



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

6 MAY 2018

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B**

**1st Reading Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48**

Resp Psalm Ps 97:1-4

***The Lord has revealed to the
nations his saving power.***

2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17

**Masses
Weekend**

Sat 6pm. Sun 9am & 6pm.

Weekdays

Mon 9am Liturgy of the Word

Tue-Thu 9am Mass

**Fri 9.15am School Mother's
Day Mass**

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THE GOOD OIL

THE THEME OF TODAY'S MASS is clearly love. When we see a film or television programme, when we hear people singing on the radio, the subject is very often about love. Even in the church, we speak frequently about love. ... And what is love? According to today's 2nd Reading the centre of all living is love. It is not only the centre of Christian living but needs to be at the centre of any kind of life. Our Christian faith should not be just seen as a religion, something tacked on to an otherwise secular life which in most respects is the same as everyone else's. Our Christian faith is a vision of how a human life should be lived in fullness. It teaches us how to be a real person. And a person is only fully alive when full of love. Because such a person then reflects best the God who IS love.

What is love?

It would be well at this point to say what we mean here by the term "love". The Greek word that John uses in his gospel and in the three letters attributed to him is agape. The writer C.S. Lewis once wrote a small book called "The Four Loves" in which he discusses four different ways of loving. The first of these is eros, which is physical love. The second is philia, which in a way is the highest form of love. It is the love of friendship, is essentially mutual and shared, and touches every aspect of a person's being expressing itself in a total transparency. To experience such a relationship is one of the great blessings of life. The third love mentioned by Lewis is prautes (prauths), sometimes translated as 'gentleness'. Finally, agape describes a love which reaches out to others without expecting anything in return.

**Read the full commentary: livingspace.sacredspace.ie/EB061/
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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



CWF PASTORAL APPEAL—Our parish will be collecting for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal this weekend, 5&6 May. Your donations go directly towards the charitable and pastoral works of the Sydney Archdiocese for the benefit of this community so we ask you to kindly consider supporting the appeal.

OZ ROSARY #53 is a virtual rosary right around Australia. It will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. People will be gathering in 53 sites around Australia to pray the rosary for the protection of our country, our future and our youth. Join us on Sun 13 May at 4pm to pray the Rosary in our Church as part of Oz Rosary #53.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL MARSFIELD— ENROLMENTS for 2019. St. Anthony's Catholic Primary School is accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2019 (and placements in Years 1-6). N.B. Children must be turning 5 years of age by 31 July 2019 to be eligible for Kindergarten enrolment, i.e. born before 31/7/14. Enrolment packages are available from the School Office. (Office hours: 8.30am. to 3.30pm). For inquiries or info, contact : 9805 0545 or visit www.stamarsfield.catholic.edu.au "Meet the Principal / School Tours" are also being offered. Parents considering enrolment are welcome to attend. Sessions are approximately 45 minutes on **Thurs 10 May & Wed 23 May at 9.30am.**



THE ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY - WAVERLEY COLLEGE. The Annual Procession in Honour of Our Lady will be held on Sun 6 May at 12pm. It will commence in the College grounds in Birrell Street with seating available in the College Quadrangle. All Old Boys and the College community are invited to be part of this event and join the Brothers, staff, students and parents in this act of devotion to the Mother of Jesus. 131 Birrell Street, Waverley 2024. Ph: 9369 0600.

CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB, www.cbcnsw.org.au. DID WE MEET YOU AT THE ACYF? We are waiting to hear from you. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips. Apply via website or contact Linda 0478 919 427.

BISHOP VINCENT LONG You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, speak about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11am-1pm on Sat 16 June. Entry by donation. Registration 10am. Contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840.

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE- CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WISDOM OF BENEDICTINE WOMEN. A RETREAT FACILITATED BY CARMEL POSA SGS.

Throughout the ages there have been many Benedictine women who have shared the wisdom they have acquired in their search for God. This weekend retreat will reflect on this wisdom using the writing and lives of St Scholastica, sister of St Benedict, St Leoba, German Benedictine missionary of the 8th Century, Heloise of the Paraclete, acclaimed abbess of the 12th Century, Dorothy Day, Benedictine Oblate and Peace activist of the 20th Century and Joan Chittester, Benedictine of our time.

Date: Friday evening 18 May- Sunday 20 May.

Cost: \$300 (Includes all meals, materials and accommodation)

Bookings by: Friday 11 May

Email: mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Phone: 8752 5390

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Rd. Entrance off Hull Road.

200 YEARS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN AUSTRALIA—200 years ago, Father Jeremiah O’Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and shipped back home because his credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday, 6 May, the Australian Catholic Bishops will come together to concelebrate a Mass marking the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. 12pm, St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. All are welcome.

THE BISHOP’S BLEND. Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Tue 22 May at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop’s Blend, a quarterly breakfast series. Booking is essential. Contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org or go to bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com.

SOUTHERN CROSS CATHOLIC VOCATIONAL COLLEGE (SCCVC) is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Each student undertakes study that leads to a HSC with a focus on practical, hands-on, industry-based learning. Open Afternoon and Prospective Student Briefing Tue 8 May 4pm – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME! 17 Comer St Burwood NSW 2134 ph.: 8372 4400 fax.: 8372 4401 www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au

PARISH DIARY

Sun 6 May — Sun 13 May 2018

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| Charitable Works Fund appeal | 5&6 May | All Masses |
| First Eucharist Commitment Masses | 5&6 May | All Masses |
| Youth Off the Streets Food Van—Team 6 | 6 May | after 6pm Mass |
| First Eucharist preparation begins | 7 May | 3.30pm |
| St Anthony's Catholic Primary—Mother's Day Mass | 11 May | 9.15am |
| Oz Rosary #53 | 13 May | 4pm |



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

COUNTERS ROSTER APRIL & MAY

6/5 - Team 1; 13/5 - Team 2; 20/5 - Team 3;
27/5 - Team 4; 3/6 - Team 5; 10/6 - Team 6

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.

The recently deceased

Ida Calisti

**And those with anniversaries
around this time-**

Stefano Barbaro

(11th Anniversary 5 May)

Antonio Di Girolamo

(1-month Anniversary)

Wanda Wojcik

(4th Anniversary 4 May)

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.