



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH**

M A R S F I E L D

# THE GOOD OIL

**1 MARCH 2020**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
YEAR A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading **Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7**  
Resp **Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17**  
***Be merciful, O Lord,  
for we have sinned***

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **Romans 5:12-19**  
Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11**

## Masses This Week

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**  
Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**  
Mon 9am **Liturgy of  
the Word**  
Tue - Fri 9am **Mass**

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**Today's Gospel story** follows immediately on Jesus' baptism and endorsement by his Father as his "Beloved Son" to whom we are to listen. Note that Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit of God. The purpose clearly is not to lead him to do evil but as a testing of his fitness for his coming mission. The testing will be done not by God directly but by the Tempter. It is pictured as taking place in a barren region between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. Jesus, like Moses before him, had fasted for 40 days. He is alone ... hungry, weak and vulnerable.

## Who is Jesus?

Each of the three temptations touches on Jesus' identity as the Son of God. "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The Tempter then begins, "If you are the Son of God, why not use your divine powers to turn these large, flat stones at your feet into bread?" God fed the Israelites with manna in the desert. Surely he will feed his own Son? Why have powers and not use them? It is important to realise that all temptations come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. No sane person chooses the purely evil unless some positive benefit is seen to come from it. In each of the three tests, Jesus is being led on to do something which would seem to enhance his mission as Lord and Saviour. Jesus passes all three tests and will do so all during his life right up to the moment of his death. In the garden of Gethsemane, he will beg to be spared the horrors of his Passion but will then put aside his own fears of suffering and death and accept his Father's way. On the cross he will cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and soon after, in total submission, say: "Into your hands I surrender my life."

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**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED.** Have you received your First Communion? Would you like to be involved in an important ministry in the church? Training: Sat 14 Mar and Sat 21 Mar at 4pm in Church. Email for more info: [rachel@saintanthonys.org.au](mailto:rachel@saintanthonys.org.au).

**VIA CRUCIS.** Il gruppo del Rosario Madonna delle Grazie invita a tutti gli Italiani della zona a partecipare a questi funzioni religiosi in preparazione alla Santa Pasqua incominciando **Lunedì 2 Marzo** Rosario 7pm e dopo si incomincia—La Via Crucis. **Lunedì 6 Aprile: Confessioni** in Italiano con Fr Pasquale Pizzoferro, 6.30pm; **Rosario** 6.30pm; **Via Crucis** 7.15pm; **Messa** 8pm. Dopo si va fuori per un rinfresco e si fa una lotteria che va tutto per i poveri. Per piacere portate un piatto.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN MORNING.** St Anthony's Catholic Primary School invites you to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at an Open Morning for current families/ parishioners, on **Monday 2 March, 9.05a.m. Assembly** at the school hall (followed by light refreshments); **10-11am Open Classrooms.**

**ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY OPEN MORNING/ MEET THE PRINCIPAL/ SCHOOL TOUR** for new families seeking enrolment will be held on **Thu 5 Mar from 9.30-11am.** Parents, relatives, parishioners and future enrolments are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the school office. **ENROLMENT PACKAGES** for Kindergarten (and Years 1-6) 2021 are available from the School Office. To be eligible for Kindergarten enrolment, children must be turning 5 years of age by 31 July 2021 i.e. born before 31/7/16. Inquiries to: 9805 0545 or visit [stamarsfield.catholic.edu.au](http://stamarsfield.catholic.edu.au).



