



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

# THE GOOD OIL

We saw last week how shocking were the words of Jesus if they were heard literally: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Not only the religious leaders but Jesus' own disciples are deeply scandalised: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" And, taken literally, how could any civilised person accept such a statement? We, of course, know that the words are not to be taken in a literal sense. It is Jesus' dramatic way of saying that we must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservation. His thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all we are to identify with him in the offering of his flesh and the pouring out of his blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unutterable love for us. And, in the Eucharist ... we recognise in our going to communion the accepting of that challenge to be totally one with Jesus. It is not enough for him to come to me; I also have to go all the way to him, with him.

## Flesh and blood

There is then an ironic twist in what follows, when Jesus says: "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh has nothing to offer." The words of Jesus are spirit, they are life-bearing. To hear what he says about his "flesh" and "blood" literally is to hear with ears of flesh. It is only when we hear Jesus' words in the spirit, that they take on their real meaning, that they become, so to speak, flesh and blood. And, in their real meaning, they make radical demands. Eating human flesh is repugnant but we could do it (and it has been done in extreme situations). The total assimilation of Jesus's spirit and outlook into our lives is far more challenging. And it was a challenge that some of Jesus' disciples were not prepared to face. And the reason? "There are among you some who do not believe, do not trust me." Only with an unconditional trust in Jesus will we have that deeper insight into the real meaning of Jesus' words. It requires an absolutely open mind ready to receive what is there, not what we put there.

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**26 AUGUST 2018**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Josh 24:1-2, 15-18**

**Resp Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 16-23**

***Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Eph 5:21-32**

**Gospel John 6:60-69**

## Masses

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**

Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**

Mon 9am **Liturgy of  
the Word**

Tue-Thu 9am **Mass**

Fri 9.15am

**St Anthony's Primary school  
Father's Day Celebration Mass**

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.** St Anthony's Parish will soon commence a program for those interested in becoming Catholic, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Participants attend weekly sessions by the RCIA team presenting the teachings of the Catholic faith. It is a way to learn about the Catholic faith & to get to know Jesus Christ. Contact Madeleine: 02 9888 5222.

**MEET YOUR CHILD'S SCRIPTURE TEACHER, WED 29 AUGUST, 7.30PM, PARISH CENTRE.** An evening for parents whose children attend Catholic scripture classes at Kent Road & Eastwood Heights Schools, to meet their child's scripture teacher. It is an opportunity for parents to become familiar with content of the Catholic scripture curriculum and to discuss their child's progress. A light supper will be provided. We are also looking for more classroom helpers to assist the catechists. If you might like to be involved, please come by on Wed 29 Aug.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be conferred by Bishop Terry Brady at St Anthony's Parish on Fri 26 Oct. Children who are in Year 6 and who have been baptised & received their First Holy Communion are eligible to be confirmed. Enrolment packages are available from [saintanthonys.org.au](http://saintanthonys.org.au) or the Office. *Enrolments close Mon 3 Sept.* Contact Madeleine for more info.

**FEAST IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA** will be celebrated on Sun 26 Aug with Italian Mass at 1.30pm. **FESTA IN ONORE DI SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA** sara celebrata Domenica 26 Agosto, Messa in Italian alle ore 1.30pm segue processione con la statua.

**THE 63<sup>RD</sup> FEAST IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GRACE. Sun 16 September** at St Anthony's, Marsfield. **Sun 9 Sept** 7.30pm Rosary & Mass in Italian & candle procession by Fr Pasquale Pizzoferro. **Mon 10 Sept** 7pm Rosary & Mass in Italian by Fr Pasquale. **Tues 11 Sept** 7pm Rosary & Mass with Anointing in Italian by Fr Jacek Kokosa. **Wed 12 Sept** 6.30pm Rosary & Mass in English for Young Adults by Fr Stan Kluk. **Thu 13 Sept** 7pm Rosary & Mass in English by Fr Greg Cooney. **Fri 14 Sept** 7pm Rosary & Mass in English for the Deceased by Fr Benedict. **Sat 15 Sept** 7.30pm Rosary & Mass in English by Fr Vincent. **Sun 16 Sept FEAST DAY** 1pm Rosary & 1.30pm Mass in English & Italian. Principal celebrant Fr Pasquale Pizzoferro, concelebrants Fr Alberico Jacobone, & Fr Greg Cooney. Procession in honour of Our Lady of Grace will follow. Sausage sizzle & light refreshments at the school hall after Mass.

