

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B

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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

24-Hour Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Starts 7:00pm Tuesdays

9:30am Mass (Wed)
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

Concludes with

7:00pm Benediction (Wed)

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Meditation from Anawim Way

Lent is a desert journey. It is forty days of solitude because we draw aside from the noise and confusion of the world in order to strengthen and deepen our relationship with the Lord. It is a time of combat because we must do battle with a wide array of "wild beasts." We are not contending with "flesh and blood," but, as St. Paul teaches us, "with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Eph 6:12). We need an accurate and honest understanding of what tends to interfere with our relationship with God – our sin patterns, attachments, bad habits and weaknesses. Perhaps we lack courage, or we are judgmental, or we are prone to gossip. We may be especially vulnerable to the temptations that come to us through social media, such as pornography, which has trapped so many souls and injured so many families.



Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Kramskoy, 1872

Jesus shows us in the gospel how to combat these "wild beasts." His time in the desert is spent in union with the Holy Spirit. He perseveres in the battle for as long as necessary – the whole "forty days" – as the temptations that Satan proposes are exposed, and Jesus conquers them all. His victory is our victory! With the power of his Spirit, with his perseverance, we, too, can conquer the wild beasts that threaten us. He announces that "this is the time of fulfillment." It is time for us to fight and to win, with his power.

The other readings today invite us to reflect on the "forty days in the desert" in connection with another biblical forty-day period that at first seems quite the opposite, the great flood in the days of Noah. Noah and his family survived this time of purification by taking refuge in the ark. In today's first reading, God makes a solemn promise that there shall never again be such a flood to devastate the earth.

If there will never be another such flood, we may wonder what this story has to do with us and our Lenten journey. St. Peter explains that the ancient flood points to another great cleansing "flood," the sacrament of Baptism. Just as Noah passed through the cleansing waters and entered into a new life and a new covenant relationship with God, so we have been cleansed and renewed by Baptism. We have entered the "ark" of the Church, and we are spending the days of Lent preparing for the day when we will emerge purified, when we will renew our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. We are not concerned now with the "removal of dirt from the body," but with the hope of living with "a clear conscience" through the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore we are full of hope for the glorious outcome of our difficult desert journey. We take courage from Jesus' proclamation, given to us as our marching orders for this first week of Lent: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." The Gospel, the "good news," is that Jesus has won the victory! In Baptism, he has made a covenant with us, to bring us into a new life with him, free from the power of sin and Satan. Now is the time to embrace this new life, the opportune time to repent and reform our lives. We are in the season of a combat that leads to victory with Christ, so we fight with great hope and joy!

What interferes with my relationship with the Lord?

How can I live with a clear conscience?

Am I hopeful for the graces of my Lenten journey?

Excerpt from *The Anawim Way*, Volume 14, no. 3.

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Calister Umeh, Frank Stephens, Steve Brennan, James Stewart, Leighton Crabb, Gerald O’Keeffe, Saphia Williams-Barrios, Mikela, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Hill, Archbishop Emeritus Philip Wilson, Rajan Nair, Margaret Ray, Elizabeth McNulty, Pat Carey, Clare Dobozy

ANNIVERSARIES: Anne Croft, Sharon Raymond, Mary Dixon, Barbara Williams, Francis Moyses, Greg Fischer, Eileen Supple, Toni Crosato, Vincent Eustace, John Anderson, Des Spiers, Kathleen Freeborn, Graziella Peron, Shane Wolff, Giovanni Bratovic, Philip Doherty, Jeff Hockley, 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, please contact the Parish Office.*

BOOKINGS FOR MASS

NO LONGER REQUIRED

You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive

OR

register using the QR Code provided at the entrance. The QR CODE is displayed at the church and hall entrance for those with smartphones. This assists greatly with contact tracing in the event of a coronavirus outbreak.

Please regularly check our website and FaceBook page for recent news and updates.

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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. Name and Planned Giving Number.

24-HOUR ADORATION AT ST ANTHONY’S

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Compline, Adoration (through the night)

WEDNESDAYS

9:15am Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30am Holy Mass
10:00am Eucharistic Adoration
6.00pm Scriptural Rosary
6.30pm Vespers (Lenten Prayers and reflection)
7.00pm Benediction



Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you wish to be included in the overnight roster or for any queries.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Due to the generosity of a parishioner we will soon be re-distributing Planned Giving Envelopes. Please note that some numbers will have been adjusted during this process, we ask that you please only use the new envelopes supplied.

If you are new and wish to contribute via envelopes please contact the parish office or alternatively you may wish to set up a direct debit or Credit Card payment.

NEWS FROM ST ANTHONY’S SCHOOL

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life..."

- Pope Benedict XVI

Welcome to our news for week 4! Time goes quickly when you are having fun and learning lots! This week was a very important one in not only our calendar but in our Church’s. The pancakes sold at school in aid of Project Compassion were great but so was the teaching behind this. The students learned about fasting and prayer in the lead up to our meaningful Ash Wednesday Liturgies. We changed our prayer table cloths to purple and inquired about the significance of the ashes and our intentions to reflect and act like Jesus. Lent is also a time for us as a community to look inwards and become better.



