcathpar@adam.com.au or you may post the form to St Anthony of Padua Edwardstown Catholic Parish, 832 South Road, Edwardstown SA 5039 **no later than 8th September 2020**. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our parish records updated.

2 WAYS TO REGISTER FOR MASS

- 1. Pre-register online** – Go to <https://calendly.com/edcathpar> to register. **This is the preferred option**. This way you can walk straight into the church.
 - 2. Register on Arrival** - Upon arrival, write your details on the register sheet provided at the church entrance. This option is for those who are **not** able to pre-register online. If you are using this option, please arrive a few minutes earlier to register so you are seated before Mass starts. Thank you.
- Contact details are still required for all Mass attendees.**
Please remember to use the hand sanitisers provided and follow guidelines and directions in the church.
NO NEED TO PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER

PLANNED GIVING

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

- 1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.
- 2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>. Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box , choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).
- 3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-
ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish
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If using direct deposit, please remember to put description i.e. FORMED, ACN mugs, etc.

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

At St Anthony's School this week we are focusing on the Key Capability of "Confident and careful creators and users of ICTs". At St Anthony's we use a range of digital technology devices, programs and apps to enhance and engage students in quality learning. This has included coding and robotics, use of Microsoft Teams, Virtual gatherings including webinars, use of ipad apps and various digital programs to support a range of subjects. A critical part of our formation is working with students and families to support students to be careful and compassionate in their use of ICTs.

It follows that there exists a Christian way of being present in the digital world: this takes the form of a communication which is honest and open, responsible and respectful of self and others.... I invite all to make good use of their presence in the digital world. Pope Benedict (24th Jan 2011)

The Federal Government E Safety Website contains a range of resources to support families in enhancing the message of digital safety and wellbeing - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Prayer for the Embrace of Humility

Lord, I know that humility is good and is therefore good for me. I know that I must choose this virtue and so I do choose it. Please help my mind, heart, will, emotions and my entire being to be open to the beauty of this glorious gift. Help me to become convinced, with every fiber of my being, that humility is the foundation for a life of holiness and happiness. Soften my heart, purify my desires, and bring light to my mind, dear Lord. Give me the grace I need to choose to embrace the glorious gift of humility. Jesus, I trust in You.

Understanding and Obtaining Humility

How do you obtain humility? This is a very fundamental question to answer. If you are willing to pray the “Prayer for the Embrace of Humility” with sincerity and are willing to begin the path to humility, then it is essential that a clear picture of this virtue be painted. Humility is the first and most important step toward a life of holiness. It is the foundation of all virtue.

St. Augustine said in one of his letters, “The way to Christ is first through humility, second through humility, third through humility” (Letters 118:22). He also said, “It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.” St. Thomas Aquinas defines it this way: “Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have come from Him as pure gift” (*Summa* Q161). It is pride, more than anything, that tempts us to see ourselves through the eyes of the world and through the lens of others’ opinions. If you want to see yourself in the light of truth, you must humbly seek to see yourself *only* as God sees you. His understanding of your soul is all that matters. One helpful way to discover the meaning of humility is through a powerful prayer, “The Litany of Humility.”

The Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,.....*Hear me.*
From the desire of being esteemed.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being loved..... *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being extolled.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being honored.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being praised.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being preferred to others.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being consulted.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being approved.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being humiliated.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being despised.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of suffering rebukes.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being calumniated*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being forgotten..... *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being ridiculed.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being wronged.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being suspected.....*Deliver me, Jesus.*
That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be praised and I unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

Anyone who sincerely prays this prayer will be struck by its power and challenged by its content. Humility is no easy task! It is not something you can simply decide to do one day and accomplish the next. True humility requires great surrender and detachment in life. In addition, it requires much grace.

This litany reveals three essential attributes of humility. First, you must be purified of *selfish desires*. Second, you must be purified of *selfish fears*. Third, *selfless desires must increase* in your heart. If you are willing to allow your desires and fears to become transformed by God, you will begin to discover a new freedom from the subtle tendencies of selfishness. The journey may be challenging, but the rewards are glorious.

<https://mycatholic.life/books/the-path-to-holiness/>

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour’s goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself.” Mark 12:29-31

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism

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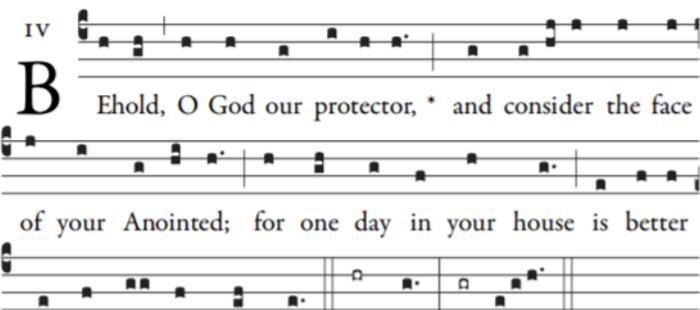
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Introit

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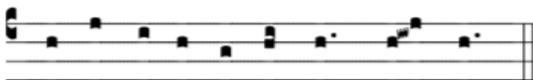


BEhold, O God our protector, * and consider the face
of your Anointed; for one day in your house is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, *
O LORD of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning *
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh cry out *
to the living God.

Glory Be to the Father....

Responsorial Psalm



O God, let all the na-tions praise you!

Offertory

VIII



THE Angel of the Lord shall encamp * round about
those who fear him and shall de-li-ver them; taste and
see how good the Lord is.

1. I will bless the LORD at all times; *
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast; *
the humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the LORD with me; *
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me; *
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant; *
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard, *
and rescued him from all his distress.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

PSALMS

67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

SECOND READING

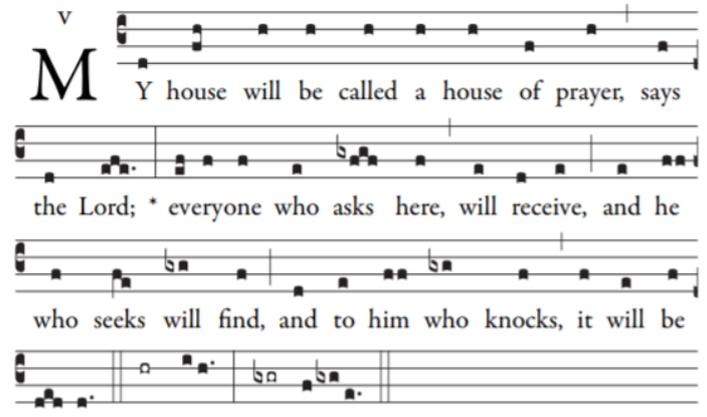
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Communion

V



MY house will be called a house of prayer, says
the Lord; * everyone who asks here, will receive, and he
who seeks will find, and to him who knocks, it will be
opened.

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O LORD of hosts.
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My heart and my flesh cry out *
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PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU!