

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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7/8 November

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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Mass Times

Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9:30am
Saturday	9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass
and Wed 6:30pm

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

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

Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov
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Meditation from Anawim Way

Time runs so fast! We are approaching once again the end of the liturgical year. Today the liturgy presents us with the reality of our own mortality, with the upcoming time of judgment and with the Second Coming of Christ. We know from observation that life on earth is temporary. We know by faith that there is a greater life awaiting us after this earthly sojourn. But when and how will we pass from this life into the next? For some, the moment will come with the arrival of sister death. Others will witness the glorious Coming of the Lord with his angels and the sound of trumpets. Either way, we do not know the exact time when these events will take place.

Our ignorance of the time should not make us afraid or anxious. On the contrary, as St. Paul tells us, we who believe in the Resurrection of Christ should be filled with hope and consolation. We do not view death as unbelievers do, those "who have no hope." We know that God's plan is for us all to rise with Christ and live with him forever. "Thus we shall always be with the Lord." Still, eternal life does not come on a silver platter. We also need to do our part, by living by faith and love, and by remaining always prepared and vigilant, for we do not know when Jesus will come to judge us.

Preparedness and vigilance are clearly illustrated in today's Gospel, Jesus' parable of the ten virgins. The virgins, in their role as bridesmaids, are waiting for the coming of the Bridegroom. When the Bridegroom is delayed, all ten of them fall asleep. Only half of them are wise enough to prepare extra oil for their lamps; the other half are caught unprepared and are left out of the wedding celebration. The parable ends with a stern warning, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The characters and events in the parable are symbolic. The Bridegroom is Jesus Christ and his Bride is the Church. The marriage of God with his people is a theme found throughout the Sacred Scriptures. The Bridegroom's delay and eventual arrival affirms that the return of Jesus, the Second Coming, is certain, even if he seems to be delayed. The ten virgins represent us, the Christian community.

We are all awaiting the Coming of our Lord, but that does not mean we are all wise. Only those who are vigilant are wise. Being vigilant does not mean never falling asleep; it means being always spiritually prepared. The wise will be welcomed into the Wedding Feast of Heaven. What about the supply of oil? We can view it as a symbol of wisdom. The five virgins who had enough oil for their lamps are called the "wise virgins." We see that wisdom is necessary in our spiritual life, especially as we wait for the time of judgment and the glorious Coming of our Lord. This virtue is so important that St. Thomas says: "Of all human pursuits, that of wisdom is the most perfect, the most sublime, the most profitable and the most delightful" (Summa Contra Gentiles, Bk. 1 Ch. 2).

Am I living by faith and love by remaining prepared and vigilant for eternal life?

Do I seek wisdom since it is perfect, sublime, profitable and delightful?

Am I being wise and prudent by cooperating with the grace of God now and not when it is too late?

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede for me and lead me to your Son, the Incarnate Wisdom of God.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 **Psalm:** Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU!

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O’Keeffe, Stan Puczkowski, Saphia Barrios, Mikela, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lyn Eaton, Thomas Clarke, Jennifer Bullen, Lee Puczkowski, Raquel Hayes

ANNIVERSARIES: Colleen Tokmakoff, George Newport and Jack Wirth, Iris Kearlsey, Fr Bill Collins, Elizabeth Coleman, Maxine Smale, Elfriede Franzl, Hazel McNamara, Patrick Coburn, Patrick McCrorey, Natalie Fahey, Edda De Lorenzo, Greg Webb & Maria Di Febo, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty families.

WEBSITE INFORMATION UPDATE

Fr Phillip’s weekly video messages to St Anthony’s School students may now be accessed on our parish website <http://edwardstowncatholic.net> in the **CATECHESIS SECTION**. This newsletter may also be accessed on the website.

FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

We invite you to send your expressions of interest to enrol your child/children for the St Anthony’s Parish Family Sacramental Program commencing in February 2021. This program is a family and community-based program that values the role of parents as the first educators of faith and family as the basic building block of communities. To find out more about our new program, the Parish Sacramental Program Team will hold an information session in late November 2020. Dates and times to be confirmed soon. Please send your expressions of interest to the Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator - Grace Juanta:
email - grace.stanthonys@gmail.com

BE A PARISH STEWARD!

We STILL need your help to be -

- Readers at weekday Masses.
- COVID Marshals - quick and easy training online.
- Helpers to attend to COVID-19 requirements ie., sanitising pews, door handles, push plates, etc.
- Helpers to clean the church on a rotating bi-monthly roster ie., vacuuming, mopping, dusting etc.

If you are able to assist please speak to Robyn, Grace or Danica.

IMPORTANT: Working With Children Check is essential for all parish stewards. To obtain WWCC, please contact the parish office.

CONTACT DETAILS REQUIRED FOR ALL MASS ATTENDEES

REGISTER ON ARRIVAL - Upon arrival, write your details on the register sheet provided at the church entrance.

You may request to be included in the list of regular Mass attendees on Saturdays 6pm or Sundays 9.30am. Please let the COVID MARSHAL know if you want to be included on this regular list. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to use the **hand sanitiser** provided and **follow social distancing requirements** .

