



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

THE GOOD OIL

28 JANUARY 2018
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

1st Reading Deut 18:15-20

Resp Psalm Ps 94:1-2,6-9

***If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.***

2nd Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Masses

Weekend

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

Mon & Tue 9am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Wed-Fri 9am MASS

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ON THE PAST two Sundays we have seen Jesus baptised, he has announced the meaning and purpose of his work and he has called his first disciples. In today's Mass we see him beginning that work. The words of Deuteronomy (First Reading) are being fulfilled. "Yahweh your God will raise up a prophet.. from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen." Jesus has appeared, a Jew of Palestine like all those around him. And he is a prophet. Not in the current sense of someone who can foretell the future but rather as one who speaks the word of God. For that reason, he should be listened to.

In the synagogue

The synagogue service was basically a Scripture & prayer service. There was no sacrifice; that was confined to one place, the Temple in Jerusalem. Most Jews very seldom went to the Temple for the simple reason that, for most of them, it was too far away. We see Jesus apparently going there about once a year or, like his compatriots, for some of the major feasts. However, on every Sabbath they went to their local synagogue for common worship and prayer. The service was simple: some prayers, reading the Scripture and someone preached. In the synagogue, then, anyone could be invited to get up and preach. On this particular Sabbath day, Jesus was invited. When the Scribes, the experts in the Law, preached, they were primarily explaining the given meaning of the Jewish Law in the sacred books. But when Jesus spoke it was with 'authority.' today.

Read the full commentary: livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OB041/

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



LENTEN PROGRAM 2018. Each year we are encouraged by the Church to take the journey with Christ towards His suffering, death and Resurrection at Easter. It is during the season of Lent that we are able to prepare ourselves – to reflect, pray and to enter into that journey. To assist us the Church offers a 6-week Lenten program designed to be used in small groups in parishes. This year St Anthony's is using the program offered by the Wollongong Diocese, which consists of a book and a CD to guide the group. Those interested in being part of a small group using this program then please place your name on the notice at the main door of the church. Groups meet from the week of Monday 12 Feb.

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. **Enrolments close on Monday 5 February.** A Parent Formation Evening will be held on Tue 6 Feb in the St Anthony's School Hall.

MEDITATION GROUP. Beginners or experienced people are welcome. Our group follows the Benedictine Tradition. We meet on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm till about 8.30pm in the Southern Cross Retirement Village, about \$5 per year. Phone Monica Cramsie for our specific location. 9888 5116.

TAI CHI - Experienced Master Roland has been guiding this group for many years. New folk are always welcome. We meet on Monday evenings in the Southern Cross Retirement Village, 7.30pm till 8.30pm, small cost per session. For our specific location phone Monica Cramsie, 9888 5116.

ACCOMODATION WANTED. A 22- year old Mexican exchange student is urgently looking for accommodation near Macquarie University, from Feb 10 for a few weeks until she finds her feet in Australia. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Ora on 0439832377. Thank you and God bless you.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL ASSOCIATION—Mass with Novena to honour Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be celebrated at St Anthony's on Sat 3 Feb, 10am. All welcome.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES EXPERT Fr Pedro Walpole SJ, Coordinator of Ecojesuit, will be visiting Sydney and celebrating Mass following by a talk on Fri 2 Feb. **Laudato si' Mass** (5.30 to 6.15pm) at St Mary's Church 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney, followed by 6.30-7.30pm **An Australia – Philippines Conversion about Laudato si'** at Nth Sydney Parish Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney.

ST JOHN OF GOD INSTITUTE OF COUNSELLING 50TH AND FINAL YEAR. **School Terms: February – June. Celebration Party – July.** Come and join us in our farewell year. Shortened course (6 months) of the most popular subjects. Skills in communicating and effectiveness with: teenagers, family members. Workplace colleagues, conflict situations, relationships. Better skills for coping with: forgiveness, resentment and change, codependency, bereavement/grief, depression, anxiety, assertiveness, mental and emotional health. Reduced rates (\$200.00 for 6 months). Holy Cross College Ryde, weekly from **7 Feb, 7.30pm.**

Contact: **Carol Harding 0408 705 848** or **Jannelle Carlile 0431 598 004**
email counselling1969@gmail.com

LOW COST ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM. Christian Community Aid has two exciting new classes on offer this year through its low cost Community Learning adult education program. **Technology for Seniors** will help you conquer your iPad or smartphone with easy-paced small group lessons led by an experienced senior tutor. Don't hide from technology – embrace it! **Ukulele for Beginners** will teach you chords and strums to enjoy singing and playing a variety of lively tunes weekly. Join the revival and enter the joyful world of ukulele music. Over 30 different classes to choose from including Health & Wellbeing, Art & Crafts, Music, Languages and Games & Discussion groups, from \$6 per week. Enquiries to Vanessa or community.learning@ccas.org.au, or phone 9858 3222 . Web: ccas.org.au/community-learning

ST BAKHITA SUDANESE CENTRE-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to mind babies & preschool children. The centre teaches English to migrants three mornings a week. To enable the women to attend English classes volunteers are needed to assist with childminding. Hours are from 9.30-12.30 on Wed-Fri mornings during school term. Further details can be found on our website: stbakhitacentre.com

MODERN-DAY SLAVERY. Have you ever considered that what you buy may actually be contributing to modern slavery? From what we wear to what we eat, many of our commonplace purchases are tainted by modern slavery, including forced labour and human trafficking. Pope Francis has called on all of us to eliminate all forms of modern slavery. So please join us

- to commemorate St Bakhita's Day (8 Feb), the international Catholic day for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.
- in prayer for the eradication of modern slavery and human trafficking
- by shopping ethically (Ethical shopping guide: ethical.org.au/theguide/).

PARISH DIARY

Sun 28 Jan — Sun 4 Feb 2018

Liturgy of the Word (no morning Mass)	Tue 30	9am
Catechists Basic Course	Wed 31	9.30am-noon

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
28 JANUARY 2018

A NIGHT OF SONG

THE LEGENDARY
SAINT BAKHTI
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Francis
apologises
to victims

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

COUNTERS ROSTER JAN/FEB/MAR

28/1 - Team 7; 4/2 - Team 8; 11/2 - Team 9;
18/2 - Team 10; 25/2 - Team 1; 4/3 - Team 2

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.

Rosario Lizzio

Terry Walsh

(anniversary 28 Jan)

Antonio Agostino

(10th anniversary 30 Jan)

Maria Teresa Calvi

(25th anniversary 20 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.