



ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH
MARSFIELD

THE GOOD OIL

LENT. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. This does not restrict our penance to fast and abstinence. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. ALL who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the Law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting one's use of social media, smart phones and television.
- helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS from Ash Wednesday (26 Feb) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper (9 April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 26 Feb, and Trinity Sunday, 7 June 2020 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. ALL the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

23 FEBRUARY 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st Reading **Lev 19:1-2, 17-18**

Resp **Ps 102:1-4,8,10,12-13**

*The Lord is kind
and merciful*

2nd Reading **1 Cor 3:16-23**

Gospel **Matthew 5:38-48**

Masses This Week

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**

Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**

Mon 9am **Liturgy of
the Word**

Tue, Thu, Fri 9am **Mass**

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASSES 9.15am & 7.30pm

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ASH WEDNESDAY - 26 FEBRUARY

Mass 9.15am and 7.30pm

BURNING OF THE PALMS RITUAL, TUE 25 FEB, after the 9am Mass. We burn the old palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday. Bring your old palms, put them in the basket at the entrance to the church.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED. Have you received your First Communion? Would you like to be involved in an important ministry in the church? Training: Sat 14 Mar and Sat 21 Mar at 4pm in Church. Email for more info: rachel@saintanthonys.org.au.

THANK YOU—CHRISTMAS APPEAL & BUSHFIRE APPEAL. The Marsfield Conference of St Vincent de Paul wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity shown to us during our 2019 Christmas Appeal and the more recent Bushfire Appeal. We were able to collect **\$11,994.95** for our Christmas Appeal which will help us to continue our work with the less fortunate in Marsfield. The Bushfire Appeal raised **\$10,744.50**. Thank you. God bless you and your families

OUR 6-WEEK LENTEN PROGRAM is an opportunity to gather with friends 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. More info: rachel@saintanthonys.org.au

VIA CRUCIS. Il gruppo del Rosario Madonna delle Grazie invita a tutti gli Italiani della zona a partecipare a questi funzioni religiosi in preparazione alla Santa Pasqua incominciando **Lunedì 2 Marzo** Rosario **7pm** e dopo si incomincia—La Via Crucis. **Lunedì 6 Aprile: Confessioni** in Italiano con Fr Pasquale Pizzoferro, 6.30pm; **Rosario** 6.30pm; **Via Crucis** 7.15pm; **Messa** 8pm. Dopo si va fuori per un rinfresco e si fa una lotteria che va tutto per i poveri. Per piacere portate un piatto.



OPEN DAY

Sunday, 8 March 2020

FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

**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.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN MORNING. St Anthony's Catholic Primary School invites you to celebrate Catholic Schools Week at an Open Morning for current families/ parishioners, on Monday 2 March, 9.05a.m. **Assembly** at the school hall (followed by light refreshments); 10-11am **Open Classrooms.**

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY OPEN MORNING/ MEET THE PRINCIPAL/ SCHOOL TOUR for new families seeking enrolment will be held on **Thu 5 Mar** from 9.30-11am. Parents, relatives, parishioners and future enrolments are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the school office. ENROLMENT PACKAGES for Kindergarten (and Years 1-6) 2021 are available from the School Office. To be eligible for Kindergarten enrolment, children must be turning 5 years of age by 31 July 2021 i.e. born before 31/7/16. Inquiries to: 9805 0545 or visit stamarsfield.catholic.edu.au.



VOLUNTEERS needed urgently to take Communion to the Housebound. For more info email rachel@saintanthonys.org.au or talk to Fr Greg.

PARISH DIARY

23 FEB— 1 MAR 2020

Burning of the Palms Ritual

Tue 25
after 9am Mass

**ASH WEDNESDAY
MASSES**

Wed 26
9.15am & 7.30pm

**YOUTH OFF THE STREETS
FOOD VAN—TEAM 4**

Sun 1
after 6pm Mass

PASTORAL SESSIONS

Mon: Rosary in Italian 7pm.

Tue: **Cenacle** 9.30am. **Cenacle & Adoration** 4pm.

Wed: **Adoration** 9.30am. **Meditation** 10am Parish Centre.

Fri: **Stations of the Cross, 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 FEB/MAR

23/2 - Team 5; 1/3 - Team 6; 8/3 - Team 7

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-

Eddie Yap, Phillip Hopson,
Moonki Nam, Victor Fernandez,
Terry Wallace, Chris South,
Kevin South, Konrad Wrzesinski,
Alan Griffith, Barbaro family,
Janet Godsell, Jac Smits,
Bishop Geoffrey Robinson,
Victor Galea, Margaret Cusack,
Karen Kuek Ah Lan,
Ann Chippendale, Elana Tran,
Valda Newman, Victoria Cook.

The recently deceased

Giovanni Carpinato

Fr Gerald Scott cm

Joan Johnson

(wife of the late Kevin Johnson)

**And those with anniversaries
around this time.**

Mark Odlum

(Anniversary 23rd Feb)

Peter Madsen

(4th Anniversary 29th Feb)

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.