From next Monday the students will have the opportunity to “Drop in” to an inviting prayer space to gather, voluntarily before school begins. We have also created a beautiful post box which students will post questions and letters to Fr Phillip. They are excited about him coming over to answer some of their thoughts and queries.

Go gently,
Monica Doherty



Would you like to have free access to FORMED.org ? Thanks to the generosity of St Anthony’s Parish, here’s how:

FORMED 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!

To all in our faith community at St Anthony of Padua Edwardstown

Lent has arrived early this year and we opened the season in the usual manner with Ash Wednesday only with a difference. COVID-Safe practice ensured we obey the Pope's decree and sprinkle the ashes on the heads of all who wish to pledge themselves to God for change. So, there was no usual signing on the forehead with the ashes which may have led to disappointment.

Catholic practice in Europe historically always sprinkled the ashes so this is what we did. The ashes mean nothing unless the gesture has a solid conviction. Lent is a penitential season, a reminder to cut back to the basic need for change.

COVID-Safe practice forced us to change our habits & discipline ourselves. Lent doesn't inflict itself upon us in the same way but rather is the season in which the Church encourages all the baptized towards attending to bad habits, our wilfulness, our selfish tendencies, called sin. Lent reminds us of God's love and mercy and our need to be close to allow Jesus to love us & walk with us each moment.

May this Lent prepare us all to celebrate the Paschal mystery which so many were denied last year.

Fr Phillip Alstin
Parish Priest



“Knowing by experience St Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honour him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honoured him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favours in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him.”

- St Teresa of Avila

“In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas

*“**Confession** is an act of honesty and courage— an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. It is an act of the prodigal son who returns to his Father and is welcomed by Him with the kiss of peace.”*

—Pope St. John Paul II (from a homily in San Antonio on 13/9/87)

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Catechism of the Catholic Church

1422 Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labours for their conversion.

WHAT IS THIS SACRAMENT CALLED?

1423 It is called the **sacrament of conversion** because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion, the first step in returning to the Father from whom one has strayed by sin.

It is called the **sacrament of Penance**, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.

1424 It is called the **sacrament of confession**, since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense it is also a "confession" - acknowledgment and praise - of the holiness of God and of his mercy toward sinful man.

It is called the **sacrament of forgiveness**, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent "pardon and peace."

It is called the **sacrament of Reconciliation**, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God." He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

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

The dignity of every person, independent of ethnicity, creed, gender, sexuality, age or ability, is the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. No human being should have their dignity or freedom compromised. Poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice make it impossible to live a life commensurate with this dignity.



All Caritas Australia programs are people-centred with empowerment at their heart. People are never treated as commodities nor as mere recipients of aid.

To learn more, please go to Caritas Australia website - <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/cst-toolkit/>

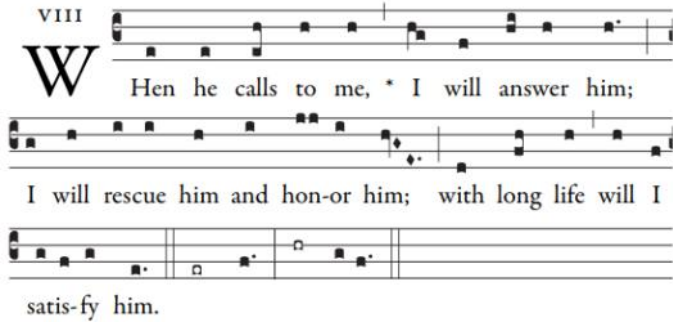
Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes can be collected from the table as you enter the church.



INTROIT

VIII



W Hen he calls to me, * I will answer him;
I will rescue him and hon-or him; with long life will I
satis-fy him.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most **High**, *
and abides in the shade of the *Almighty*,
says to the LORD, "My refuge, *
my stronghold, my God in whom *I trust!*"

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your cov-e-nant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior. **Response**

Re member that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **Response**

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way. **Response**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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OFFERTORY

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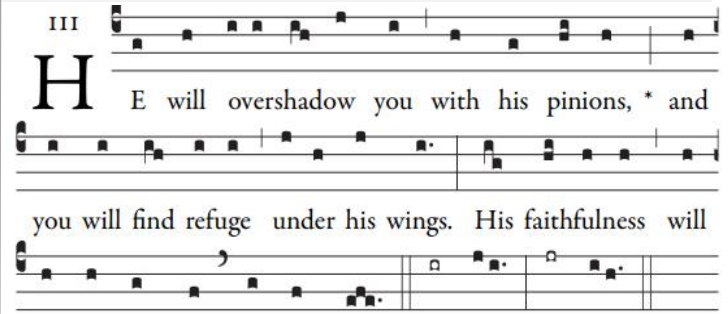


T HE Lord will overshadow you with his pinions, *
and you will find refuge under his wings. His faithful-
ness will encompass you with a shield.

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COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain

**May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.**

Sin has sundered us from God,
selfish we have grown and cold,
foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold. **Refrain**

Now we fast that we may feast
where the Lord of life presides;
may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides. **Refrain**

As we keep this Lent with prayer
and from pleasures are withdrawn,
minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.

Let us your endurance share
and from earthy greet abstain,
with you, watching unto prayer,
with you, strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan on us press
flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fail.

Keep, O keep us Saviour dear,
ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear
at th' eternal Eastertide.