**PLENARY COUNCIL - WHY NOT BE INVOLVED?** The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to chart our future. Your voice is important. To be involved, visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). For more info, please speak with Fr Greg, email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org) or ring 9390 5100.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL ASSOCIATION:** Fr. Carl Pieber CM, Deputy Director General of the AMM is visiting Sydney. Members and friends are invited to meet him and hear him speak at the following celebrations:

Sat 1 Sept 10am: Mass and Novena at St Anthony's Church followed by Morning Tea in Church Hall.

Sun 2 Sept 10am: Mass at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield. followed by Morning Tea

Sat 8 Sept 10am: Mass in the Good Shepherd Church, 136 Hyatts Road, Plumpton, followed by fellowship.

**THE HOLY CRUCIFIX ASSOC. ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF "SS. CROCIFISSO PATRONO DI GROTTERIA".** Holy Cross College, 517 Victoria Road, 9 Sept. Mass in English by Fr Alberico Jacovone and Fr Greg Morgan at 1pm followed by procession and complimentary BBQ and drinks. Triduum: Thu 6 Sept 7:30pm Mass for The Family. Fri 7 Sept 7:30pm Mass for The Youth. Sat 8 Sept 7:30pm Mass for The Soul.

**TALK: "POPE FRANCIS AND HIS CRITICS" – A VATICAN INSIDER'S VIEW, by Vatican reporter & Crux editor John Allen Jr.** at the Catalyst for Renewal Dinner **7 SEPT, 7.30PM**, Villa Maria Parish Hall, Hunters Hill. Tickets \$60. Reservations essential. Book via email: [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au), phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), or post to PO Box 265, Swansea 2281.

**TALK: "POPE FRANCIS' EFFORTS FOR REFORM AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH PREPARING FOR ITS PLENARY COUNCIL", by Vatican insider John Allen Jr.** Catalyst for Renewal and The Grail are hosting the Rosemary Goldie Lecture with John on **SUN 9 SEPT, 2-4PM** at the Verebrugghen Hall at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Macquarie Street, Sydney. Tickets \$30. Book via [trybooking.com/VZHF](http://trybooking.com/VZHF), by phone 02 9990 7003 (Messagebank), email [catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au](mailto:catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au) or post to PO Box 265, Swansea 2281.

**RIGHT TO HOME CAMPAIGN— RYDE COMMUNITY FORUM 24 SEPT, 6.30-8.30PM, RYDE-EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB.** How can governments deliver more affordable and secure housing for people? Guests: Victor Dominello, NSW Property Minister and Liberal Member for Ryde and Cr Jerome Laxale, Mayor of Ryde, Jack de Groot, CEO, Vinnies NSW ; Prof Peter Phibbs, Uni of Sydney, an urban planner with recent research experience in affordable housing. Free event. RSVP for catering purposes: [bit.ly/RydeForum](http://bit.ly/RydeForum). More info: ring 4032 3545 or email [social.justice@vinnies.org.au](mailto:social.justice@vinnies.org.au) Please join us, demonstrate to our elected representatives the critical importance of this issue.

**A VISIT TO MARY MACKILLOP PLACE, NTH SYDNEY, TUE 11 SEPT.** Meet in front of St Anthony's church at 9am to carpool & return by 3pm; or make your own way there. **Cost: \$22** for morning tea, a light lunch & museum entry. Fr Greg will celebrate 1pm Mass there. Places limited, ring by Mon 27 Aug to book & pay: 9805 0545 (Annette Leahy, St Anthony's school Family Educator) or the Parish Office.

## PARISH DIARY

26 August – 2 September 2018

<b>SAN FRANCESCO DI PAOLA FEAST Mass &amp; Procession</b>	Sun 26 Aug	1pm
<b>WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS &amp; REFUGEES</b>	Sun 26 Aug	
<b>FATHER'S DAY MASS - ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	Fri 31 Aug	9.15am

### 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.

### COUNTERS ROSTER AUG/SEP

26/8 - Team 7; 2/9 - Team 8; 9/9 - Team 9

### 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.

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**The recently deceased**

**Slavica Klemenic**

**Robyn Flynn**

(mother and mother-in-law of  
Cheryn & Adam Vlazny)

**Shirley Bartels**

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**And those with anniversaries  
around this time**

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.