



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

THE GOOD OIL

WE HAVE REACHED the end of the Church year. Today is the 34th and final Sunday of the year. And, as usual, we celebrate today the feast of Christ the Universal King.

Contrast

There is a great contrast between the readings. The First Reading is from the Book of Daniel and the Second is from the Book of Revelation. These are what we call apocalyptic books. The word 'apocalypse' comes from a Greek word (apokalypsis, ἀποκάλυψις) which means an 'uncovering' or a 'revelation' of something hidden. The books reveal the inner meaning of life and both were written for people who were suffering great persecution for fidelity to their religious beliefs – Jews in one case and early Christians in the other. The books are full of hope and look forward to a day when God will come in triumph and overcome the earthly powers which commit so many evils and bring so much suffering.

Son of Man

The Book of Daniel was written during the time of King Antiochus Epiphanes who desecrated the Temple of Jerusalem and forced many Jews to adopt idolatrous customs and to abandon the requirements of their Law. Many resisted and paid for their actions with torture and death. It is in this dark atmosphere that the author of Daniel wrote in today's reading: "I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven." Christians, of course, see in the "son of man" Jesus their Lord who often referred to himself as the "Son of Man". He was presented before the "Ancient One", God the Father, from whom he received "dominion, glory – and kingship". And this kingdom, unlike all those which have gone before, "is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed". As Jesus himself was to say, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." This kingdom is indestructible and everlasting.

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

1st Reading **Daniel 7:13-14**

Resp Psalm **Ps 92:1-2, 5**

***The Lord is King,
he is robed in majesty***

2nd Reading **Revelation 1:5-8**

Gospel **John 18:33-37**

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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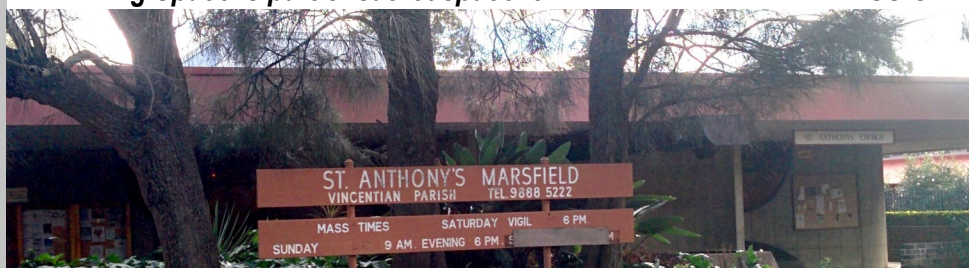
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GROUPS IN THE PARISH: The St Vincent de Paul Society · The Finance Committee · Works and Maintenance Committee · Hospitality Groups · Meditation Groups · Book Club · St Anthony's Ladies Club · St Anthony's Men Club · Fraternity of our Lady of Grace · 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 Kevin's 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.

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.

HOUR OF GRACE. You are invited to commemorate an hour of grace in our Parish from 12-1pm on Fri 8 Dec, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a time for prayer and penance, as told to Sr Pierina of Montichiari in Italy in 1947. Please contact Marietta Barbaro should you require further details.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS WED 5 DEC.

Come and celebrate with Bishop Richard Umbers and Gary Pinto at the end of the Year of Youth and the Launch of the Lights of Christmas.

Join us on the Wed 5 Dec for:

- 5.30pm** **Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers**
- 6.30pm** **Concert on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto**
- 7.30pm** **Lights of Christmas celebration followed by**
official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.

A great way to spend your Wednesday evening by joining the thousands of Sydney-siders for the opening of the Lights of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TREE OF JOY. Many families in our community face hardship, especially during the Christmas Season. We can assist in a small way through our Christmas 'Tree of Joy', which is up near Our Lady of Grace. Please consider taking a card from the Tree. You may give a gift card instead of a gift, should you prefer. Please place your card from the Tree in a GIFT BAG (do not wrap) & drop it off at the Parish Office no later than Monday 10 Dec .

No food hampers, please, as some people have food allergies.

**ST ANTHONY'S PARISH AND THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

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/acc 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**

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE ADVENT FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND SONGS gives expression to the Advent themes of watching and waiting, expectancy and hope, helping us to ponder the coming of Christ in history, in mystery and in glory. Date: Sun 2 Dec, 3.30pm Afternoon Tea, 4.30pm-5.30pm Advent Festival. Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or ph 87525390 **by Mon 26 Nov**. Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.



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

25 NOV — 2 DEC 2018

Youth Off the Streets
Food Van—Team 1

Sun 2 Dec
after 6pm Mass

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

25/11 - Team 10; 2/12 - Team 1; 9/12 - Team 2;
16/12 - Team 3; 23/12 - Team 4; 30/12 - Team 5

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.

Esther Anne Khoo

(Anniversary 30 Nov)

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.