**ENCOUNTER KIRIBATI WITH PALMS, 18-26 MAY.** On this 12-day tour you will visit a number of islands in this small Pacific nation. Palms personnel there are working with local communities to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty in a part of the world impacted by climate change. You will meet and spend time with them and their host communities to see first-hand how Palms Australia is working to create a better world. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering tours to Timor-Leste in Sept and Thailand/Myanmar in Nov. Info: Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email [robert@palms.org.au](mailto:robert@palms.org.au)

# **LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS !!! FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT**

**FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS  
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, RED BEACH.**

**Sat 7 Mar, 7.15pm  
at the Parish Hall.**

**Cost: \$15 per person. (Tables of 10 )**

**Coffee, tea, supper included.  
BYO glasses, drinks and nibbles.**

**Tickets from the Parish Office.**

**There will be a bucket collection in aid of  
the Solomon Islands Parish after all Masses that weekend.**

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE.** Calling all Catechists: You are invited to the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Come and see where Jesus walked. To be there! To experience the Garden of Gethsemane, the place of the Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee – the Scriptures come alive and you will never be the same again! Very Rev Michael McLean, Episcopal Vicar for Education (Schools), Leader of the Archdiocese's CCD Parish Catechist Support team's Jubilee Pilgrimage. DEPARTS 16 May 2020 • 10 Nights/13 Days in the Holy Land with Optional Rome Extension (5 Nights). Book now 1800 819 156 [harvestjourneys.com/PV3120](http://harvestjourneys.com/PV3120)

**DIVINE RENOVATION.** Transform your Parish from maintenance to mission! Pastors, Ministry Leaders and Lay Faithful are invited to a Divine Renovation Conference in Canada. The Archdiocese of Sydney will join with Parishes from across the globe at the Divine Renovation Conference to experience hands-on leadership formation & networking to develop mission-focused parishes. More info and registration, contact: [helen.wagner@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:helen.wagner@sydneycatholic.org) or ring 02 9307 8499

# PARISH DIARY

## 1 MAR — 8 MAR 2020

YOUTH OFF THE STREETS FOOD VAN—TEAM 4	Sun 1 after 6pm Mass
ANOINTING MASS	Fri 6 9am
TRIVIA NIGHT IN AID OF SOLOMON ISLANDS PARISH	Sat 7 7.15pm
BUCKET COLLECTIONS IN AID OF SOLOMON ISLANDS PARISH	Sat & Sun after all Masses

### PASTORAL SESSIONS

Mon: Rosary in Italian 7pm.

Tue: Cenacle 9.30am. Cenacle & Adoration 4pm.

Wed: Adoration 9.30am. Meditation 10am Parish Centre.

Fri: Stations of the Cross, Rosary 9.30am. Adoration 6pm.

Reconciliation by appointment or Sat 5.30-5.50pm

### Parish Collections

**1st collection** supports the needs of the Parish Priest, presbytery upkeep, food, utilities, support of the Archdiocese, care of elderly priests.

**2nd collection** supports the maintenance & upkeep of Parish buildings and grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

### COUNTERS ROSTER MARCH

1<sup>st</sup>, Team 6 • 8<sup>th</sup>, Team 7 • 15<sup>th</sup>, Team 8 • 22<sup>nd</sup>, Team 9

### COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

- If you have a cold or flu symptoms (or any other communicable disease, cold sores, etc.) you **MUST NOT** receive communion from the Chalice.
- In accordance with the General Instruction, we **DO NOT DIP** the Host in the Chalice.

Please turn off your mobile phone in Church. Thank you.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME.** The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

# PRAYER MINISTRY

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:  
Those who are sick, especially-

Eddie Yap, Phillip Hopson,  
Moonki Nam, Victor Fernandez,  
Terry Wallace, Chris South,  
Kevin South, Konrad Wrzesinski,  
Alan Griffith, Barbaro family,  
Janet Godsell, Jac Smits,  
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,  
Victor Galea, Margaret Cusack,  
Karen Kuek Ah Lan,  
Ann Chippendale, Elana Tran,  
Valda Newman, Victoria Cook.

### The recently deceased

## Harry Dosoruth

(father and father-in-law of Rob and  
Corinne Dosoruth)

## Giovanni Carpinato

And those with anniversaries  
around this time.

Due to privacy laws, if you would like the name of a family member or friend printed in the Good Oil, please contact the Parish Office.