



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH**
M A R S F I E L D

12 JANUARY 2020 BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A

1st Reading **Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

Resp Ps **Psalm 28:1-4,9-10**

***The Lord will bless
his people with peace***

2nd Reading **Acts 10:34-38**

Gospel **Matthew 3:13-17**

Masses This Week

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**

Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**

Mon & Wed 9am **Liturgy of
the Word**

Tue, Thu & Fri 9am **Mass**

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THE GOOD OIL

TODAY BRINGS TO AN END our Christmas celebrations. And we see the third and last of the three great manifestations by which were made known to us that our God had come among us in a very special way. The first of these manifestations was through the story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. The first people privileged to experience this manifestation were the shepherds, representing the poor, the sinful, and the social outcasts. The second manifestation, the Epiphany, celebrated last Sunday, reflects Matthew's emphasis that Jesus was born not only for his own people but for people of every country and every race everywhere. The third and final manifestation of God's presence among us through Jesus is found in all the four gospels. While the first two manifestations are linked with the birth of Jesus, this one comes at a much later date.

Why baptise Jesus?

"It is I who need baptism from you," John the Baptist said to Jesus, "and yet you come to me!" All those others being baptised in the Jordan by John were doing so as a sign of repentance for their sins and as an expression of their desire to turn around their lives. How could Jesus, the Son of God, be part of this? ... Jesus in so doing was expressing his total solidarity with the human race, of which he was a member. He identified with them, not as a sinner but as a fellow human being. The expression of that solidarity is a much higher priority for him than any social status he might lose by being seen in the close company of confessed sinners. It was a risk he would constantly take because the needs of the sinner were more important to him than his reputation with the self-righteous. It will have its final dramatic expression as Jesus dies on a cross, executed with and like two criminals.

A 'missioning' experience

In order to understand what is happening at the River Jordan, we have to go far beyond seeing Jesus' baptism as a matter of dealing with sinfulness. What is being really emphasised here is the positive element of Jesus being totally accepted and confirmed by his Father. What is happening here is that Jesus, as he stands there in the River Jordan, is being 'missioned' by his Father for the work he is about to begin.

FULL COMMENTARY at livingspace.sacredspace.ie/c0112g

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SISTERS OF ST ELIZABETH from Belarus will visit St Anthony's on Tues 28 Jan. After Mass handcrafts from their workshops will be available for purchase. The proceeds will help support their works, which include a boarding home for children and adults with special needs, and rehabilitation centres for women and men who are homeless, recently released from prison and those struggling to overcome drug and alcohol addiction.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 2020. If your child is in Year 3 or above this year and is baptised a Catholic, he/she is now eligible to enrol in the First Reconciliation program. The enrolment package is available on saintanthonys.org.au and the Parish Office. Enrolments close 17 Feb 2020.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL COLLECTION– ALL MASSES 25 & 26 JAN.

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.

+ ANTHONY FISHER OP

CHANGES IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS. The Parish Office will be closed for the school holidays, from Dec 25 to Jan 15. From Jan 15-25 it will be open for limited hours. For sick calls or funerals, please leave a message on voicemail (follow the prompts) when you ring. Normal office hours resume Tue 28 Jan 2020.

THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS OF SAINTS THERESE, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will be making their way around the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. The full itinerary of this pilgrimage can be found on the noticeboard outside the church.

PLENARY COUNCIL. Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese to participate in the plenary council general assembly held in Adelaide in October? If so, speak with your Parish Priest or Barbara Perry (Sydney Plenary Council Working Group) on 0438 012 964, barbara.perry@sydneycatholic.org for more details. Please apply using this form: <https://sydneycatholic.org/plenary-council.pdf>.

YOUTH LEADERS EVANGELISATION SCHOOL 2020, 25 JAN-1 FEB. A week long live-in experience for youth leaders and young adults between 18 and 35 years old. The school will allow leaders to explore their call to discipleship through community life, daily prayer and building a culture of responsibility for themselves and others in their daily lives. The program encourages leaders to exercise their call to evangelisation within the many contexts of their lives, including ministry. More info, email or ring: elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicyouth.org ; Elizabeth Pasion on (02) 9307 8152.

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?

We need people in South West Sydney to visit seniors for a chat over a cup of tea.

Call CCareline to find out more

CCareline 131819

CatholicCare.org

✉ connect@catholiccare.org

🕒 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday

PARISH DIARY

12 JAN — 19 JAN 2019

LITURGY OF THE WORD —
NO MASS

Mon 13 & Wed 15
9am

PASTORAL SESSIONS

Mon: Rosary in Italian 7pm.

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



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

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 JAN/FEB

12/1 - Team 9; 19/1 - Team 10; 26/1 - Team 1;

2/2 - Team 2; 9/2 - Team 3; 16/2 - Team 4

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. 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-

Fr Michael Walsh CM, Eddie Yap,
Phillip Hopson, Moonki Nam,
Victor Fernandez, Terry Wallace,
Chris South, Kevin South,
Konrad Wrzesinski, Alan Griffith,
Barbaro family, Janet Godsell,
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Victor Galea, Margaret Cusack,
Karen Kuek Ah Lan, Jac Smits,
Ann Chippendale, Ian Lim.

The recently deceased

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.