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
BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description.

Envelopes—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your **Name and Planned Giving Number**.

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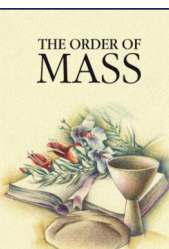


Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards available for sale before and after weekend Masses.

PARISH SOCIAL GROUP—CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

ALL SENIORS WELCOME

Monday 23rd November at the Morphett Arms Hotel, at 12.00pm. All Welcome. Please contact Marie on 8177 1715 by 16th November 2020



MASS BOOKLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

FOR SALE FOR JUST \$6.00. This handy little booklet contains the Order of Mass with all Eucharistic Prayers to assist you to participate more fully in the celebration of the Holy Mass. To purchase your copy please see (after Mass) Paulina on Saturday and Grace on Sunday.



CALLING ALL MEN 16YRS +

Join us for the rest of the 12-part series as we watch and discuss **Into the Breach**. Through a series of small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Please see flyers at the church porch for further details.

FORMED Would you like to have free access to FORMED.ORG ? Thanks to the

generosity of St Anthony’s Parish, here’s how:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select “I Belong to a Parish/Organisation”
4. Find St Anthony’s Parish by entering “Edwardstown” or Postcode “5039”
5. Enter your email, you’re in!

The Virtue of Fortitude

Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice his life in defense of a just cause. *"The Lord is my strength and my song."*⁷⁰ *"In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* Jn 16:33

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1808



Blessed Carlo Acutis was beatified last Oct. 10. Here are some interesting facts and details to know about this young soon-to-be-saint. An inspiration to so many, including young children and teens, Carlo died a young boy at the age of 15 after a brief battle with leukemia. May we all strive for sainthood and learn from Carlo's example!

- In the short 15 years of his life, Carlo Acutis touched thousands of people with his testimony of faith and deep devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
- Born in London but raised in Milan, Carlo was confirmed at age 7. He never missed daily Mass as his mother, Antonia Acutis recalls: "As a little boy, especially after his First Communion, he never missed his daily appointment with the Holy Mass and the Rosary, followed by a moment of Eucharistic adoration," recalls his mother, Antonia Acutis.
- Carlo had a great devotion and love for the Blessed Mother. He once said: "The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."
- An avid enthusiast of technology, Carlo was a gamer and also a computer programmer.
- Carlo had a great concern for his friends often inviting those being treated poorly or going through difficult situations to his home for support. Some were dealing with divorce at home or being bullied due to disabilities.
- Carlo used his tech-savvy skillset to build an entire website catalogue of Eucharistic miracles around the world. He started the years-long project when he was 11 years old.
- Carlo wanted to utilize technology and his website to evangelize. He was inspired by Blessed Giacomo Alberione's initiatives to use the media to proclaim the Gospel.
- During his battle with leukemia, his doctor asked him if he was suffering much pain and he responded that "there are people who suffer much more than me."

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/17-things-every-catholic-should-know-about-carlo-acutis>

RECOMMENDED IN



MARY AND THE SAINTS—Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints

What do we think of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and how does our relationship with her impact our relationship with her Son? What is the connection between our understanding of Mary and the rest of the saints? Why do we ask Mary and other "dead people" to pray for us? The answers to these questions serve to give us a framework for the Catholic Church's teachings on life after death and what we call "The Communion of the Saints." Video duration 39 mins

PRAY LIKE A SAINT by Matthew Leonard

In this talk, internationally known speaker and author Matthew Leonard defines and discusses the three traditional stages of prayer. According to Scripture, every one of us is called to "be perfect" and to "pray without ceasing." Prayer is the path to God, and many of us have been saying prayers all our lives. But are we really praying? Matthew lays out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer, even in the midst of this busy world. Audio duration 1hr 17mins

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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

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

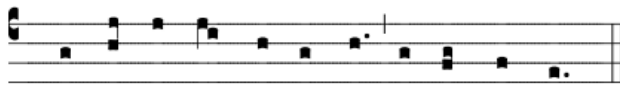
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III
LET my prayer * enter in-to your presence; incline
your ear to my supplication, O Lord.

1. O LORD and God of my *salvation*, *
I cry before you day *and* night.
For my soul is filled *with* evils; *
my life is on the brink of *the* grave.

Glory Be to the Father....

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord my God.

OFFERTORY

VIII
GUIDE my footsteps, O Lord, * according to your
word, so that no in-iq-ui-ty may e-ver gain the upper

hand, O Lord.

1. Blessed are those whose *way is* blameless, *
who walk in the law of *the* LORD!
Blessed are those who keep *his* decrees! *
With all their *hearts they* seek him.
2. They never do *anything* evil, *
but walk *in his* ways.
You have laid *down your* precepts *
to be *carefully* kept.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: 1 Thessaloninas 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

COMMUNION

V
THE five wise virgins * took oil in flasks with their
lamps; at midnight there was a cry: "Behold, the bride-
groom is here; come out to meet Christ the Lord."

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.

Glory Be to the Father....

COMMUNION HYMN

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
is the my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, Who has come into the world. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

**Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.**

We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings. **Refrain**

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. **Refrain**