



THE GOOD OIL

HEARTS CLOSED TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH**

M A R S F I E L D

10 JUNE 2018

**10TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B**

**1st Reading Genesis 3: 9-15
Resp Psalm Psalm 129**

*With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption*

**2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 4: 13, 5:1
Gospel Mark 3:20-35**

**Masses
Weekend**

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

**Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word
Tue-Fri 9am Mass**

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We have seen how the religious leaders have tried various ploys to expose Jesus as a violator of the Law. They now try a new tactic to discredit him. Basically they make two accusations:

- He is possessed, not by just any ordinary demon, but by Beelzebul the prince of demons.
- It is through the power of the demon in him that he expels evil spirits from others.

Jesus answers both charges. He responds to the second charge by showing its internal contradictions. If the devil was acting against himself his power would eventually collapse, like a divided household. To drive the demon from someone as Jesus did was to liberate that person, free that person from evil powers. Why would the demon want to do something like that? The charge does not make sense. It could be made by a perverse mind.

Nor can someone enter a strong man's house to burgle without first overpowering the strong man inside and rendering him ineffective. Clearly Jesus is the strong man who cannot be overcome.

The next statement of Jesus, however, may cause difficulties for some. Jesus says that every sin, including all kinds of blasphemies that people can utter, can be forgiven but the sin of blaspheming the holy Spirit. Why only this sin? Is God's mercy not infinite and omnipotent?

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PASTORAL SESSIONS Mon: Rosary in Italian 7.30pm. Tue: Cenacle 9.30am. Cenacle & Adoration 4pm. Wed: Adoration 9.30am. Meditation 10am Parish Centre. Fri: Rosary 9.30am. Adoration 6pm. Reconciliation by appointment or Sat 5.30-5.50pm



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020. 2018-2019 is the year in which we are invited to discern what we think God is asking of us in Australia at this time and to talk about this among ourselves. Please consider forming a small group to reflect and share on the challenges we face. Prayer cards for the Plenary Council are available at the doors of the church. More information and resources are available on our Parish web page, saintanthonys.org.au. Click on the Plenary Council 2020 logo.

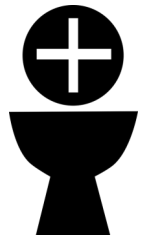
FIRST EUCHARIST

Next weekend 33 children from our parish will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Please note that there will be reserved seating in the church for the children and their families on:

Saturday 16th June (6.00 pm Mass)

Sunday 17th June (9.00 am Mass)

Sunday 24th June (9.00 am Mass).



ST ANTHONY'S FEAST DAY

Due to the fact that the feast of St Anthony falls on this long weekend, we propose to postpone the celebration and have it on Sunday 22nd July. We will celebrate with an International Food Luncheon.

OUR LADY OF GRACE

Our Lady of Grace Rosary group will be celebrating St Anthony's Feast on Monday 11th June with the rosary commencing at 7.00 pm, followed by Mass at 7.30 pm. Fr Pasquale will be celebrating Mass with the blessing of St Anthony's bread.

ST ANTHONY'S LADIES CLUB next meets for lunch on Thu 14 June, between 11am-1pm at the Parish Centre. All the ladies of the parish are welcome to join the fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

**SAVE THE DATE:
ST ANTHONY'S HIGH TEA , 3 NOVEMBER 2018, 2PM.**

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

Come along and have fun at our Charity Bingo Night with all money raised going towards Our Lady of Grace Nursing Home.

When: Saturday 16th June 2018

Where: St Anthony's School Hall

Time: 7.30 pm

Cost: \$20 per head which includes tea/coffee, supper and five bingo cards.

Children under 12 free, but can purchase bingo cards on the night if required.

BYO drinks and nibbles. To book a table of 8 or join another table, please contact Patricia Fimmano on 0408217561



Many prizes to be won,
so bring along your gold coins and have some fun!

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE—CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF

HUMANE VITAE. Chris Gordon from the Life, Marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies?

All welcome. Plenty of time for questions. For dates and locations see the flyers at the back of the Church. More info: 93078402

lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

CARDINAL FROM MYANMAR AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, S.D.B., Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar will be celebrating Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sun 10 June at 10.30am. The Cardinal is an official guest of Catholic Mission who will be holding their annual mission appeal over the weekend of 9 & 10 June. Please join us in welcoming Cardinal Bo, who will also tell us more about the 'education revolution' in Myanmar. For more information, Freecall: 1800 257 296, or visit catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office—If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support & discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

PARISH DIARY

Sun 10 June — Sun 17 June 2018

Italian Rosary & Mass	Mon 11 June 7.00 pm
First Holy Communion	Sat 16 June 6.00 pm Sun 17 June 9.00 am

The Spirit is the origin of all that is good in Jesus, in people and in the world. God is present in the world through the Spirit. To blaspheme against the Holy Spirit is to deliberately refuse to see that presence, that goodness, as the scribes, for instance, obstinately refused to see the hand of God's love in all that Jesus was doing. Something the ordinary people had no difficulty in seeing.

Once we are in a position that we have closed our minds to God's presence in our lives, how can God reach us? God can only forgive those who reach out to him in sorrow and repentance. Forgiveness only came to the Prodigal Son when he turned back to find his father. Forgiveness for God is reconciliation; it is the healing of our wound. He cannot, he will not reach into a heart that has closed itself tight. He will never force his way in. Love is not love if it is not free. But the corollary of that freedom is the ability to choose the opposite. That was the choice the Scribes were making.

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COUNTERS ROSTER JUNE /JULY

10/6 - Team 6; 17/6 - Team 7; 24/6 - Team 8;
1/7 - Team 9; 8/7 - Team 10

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Kenny Hee Teck Lim, Irene Tija,
Fr Michael Walsh CM,
Ambrose Hee Chong Lim,
Phillip Hopson, Eddie Yap,
Chris South, Konrad Wrzesinski,
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Janet Godsell, Barbaro family,
Fr David Catterall.

The recently deceased

Mary Galea

Maria Cessario

(sister of Josie Howes and John
Carabetta)

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.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
is available at the church doors.
Please put \$2 in the Poor Box.