



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

THE GOOD OIL

TODAY JESUS SPEAKS of the appearance of the Son of Man in glory and the final establishment of the Reign of God. Many people will come under that Reign ... Others may reject it for ever and choose the outer darkness. In rejecting the Way of Jesus and the Kingship of God (and this is not necessarily the same as rejecting Christianity), they choose to be outsiders forever.

Inner meaning

The first half of today's Gospel leans heavily on traditional language and ideas from the Old Testament. We need to emphasise that the description of events is not to be understood literally. Rather we are to look at the inner meaning of these happenings. The cosmic disturbances about the sun, moon and stars are traditional ways of describing manifestations of God's judgment of Israel. In ancient Israelite times, people believed that the sun, moon and stars represented deities who controlled world affairs. Israel believed that when God acted, these celestial bodies would be disturbed. In Mark's time, of course, the belief in the power of the stars was very strong. In imperial China the role of the astronomers who could accurately predict eclipses was of the greatest importance. And even today there are many people who religiously consult the astrology columns.

Parable of the fig tree

Jesus ... gives a short parable or lesson from the fig tree. Fig trees were a prominent and well-known feature on the Mount of Olives, where Jesus is speaking. This tree only sprouts its leaves in late spring. When they appear you know that summer is near. So Jesus, in effect, is saying that although the end of the world is being described in calamitous terms, his disciples are to respond with faith, with hope, with anticipation. The end of the world means good times, summer, for them. They are not signs that God has lost control of history but that he is bringing things to a triumphant end.

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18 NOVEMBER 2018
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

1st Reading **Daniel 12:1-3**

Resp Psalm **Ps 15: 5, 8-11**

**Keep me safe, O God;
you are my hope**

2nd Reading **Heb 10:11-14, 18**

Gospel **Mark 13:24-32**

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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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL will be held during all Masses this weekend. You can assist those most likely to have "A Christmas Without": individuals and families who are unemployed and dependant on Federal Government income support payments. Also vulnerable are asylum seekers who risk destitution and homelessness through government policies. Members of the Marsfield Conference would like to thank you for your generous support throughout the year and especially helping us to assist those in need in this season of joy.

FEAST OF THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL. St. Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Sat 24 Nov commencing with Mass at 10am followed by Morning Tea. All welcome. Members bring a plate.

THE ANNUAL LOSS AND GRIEF EUCHARIST will be celebrated at St Anthony's Parish on **Tues 20 Nov at 7pm**, for families who have lost loved ones. There will be a supper in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

GROUPS IN THE PARISH: The St Vincent de Paul Society · The Finance Committee · Works and Maintenance Committee · Hospitality Groups · Meditation Groups · Book Club · St Anthony's Ladies Club · St Anthony's Men Club · Fraternity of our Lady of Grace · San Francesco di Paola Association · Italian Ladies Club · Indonesian Youth Bible Study Group · Ministers to sick and Housebound · Catechists · Youth Off the Streets Food Van · Choirs—Adult, Children's; St Arnold Jansen; Youth; Indonesian Youth ·

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to know more.

FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA at St Kevins Eastwood, Sat 24 & Sun 25 Nov. Visitors are most welcome both to the masses, with their enhanced liturgy, and also to the Sunday afternoon programme from 1.30-5.30 pm in the church itself. Special feature this year is the beautiful Faure "Requiem" at 3pm and Missa Luba at the 10.30 Sunday Mass. Download latest timetable from www.kevinwood.org.

FUNERAL NOTICE

**Funeral Mass for the late
TONY YOUSSEF**

**Monday 19 November, 10.30am
at Our Lady of Lebanon Church.**

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR falls on Sun 18 Nov this year. For more info, please see the attachments and link below.

catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-pastoral-life

A CHORAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT. On Fri 14 Dec, St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate the annual, and much anticipated A Choral Christmas Celebration concert. There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$20. Visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc for more information.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE. The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Balgo, and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org . Web: www.broomedioocese.org . Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

POSITIONS VACANT FOR 2019 – FAMILY EDUCATORS. Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator in Catholic primary schools in the Sydney Archdiocese. Applications close 22 Nov. Location and application package found at: sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/category/positions-vacant Contact: meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC CARE HOME CARE PACKAGES provides services in your home to help you remain living independently. From occasional or short-term services to round-the-clock options More info: CCareline on 13 18 19.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES. Please write the names of any deceased loved ones you would like remembered in November, onto the squares of paper on the front seats of the Church, and placed in the basket on the Sanctuary.



Parish groups, please inform the Parish Office by 30 Nov of any special dates or events you would like included in the 2019 calendar.

PARISH DIARY

18 NOV — 25 NOV 2018

Vinnies CHRISTMAS APPEAL	All Masses 17 & 18 Nov	
Loss & Grief Mass	Tue 20	7pm
Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Sat 24	10am

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

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 maintenance & upkeep of Parish buildings & grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

COUNTERS ROSTER SEP/OCT

18/11 - Team 9; 25/11 - Team 10; 2/12 - Team 1;
9/12 - Team 2; 16/12 - Team 3; 23/12 - 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.

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, Moonki Nam.

The recently deceased

Tony Youssef

(grandfather of Christine Ianello)

May Grech

(sister & sister-in-law of Lilian &
Michael Brincat)

Sr Marie O'Connor SGS

And those with anniversaries
around this time.

Mayling Houg Lee

(2nd anniversary)

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.