



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

16 SEPTEMBER 2018
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

1st Reading **Isaiah 50:5-9**

Resp Psalm **Ps 114:1-6, 8-9**

I will walk

in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

2nd Reading **James 2:14-18**

Gospel **Mark 8:27-35**

Masses

Sat 6pm	Vigil Mass
Sun 9am & 6pm	Mass
Mon 9am	Liturgy of the Word
Tue-Thu 9am	Mass
Fri 9.15am	Mass

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THE GOOD OIL

MARK'S GOSPEL throughout is describing a learning experience, first for the disciples of Jesus but also for the reader and hearer. Knowing who Jesus is and what following him means is something that the disciples did not tumble to all at once. It was a painful journey for them. Last Sunday we saw the story of the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb. It is the beginning of a central learning section in this gospel which finds its partial climax in today's reading. The story is a kind of parable of how we gradually learn to listen and understand the meaning of Christ's life and message and how we then learn how to share our experience effectively with others. It is not enough to have heard the message; it has also to be shared and communicated with others. Today's passage is immediately preceded by another healing story, this time that of a man who was blind. The interesting thing about this story is that his blindness was healed in stages. That is exactly what was happening to the disciples.

Who do people say I am?

It is a question of Jesus' identity. "Who do people say I am?" he asks them. They give various answers. "But you, who do you say I am?" presses Jesus. "You," says Peter, speaking in the name of them all, "you are the Christ." That is, you are the Messiah, the long-awaited liberator king of Israel.

An exciting moment

It must truly have been an exciting moment for the disciples. Their Master was no mere rabbi; he was the Messiah, the King of Israel! And they were part of his inner circle, his close friends and companions. Wow! And then – totally unexpected – comes the shock, a large bucket of very cold water. Because Jesus begins to tell them what is going to happen to him, the Messiah. He will be rejected by the religious and civic leaders of his own people, he will undergo terrible sufferings, he will suffer a horrible and shameful death by execution on a cross, and at the end will rise on the third day (whatever that meant).

READ THE FULL COMMENTARY at livingspace.sacredspace.ie/0B241/
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PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

The Plenary Council 2020 is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future.

How you can be involved:

- Two discussion groups to prepare submissions to the Plenary Council have been organised in our Parish—one at **10am on Tuesdays**, and the other at **7pm on Wednesdays**. If you wish to join either group, please add your name and contact details to the list in the Foyer. The groups commence **this week**.
- Look out for a listening and dialogue session near you or for more details contact 9390 5100, or plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org
- Make an individual and direct response to the national Plenary Council plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/
- Share your response with the Archdiocese of Sydney, by emailing plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org
- Watch the videos at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/watch/



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS. St Anthony's Parish will soon commence a program for those interested in becoming Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Participants attend weekly sessions by the RCIA team presenting the teachings of the Catholic faith. It is a way to learn about the Catholic faith & to get to know Jesus Christ. Contact Madeleine: 02 9888 5222.

RISE 30 DAY CHALLENGE: Brothers, do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a better man for yourself, your family, and those around you? When you take the RISE 30-Day Challenge, you will gain the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world as we RISE together to claim our true identity. menriseup.org/p/australia

THE 63RD FEAST IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GRACE. Sun 16 Sept at St Anthony's, Marsfield. 1pm Rosary & 1.30pm Mass in English & Italian. Principal celebrant Fr Pasquale Pizzoferro, concelebrants Fr Alberico Jacovone & Fr Greg Cooney. Procession in honour of Our Lady of Grace will follow. Sausage sizzle & light refreshments at the school hall after Mass.

"MORE ALIVE, MORE HUMAN" - SILENT RETREAT join us for a weekend silent retreat guided by Verbum Dei Missionaries at Hartzler Park, Bowral on 28-30 Sept. All ages welcome. For more info contact Louise on 0402374751 or email verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

HEALING AFTER ABORTION Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 Nov. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment.

BE AWAKE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "Be Awake; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16 "Where are you men of God? Are you AWAKE?" MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement have united to host a life-changing event for the men of this nation. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There is nothing like the journey of growing in faith alongside your brothers. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. Be inspired, be transformed at this extraordinary event not to be missed! To register go to menalive.org.au or ymgmovement.org

VOLUNTEERING WITH CATHOLICCARE brings many benefits for the volunteer as well as for our clients and the organisation as a whole. Our Mission and Guiding principles guide us to care for individuals, families and communities from all backgrounds and cultures. We care for the wellbeing of staff and volunteers as we do for the vulnerable families and individuals who seek help from us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the CCareline on 13 18 19.

PARISH DIARY

16 Sept —23 Sept 2018

Our Lady of Grace Feast
Mass & Procession

Sun 16 Sept 1pm

St Anthony's Primary –
School Mass

Fri 21 Sept 9.15am

PASTORAL SESSIONS

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.

The REUNION you have when you're not having a REUNION

\$10,000 poetry prize winner



ARCHBISHOP AWARDS STUDENT EXCELLENCE | P15

COUNTERS ROSTER SEP/OCT

16/9 - Team 10; 23/9 - Team 1; 30/9 - Team 2;
7/10 - Team 3; 14/10 - Team 4; 21/10 - Team 5

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.

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. Contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

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, Victor Galea,
Terry Wallace.

The recently deceased

Peter Walsh

Maria Grazia Valenti

(aunt of Marietta Barbaro)

Slavica Klemenic

Robyn Flynn

(mother and mother-in-law of
Cheryn & Adam Vlazny)

Shirley Bartels

And those with anniversaries

Jean Lee

(7th anniversary 18 Sept)

Jonah Pizzuti

(1st anniversary 19 Sept)

John Clear

(Anniversary 20 Sept)

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.