



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

**7 OCTOBER 2018**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR B**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 2:18-24**

**Resp Psalm Ps 127**

***May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Hebrew 2:9-11**

**Gospel Mark 10:2-16**

### Masses

Sat 6pm **Vigil Mass**  
Sun 9am & 6pm **Mass**  
Mon 9am **Liturgy of  
the Word**  
Tue-Fri 9am **Mass**

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**OFFICE CLOSED 30 SEPT—14 OCT**

# THE GOOD OIL

**WE TOUCH TODAY** on a very topical, very sensitive and very painful reality of life in our time – the question of divorce. However, today's Gospel indicates that it was a controversial question in Jesus' time and in his society also. A painful experience. In spite of its being so widespread, there is no doubt that a divorce is a most painful experience for a married couple. Although we are told that people nowadays find commitment more difficult, it is not likely that most married couples enter marriage on a trial basis, to "see if it works". On their wedding day they presume this is for keeps. (In preparing people for marriage, I have never met a couple who had any doubt that it was for keeps.) Facing the threat of divorce is an experience no one would want to go through. It is an admission of failure. Two people who once seemed so sure about each other have now to admit that they can no longer live at the level of union expected of a marriage relationship. And then there are the children. They, of course, are the real victims. How long into their future lives will the experience of seeing their parents marriage falling apart affect their own interpersonal experiences later on? The tragedy is made even greater when divorce is seen as being the lesser pain than continuing to live in a home riven by constant conflict. What to do? What is the answer to divorce? As in most sicknesses, physical or social, the best cure is surely prevention. Yet how can divorce be prevented? One important way must surely be a much better preparation for marriage. In most cases, so much time, effort and money is poured into preparing for the wedding day which lasts a matter of hours. Next to nothing may be done to prepare for the decades of living in intimate relationship together. Today's Gospel says that the couple are no longer two persons but "one body". To develop that kind of two-becomes-one relationship requires a lot of work. It requires a good deal of guidance and help to make it happen. In fact, marriages don't happen; they are made.

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## **PRAYER SUPPORT & BLESSING FOR OUR H.S.C STUDENTS.**

A prayer intention book is available, in the foyer at the front entrance to the Church, for any Higher School Certificate students to add their names, for prayers to be said for them during these weeks of exams. A blessing for all HSC students will take place at all Masses next weekend.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED.** The Parish Office will be closed during the school holidays & will re-open on Mon 15 Oct. For sick calls or funerals, please follow the phone prompts and leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible. **THANK YOU.**

**OUR LADY OF GRACE PRAYER GROUP 1985-2018.** The prayer group invites everyone to their 33rd anniversary celebration on Mon 8 Oct with Rosary at 6.45pm followed by Mass in Italian at 7.15pm. Past members who have died will be remembered during Mass. All enquiries to Dominic Olivieri, 9809 4306.

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY, 13 OCT.** Please join us in praying for our nation on 13 Oct, 11am, outside Flame Café on Cox's Road, Nth Ryde. We will ask for God's merciful blessing upon Australia through the

**CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL.** Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to help in healing a nation by enabling the Church in Myanmar to provide high quality education for children across the country.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT OFFICER** All parishes are required to have a Parish Safeguarding Support Officer to assist the Parish Priest to implement the Archdiocese's safeguarding and child protection policies. If you are able to assist, please contact the Fr Greg.

## **FAITH FORMATION AT ST MICHAEL'S MEADOWBANK**

At 7.30 pm on Monday 15th October, Fr Larry Richards from the USA will be giving a presentation on "***The Mass Explained***" at St Michael's Parish, 45 Maxim Street, Meadowbank.

**BE AWAKE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE 19-21 OCTOBER** MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for men. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. Be inspired, be transformed.

Register at [menalive.org.au](http://menalive.org.au) or [ymgmovement.org](http://ymgmovement.org)

Promotional Link: [youtu.be/e19HV5mUW2Q](https://youtu.be/e19HV5mUW2Q)

**DAVID'S PLACE COMMUNITY ART SHOW** Over recent months, Sydney artists - including Elisabeth Cummings and David Collins, as well as senior students at the National Art School - have been sketching and painting people from the David's Place Community. Faces Of David's Place - One Night Only on Friday 26 October at 5-9 PM at ST. CANICE'S CHURCH Roslyn St, ELIZABETH BAY. \$100 a head, includes drinks and canapes. Pre-purchase or purchase at the door. Each ticket will be numbered. During the event, numbers will be drawn and the lucky winners will choose an artwork to take home. Tickets available at:

[eventbrite.com.au/e/davids-place-inaugural-art-show-faces-of-davids-place-tickets-50580507660](http://eventbrite.com.au/e/davids-place-inaugural-art-show-faces-of-davids-place-tickets-50580507660)

**ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING – 'A PLACE TO CALL HOME: MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND'**

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year! We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2018-2019 Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land*. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. The street parking and venue are easily accessible by public transport.

**WHEN: Saturday 20 Oct 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm**

**WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North**

**COST: Free**

**RSVP: Essential for catering: [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) | or call us 9307 8465**

# PARISH DIARY

Parish Office closed for  
School Holidays

Sun 30 Sept to  
Sun 14 Oct

Youth off the Streets  
Food Van

Sun 6 Oct  
after 6pm Mass

Ladies Club

Thur 11 Oct 11 am

## 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. Please put \$2 in the Poor Box.

### Parish Collections

**1st collection** supports the needs of the Parish Priest, presbytery upkeep, food, utilities, support of the Archdiocese, care of elderly priests.

**2nd collection** supports maintenance & upkeep of Parish buildings & grounds, pastoral works, Parish administration, insurance, utilities, salaries, priest car expenses & Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

## COUNTERS ROSTER SEP/OCT

7/10 - Team 3; 14/10 - Team 4; 21/10 - Team 5;  
28/10 - Team 6; 4/11 - Team 7; 11/11 - Team 8

## 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,  
Terry Wallace.

The recently deceased

Sr Julia Denton dc

Anthony McNamara

Kevin McNamara

Peter Walsh

Maria Grazia Valenti

(aunt of Marietta Barbaro)

And those with anniversaries

Perlette Abdel-Sayed

(2nd anniversary 7 Oct)

Frances Sara

(1st anniversary 12 Oct)

Teresa Filia

(1st anniversary 18 Oct)

Vincenzo Talaridi

(5th 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.