



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

# THE GOOD OIL

**21 JANUARY 2018**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR B**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 24:4-9**

***Teach me your ways, O Lord***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31**  
**Gospel Mark 1:14-20**

## **Masses**

### *Weekend*

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

### *Weekdays*

Mon 9am LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Tues-Fri 9am MASS

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**TODAY'S GOSPEL** is in two parts:

- the call and the challenge
- responses to the call

The setting of today's gospel is immediately after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, when he received the endorsement of his Father and was filled with the Spirit of God. John the Baptist has been recently arrested, literally "handed over". As Jesus himself will be and his followers after him. We are reminded of this in the consecration of every Mass: "This is my Body which will be handed over (tradetur) for you."

## **THE KINGDOM IS NEAR**

So now Jesus, in Galilee, begins his public life and mission. He begins to proclaim the Good News, the Gospel. It is summed up very simply in two lines: **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, and Repent and believe in the good news.**

## **THE KEY TO THE KINGDOM**

How are we to enter that kingdom? "Repent and believe in the Good News." In the First Reading...(contrary to Jonah's expectations, the pagan peoples of the city "believed in God" and "renounced their evil behaviour". 'Repent' here is more than just being sorry for the past; it involves a radical conversion (metanoia), a change of direction and priorities in my life.

## **OUR RESPONSE**

The call is still going out to each one of us. Am I ready to answer? to follow? What are my nets, limiting my freedom to follow?

**Read the full commentary: [livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OB031/](http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OB031/)**

## **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



**SUNDAY MORNING TEA—AUSTRALIA DAY.** We will be having an Australian-themed morning tea after the 9am Mass on **Sunday 28 Jan**. All are invited to bring some “Australian fare” for everyone to share, such as lamingtons, damper, vegemite sandwiches, Iced Vo-Vo and Anzac biscuits, etc.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2018** The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated this year on Thu 22 March at 7.30 pm. Parents of children who are in Year 3, who wish their child to receive this Sacrament, are asked to obtain an Enrolment Package from the Parish Office or from [saintanthonys.org.au](http://saintanthonys.org.au). **Enrolments close on Monday 5 February**. A Parent Formation Evening will be held on Tue 6 Feb in the St Anthony’s School Hall.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Normal business hours resume Monday 29 Jan. For sick calls or funerals, follow the phone prompts & leave a message. Phones will be monitored for urgent messages.

**PILGRIM MOTHER APOSTOLATE– ROSARY & AFTERNOON TEA.** You are invited to rosary on **Sat 10 Feb at 1.30pm** at St Anthony’s Church, Marsfield, followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre. This is an opportunity for us all, who are bonded by our loving Holy Mother to meet each other. Please bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be provided. RSVP essential, please phone your coordinator to confirm your attendance or contact Marietta Barbaro on 9807 8887.

**ETHICAL TOURS—PALMS ENCOUNTERS** providing participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences; to give an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and a look at the life and work of Palms volunteers. Limited places available for a trip to Timor-Leste 11-23 March. **Book by 5pm Thu 25 Jan**. Ring 02 9560 5333 or visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters)



Your skills can help  
create sustainable  
solutions to poverty.

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Apply to volunteer today at  
[www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP**, Ash Wednesday 14 Feb, 9am-5pm, Notre Dame University, Broadway campus. Join Catholic psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro, for skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy. Cost: \$100. Register [rom.org.au/mindfulness](http://rom.org.au/mindfulness)

**SHALOM HOUSE OF PRAYER** Spend a great weekend at Shalom, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food. This retreat is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be churched to attend. You can just come as you are and do as much or as little as you want. **When:** Fri 16 Feb, 6pm-Sun 18 Feb, 3pm. **Venue:** Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar. **Cost:** Donation of \$190 (includes meals & accommodation). P: (02) 63673058, E: [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com) OR visit [shalomcarcoar.com](http://shalomcarcoar.com)

### **POSITIONS VACANT.**

**Manager, Mission & Outreach.** Permanent full-time position. Lewsisham-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. **Applications close 26 Jan.**

**Housekeeper St Francis Xavier Lurnea, Presbytery and office.** 5 – 8 hours a week. Days and times negotiable. Cleaning & cooking required. Experience preferred. **Applications Close: Fri 2 Feb.** Please contact Mary-Ann on 9607 8760 or [admin@sfxlurnea.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxlurnea.org.au)

**ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE POTTS POINT 160<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.** The College, Ex-Students Union and the Foundation are working together to document their rich history and conduct the Vinnies Census of Alumnae and Community. All former students, staff and families are invited to participate and spread the word. [vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au](http://vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au)

**SILENT RETREAT.** "Walk with me", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Sun 11 Feb 9.30am - 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville and costs \$30. Please BYO lunch as no food will be provided. For more information contact Kylie 0403453620 or [verbumdeisdynney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisdynney@gmail.com)

# PARISH DIARY

Sun 21 Jan — Sun 28 Jan 2018

<b>AUSTRALIA DAY MASS</b>	Fri 26	9am
<b>Australia Day Morning Tea</b>	Sun 28	after 9am Mass



**JIM CAVIEZEL**  
Stars rousing  
at **FOCUS**

**ARCHBISHOP'S GRANT**  
Recipient of \$100,000  
stem cell prize announced

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

## COUNTERS ROSTER JANUARY/FEBRUARY

21/1 - Team 6; 28/1 - Team 7 4/2 - Team 8;  
11/2 - Team 9; 18/2 - Team 10; 25/2 - 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,  
Chris South, Konrad Wrzesinski,  
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,  
Janet Godsell, Barbaro family,  
Fr David Catterall,  
Beng Choon Tan

The recently deceased,

And those with anniversaries  
around this time.

**John Chippendale**  
(5th anniversary 21 Jan)

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.