



THE GOOD OIL

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AS A PARISH COMMUNITY

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

17 SEPTEMBER 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Ecclus. 27:30-28:7
Resp Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12

*The Lord is kind and merciful; slow
to anger and rich in compassion*

2nd Reading Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Masses

Weekend

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

Mon 9am LITURGY OF THE WORD
Tues-Thu 9am, Fri 9.15am MASS

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FORGIVENESS OF WRONGS against us is something that many of us Christians find extremely difficult. We probably think Peter is extremely generous in suggesting that he should forgive his brother as many as seven times. Jesus pushes it even further by saying, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." In practice, this means an infinite number of times. It seems idealistic and impractical. Further reflection may help us realise there is really no alternative for the Christian and the truly human person than to forgive – indefinitely. ... Strange as it may seem, the all-powerful God can't fully forgive the person to whom pardon is offered but refuses it. Because ultimately, the problem is not just one of 'forgiveness' but also of 'reconciliation'. And where there is no reconciliation there cannot be forgiveness in the full sense. God can't just say a million times over to the sinner, "I forgive you." Forgiveness on our part is not just to say, "I know you did something terrible but because I'm a Christian, I forgive you." You may feel very good talking in that way but it has not really solved the problem or healed the wound. My responsibility is not over by saying, "I forgive", if the other person has not changed their attitude towards me in any way. But even with the best will in the world I cannot force another person to be reconciled with me. Ultimately, reconciliation is a personal decision on each side.

Read the full commentary at livingspace.sacredspace.ie/oa241g

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Pastoral Sessions

Mon: **Rosary in Italian** 7.30pm.

Tues: **Cenacle** 9.30am.

Wed: **Cenacle & Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** 4pm.

Wed: **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 9.30am.

Wed: **Meditation** 10am. (Parish Centre)

Fri: **Rosary** 9.30am. **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament** 6pm.

RECONCILIATION: By appointment or Sat 5.30-5.50pm



PARISH FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL. On Sunday 24 September our Parish celebrates the Feast of St Vincent de Paul. This year, in conjunction with our Parish 75th anniversary celebrations - and keeping to the theme of welcoming the stranger - there is also a Social Justice Talk & a "Soul Food Community Lunch". Please refer to the back cover of this Good Oil for details.

HIGH TEA—FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST & OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH. Inviting all Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters, Sisters, Sisters-in-law, Aunties and Girl friends of the Parish to a high-tea at the St Anthony's Parish Hall on 14 Oct at 2pm. Tickets \$20, available at the Parish office. TABLES OF 10. Tickets on sale till 10 Oct. Book early, numbers are limited.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) St Anthony's Parish will be commencing an RCIA program again in early October. The program is for adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith with the view to becoming Catholic. Those interested may contact Madeleine at the Parish Office.

YOUTH MASS is on at St Anthony's Parish every fourth Sunday of the month at 6pm. All young people are welcome.

SCHOOL OF GRATITUDE. The Franciscans of Mary invite you to live the spirituality of gratitude, by developing your relationship with God, basing it on thankfulness, and not on interest or fear. To reach this objective, we gather in the "school of gratitude", to receive a spiritual formation based on the Church teachings, and a concrete commitment to live it out. You will receive also an apologetic, moral, liturgical, and biblical formation to help you defend your faith, and the Catholic Church in a society characterised by secularism and sects. If you feel the need to say "Thank you" to God, come and join us in the "school of gratitude". You can contact us at infoaustralia@frmaria.org, or through the Parish Office. More info: frmaria.org

FILING CABINET. If anyone is in need of a two-drawer, steel filing cabinet please contact the Parish Office. The cabinet includes the dividers inside the drawers. A small donation to the current owner would be appreciated.

WANT TO TRY TANGO? Registration open for an 8-week Argentine Tango Beginners course starting Mon 9 Oct at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, 7.30-8.30pm, for all ages. No partner required but if you have a partner, they can attend for free. Ring 0411458830 / email mimi@alittlebuenosaires.com.au to register. More details about Argentine Tango: alittlebuenosaires.com.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. Group registrations and Under 18 registrations close on Friday 22 Sept. Our Deanery Coordinator (Anita, at 0406 607 115) will assist to get last minute registrations into our group. Individual registration will remain open. Parents and grandparents, consider registration for the Festival as an early Christmas Gift, details in today's Catholic Weekly. One Day registrations are also open; if you purchase a registration for Thurs 7 Dec or Fri 8 Dec for \$125 this will include registration for Saturday 9 Dec.

POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON MARRIAGE. As survey forms begin arriving in letter-boxes, it is important that we are fully equipped with info about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and how it will impact individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage's comprehensive guide about it can be downloaded from coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook

PETITION AGAINST THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL NSW. This bill will be tabled in the NSW Legislative Council on Sept 14. Please act now to inform MPs in both the Legislative Council & the Legislative Assembly of your views. Write to your local MLA and to some of the MLCs. For contact details and points to use in letters go to: noeuthanasia.org.au

GRIEF TO GRACE – HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABUSE – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held **April 8-13 2018**. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit griefftoGrace.org



Marist Sisters' College

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ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2019

Closing on 20 September 2017

Enrolments for Year 7 2020 close 11 April 2018



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**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH**
MARSFIELD

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Marsfield
Celebrating 75 Years

Soul Food Community Lunch

Opening your heart to feed your soul

Come along and experience Social Enterprise Catering from the talented team at Parliament on King café.

These talented cooks are originally asylum seekers and refugees. The delicious food they prepare are recipes from their homelands. Through the café, Ravi and Della provide an environment for people to be work ready as they get to know their new country.

Just as we are keen to know their stories, so too are they to know ours.

Date: Sunday 24 September

Where: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Marsfield

Times/Event:

9am Mass with Morning Tea afterwards

10.30am Thomas Orungo to speak in the Church

11.30am Lunch in Parish Hall

Enquiries & payment to: Edwina Kobus
eckobus@yahoo.com

Tickets: \$20 adult/\$10 child under 13
BYO drinks

Book your tickets now!

PARISH DIARY

Sun 17 Sept—Sun 24 Sept 2017

Our Lady of Grace Feast Mass & Procession	Sun 17 Sept	1pm
Gold Colour Day Mass- St Anthony's Primary	Fri 22 Sept	9.15am
Social Justice Talk	Sun 24 Sept	10.30am
Soul Food Community Lunch		11.30am

COUNTERS ROSTER SEPTEMBER

17/9 - Team 8; 24/9 - Team 9;

1/10 - Team 10; 8/10 - Team 1

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,
Frank Rogers, Barbaro family,
Konrad Wrzesinski,
Magdalena Wrzesinska,
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Janet Godsell, Chris South,
Fr David Catterall.

The recently deceased-
Bruce Busby

(brother & brother-in-law of
Maurice & Noelene Busby)

Those whose anniversaries
occur around this time-

John Clear