



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

THE GOOD OIL

4 FEBRUARY 2018
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

1st Reading Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Resp Psalm Ps 146:1-6

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

2nd Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Masses

Weekend

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

Mon 9am LITURGY OF THE
WORD

Tue-Fri 9am MASS

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THERE IS A HUGE CONTRAST between the First Reading and the Gospel in today's Mass. The Book of Job was written a very long time ago, between 500 and 700 years before Christ but today's passage could have appeared in an agony column in one of our tabloid newspapers. It is the voice of someone who is terribly depressed and can find no meaning whatever in life. Perhaps we have felt like that ourselves sometimes. Fed up with life, bored with our work. How slow evening comes! The days crawl by. I become just a clockwatcher, waiting for the lunch break or the end of the day when I can escape. The nights are worse when sleep is broken by anxiety and tension. What kind of a life is that? Where is it going? Where is the value ... the meaning?

A day – and night – in the life of Jesus

Let us now look at the Gospel where there is a very different picture altogether. It is a description of part of a typical day in the life of Jesus. Jesus is totally occupied in putting himself at the service of people and bring healing and wholeness back into their lives. And this is what gives meaning, fulfilment, satisfaction and happiness into people's lives – when I am making my unique contribution to the well-being of those around me and of my society.

Recharging batteries

And then at the end of the day, what does Jesus do? Put his feet up, slump in front of the tv with a beer in his hand? ... No, he goes off to a lonely place to pray. He needed this.

Read the full commentary: livingspace.sacredspace.ie/OB051/
Living Space is part of sacredspace.ie

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



ENROLMENT CLOSING FOR 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.** Parent Formation Evening: Tue 6 Feb, St Anthony's School Hall.

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.

BURNING OF THE PALMS RITUAL, TUE 13 FEB—Each year we have a Burning of the Palms ritual on the day before Ash Wednesday, after the 9am Mass. We burn the old palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year. The ashes of the burnt palms will be used the following day, Ash Wednesday. Please place your old palms in the basket at the main entrance to the church. **Please drop off your old palms at any time before 9am Tue 13 Feb**, into boxes outside the church doors.

Please join us for PANCAKES in the Parish Centre following the ritual.

SOLOMON ISLANDS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER Sat 3 Mar at the Parish Hall from 7pm. Cost: \$10 per head. Tables of 10. BYO Nibbles and Drinks. Coffee, Tea and Cake supplied. Fr Brian will be attending. Tickets available from Parish Office.

PALMS AUSTRALIA OFFICE VOLUNTEERS For 57 years the Catholic mission service, Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations. Since the beginning, this international mission has relied on the valuable contribution of office volunteers. Palms Australia is looking for full or part-time volunteers to assist with multiple tasks in their Petersham office. If you have good organisational and administrative skills, advanced written and oral English and a professional phone etiquette you will be most helpful. To apply or find out more, please contact Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director, on 02 9560 5333 or email roger@palms.org.au

ST ANTHONY'S MOTHERS AND PLAYGROUP will be meeting on Wednesday mornings during school term starting 7 Feb. The group meets from 9.30-11.30am in the Parish Hall. Come along for some games, storytelling and craft for the little ones and some tea, coffee and biscuits for the big ones. Just bring your mug and some fruit for morning tea for your little one. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information contact Edwina Jahja on 0422 954 733

PILGRIM MOTHER APOSTOLATE– ROSARY & AFTERNOON TEA on **Sat 10 Feb from 1.30pm** at St Anthony's Church, 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.

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. 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 **Janelle Carlile** 0431 598 004, email counselling1969@gmail.com

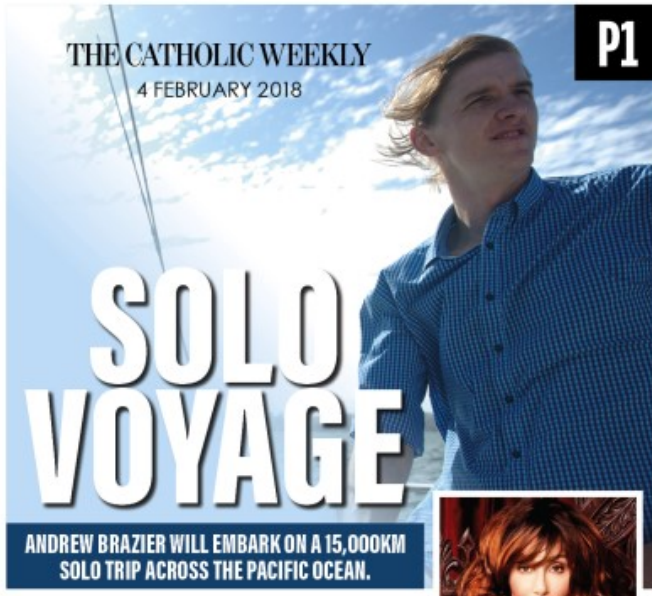
LOW COST ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM. Christian Community Aid has two new classes this year: **Technology for Seniors** will help you conquer your iPad or smartphone with easy-paced small group lessons led by an experienced tutor. Don't hide from technology – embrace it! **Ukulele for Beginners** will teach you chords and strums to enjoy singing and playing a variety of lively tunes weekly. 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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES EXPERT Fr Pedro Walpole SJ, Coordinator of Ecojesuit, will be visiting Sydney and celebrating Mass followed 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.

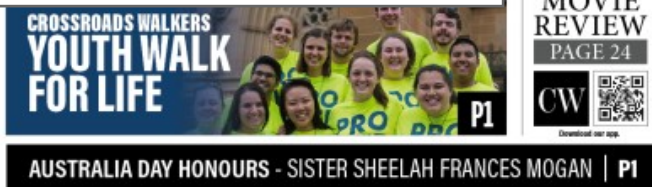
PARISH DIARY

Sun 4 Feb — Sun 11 Feb 2018

Catechist Sunday	Sun 4
Youth Off the Streets Food Van Team 3	Sun 4 after 6pm Mass



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



AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS - SISTER SHEELAH FRANCES MOGAN | P1

COUNTERS ROSTER FEB/MAR

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

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-

Maria Hansen

And those with anniversaries
around this time.

Gabriel Acevedo

(3rd Anniversary)

Pius Joseph

(7th Anniversary)

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.