



ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

M A R S F I E L D

2 FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

1st Reading **Malachi 3:1-4**

Resp Ps **Psalm 23:7-10**

*Who is this king of glory? It
is the Lord*

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

Gospel **Luke 2:22-40**

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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THE GOOD OIL

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.

The **First Reading** is from the prophet Malachi. It consists of a prophecy which can be applied to the Messiah and hence to Jesus. The opening sentence reminds one of John the Baptist: "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me". But then the rest of the sentence foreshadows today's feast: "Suddenly there come to the temple the Lord whom you seek and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts." A clear reference to Jesus, as the Word of God and the one who will inaugurate the New Covenant between God and his people. The prophecy goes on to warn that the coming Messiah will be a real challenge, he will be "like the refiner's fire". He will refine the sons of Levi, "refining them like gold or silver, that they may offer due sacrifice to the Lord". For those who welcome his message and his call, Jesus is good news but for those who will reject his call it will mean death and the end of life.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter to Hebrews. It speaks of the meaning of God's Son coming to live among us as one of us, which, of course, is the theme of today's feast. For the Son of God came to share our flesh and blood and all that goes with it. It was in this way that he would "destroy the one who has power of death, that is, the devil". On the contrary, he has come to liberate "those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life". In order to do this, the Son "had had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people". And, on the cross, Jesus will be both Priest and Victim, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. As the reading concludes, "because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested". All of this is foreshadowed in the warnings that Simeon gives to Mary about the sword of sorrow which will pierce her heart.

FULL COMMENTARY at livingspace.sacredspace.ie/f20202r

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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.

**FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, RED BEACH.**

**Sat 7 Mar, 7.15pm
at the Parish Hall.**

Cost: \$15 per person. (Tables of 10)

**Coffee, tea, supper included.
BYO glasses, drinks and nibbles.**

Tickets from the Parish Office.

**There will be a bucket collection in aid of
the Solomon Islands Parish after all Masses that weekend.**

MASS TO LAUNCH THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF SERVANT OF GOD, EILEEN O'CONNOR

The co-founder of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor has taken a major step forward to becoming Australia's second saint after the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP called on Catholics to submit evidence to support Eileen's cause for canonisation.

You are invited to a Mass which will officially launch the cause.
Thursday 20 February at St Mary's Cathedral. 5:30pm
Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THOSE WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR. The Year of the Rat begins on 25 Jan 2020 and ends 11 Feb 2021. The Rat is the first of the twelve zodiac animals. Those born in The year of Rat are clever, quick thinkers, successful, but content with living a quiet and peaceful life.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2020. Each year, during the season of Lent, we are given the opportunity to prayerfully prepare ourselves to celebrate the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. Here at St Anthony's we would like to assist your preparation for Easter, through our annual 6-week Lenten program. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends, old and new, and to prayerfully reflect on the central mysteries of our faith. The program is clear and easy to follow and focuses on the Gospel reading for each Sunday of Lent. This year we are hoping to expand the program with several groups meeting either in homes or in the parish centre. We are looking for people willing to host a small group in their homes or in the parish centre, commencing the week of 23 Feb. These groups can meet during the day or in the evening. **If you would like to assist by being a host**, please put your details on the notice at the main entrance of the church. **If you would like to participate in a group** please indicate your preferred day and time and contact details on the notice for participants, also at the main entrance to the church.

For further information contact rachel@saintanthonys.org.au

REACH BEYOND: BECOME SIMPLY RICH....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH HOLSWORTHY. Email Fr Andrew (Xiang) Feng at stchris@tpg.com.au to obtain a job description by 7 Feb. The closing date for applications for the position is 24 Feb.

PARISH DIARY

2 FEB— 9 FEB 2020

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/MAR

26/1 - Team 1; 2/2 - Team 2; 9/2 - Team 3;

16/2 - Team 4; 23/2 - Team 5; 1/3 - Team 6

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

Fr Gerald Scott cm

Joan Johnson

(wife of the late Kevin Johnson)

And those with anniversaries around this time.

Rosario Lizzio (5th Anniv)

Salvatore Muratore (2nd Anniv)

Antonio Agostino (12th Anniv)

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.