



**ST ANTHONY'S
PARISH**

M A R S F I E L D

THE GOOD OIL

IN LAST SUNDAY'S GOSPEL we saw how excited the people were after Jesus had fed them with just a few loaves and fish. They were so excited that they wanted to make him king. "This really is the prophet who is to come into the world", they cry. Their being fed with bread reminds them of Moses who fed the people with manna as well as an expression of the expected coming of the Messiah-King. But Jesus had fled to the mountains. He could have used this occasion to exploit the situation and further his own mission but he rejected it outright as a temptation. He was indeed their Messiah-King but not in this way. The disciples, too, have been packed off in a boat in case they got the wrong ideas and tried to take advantage of Jesus' popularity. They also had to learn the kind of king their Master was.

When did you come here?

The people now set off to Capernaum on the other side of the lake looking for Jesus. After finding him they asked, "When did you come here?" It is one of those ironic questions that John loves. A seemingly innocent and simple question which actually touches on the real origins and identity of Jesus. Jesus tells them they are looking for him not because they have seen signs but because they had got a lot of bread to eat. They did not realise that the feeding itself was a spectacular sign pointing to something much deeper than the material bread they enjoyed. It was a sign of an altogether different kind of food, a different kind of nourishment on a different level entirely. A food that endures forever and this is the real food that Jesus has come to offer. But they still have not grasped what he is saying to them.

Believing in Jesus

What must we do, they asked, to get this bread of life? The answer was simple and straightforward: "You must believe in the one God has sent." That is all and it is everything: to believe IN Jesus, that is, to commit oneself totally and unconditionally to his Way. To believe in a person is to make an investment of one's whole self.

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**5 AUGUST 2018
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B**

**1st Reading Exod. 16:2-4, 12-15
Resp Psalm Ps 77:3-4, 23-25, 54**

**The Lord gave them
bread from heaven**

2nd Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Gospel John 6:24-35

**Masses
Weekend**

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

Mon 9am

Liturgy of the Word

Tue-Fri 9am

Mass

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WORKING BEE SUN 5 AUG after 9am Mass. Following the arborists' tree works in the Parish car park last week, there is now a lot of mulch to spread out in the gardens around the church. Volunteers needed! All helpers welcome.

WINTER APPEAL COLLECTION—The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who contributed the recent winter appeal, which raised **\$10,317.75**. Thank you for your generosity.

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 or the Office. Enrolments close Mon 3 Sept. Contact: Madeleine at the Parish Office.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!! Volunteers are needed to assist and complete a 2nd group of volunteers in feeding the homeless on the 2nd Sunday each month under the Ministry of *Youth Off The Streets Food Van*. More info please email: alan.griffith6@outlook.com or leave your details with the Parish Office.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020. 2018-2019 is the year in which we are invited to discern what we think God is asking of us in Australia at this time and to talk about this among ourselves. More information and resources are available on saintanthonys.org.au. Click on the Plenary Council 2020 logo.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

ABOUT PRAY RESOURCES NEWS EVENTS CONTACT US 

Welcome to the Plenary Council 2020

Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Your voice is needed – join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.



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VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2018 5-12 AUG. From the 5-12 Aug we join all Catholics in Australia to celebrate Vocations Awareness Week, offering our prayers for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious & consecrated life. This week, you could:

- Attend an extra Mass for the vocation of your children or grandchildren
- Pray a decade of the Rosary or a full Rosary for vocations from your parish
- Visit St Mary Mackillop's Tomb and pray there
- Visit Eileen O'Connor's tomb and offer a prayer there
- Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in St Mary's Cathedral to pray for Vocations
- Pray for Vocations as a family by praying 1 Our Father and 3 Hail Marys before dinner throughout the week
- Say a Hail Mary for more vocations when you stop at the traffic lights
- Be patient with others and offer your emotions to God as an honest prayer

TALK BY FR RICHARD LEONARD sj at St Kevin's Parish Eastwood, on '**Mary: Here and Now, Our Friend and Companion**'. Thu 9 Aug, 7pm. Fr Richard is known for his dynamic presentations and in-services around the world and is the author of a number of thought provoking books. Don't miss this opportunity to witness an amazing speaker! Cost: Free. Ph: 9874 2533.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA- TEACHERS ALWAYS REQUIRED! East Timor needs Teachers – Ready to take your skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. The parish and school community of Hatubulico have requested two volunteers: a **Secondary Teacher/Mentor** and a **Community Development Mentor**. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour. Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to palms.org.au/encounters

CHOIR FOR ANNUAL CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD) MASS. Singers are invited to join the choir for the annual CCD Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sun 23 Sep 2pm. Must attend rehearsal in the Cathedral at 1pm that day & prior to it at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Ryde on Wed 12 Sep 7.30pm. Please register with Gabrielle Claridge: gabclaridge@gmail.com or Anita Lee: Anita.Lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

FUNERAL NOTICE
Funeral Mass for the late
ROBYN FLYNN

Thursday 9 August, 11.30am at St. Anthony's, Marsfield.



FEAST IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS OF PAOLA

will be celebrated at St Anthony's on Sun 26 Aug with Italian Mass at 1.30pm, followed by procession with the statue. Mass & Rosary will be

celebrated at 7.15pm on Thu 23 Aug & Fri 24 Aug and at 7.30pm on Sat 25 Aug.

PARISH DIARY

5 August – 12 August 2018

WORKING BEE	Sun 5 Aug after 9am Mass
CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL	Sat 4 & Sun 5 Aug All Masses

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

COUNTERS ROSTER AUG/SEP

5/8 - Team 4; 12/8 - Team 5; 19/8 - Team 6;

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.

The recently deceased

Robyn Flynn

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

Shirley Bartels

Enna Faro

(wife of the late Alfio Faro)

John Papallo

(husband of Jo Papallo)

Catherine Tynan

(sister & sister-in-law of Mary and Frank Brown)

**And those with anniversaries
around this time**

Rona Alice

(2nd anniversary 3 Aug)

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.